February Volunteer of the Month

Kendall County Animal Control is pleased to announce that our Volunteer of the Month Award for the month of February goes to: Rosemary Svanovick

Rosemary has been volunteering with Kendall County Animal Control since February 2013. She has made a quite the impact in only 1 year! She is absolute superstar when it comes to getting everything cleaned and organized. Not afraid to roll up her sleeves and get her hands dirty, Rosemary will come in and quietly work for hours to get the mounds of dirty laundry that piles up daily cleaned and put away as well as the wash numerous dirty dishes and litter pans. After all that is done, she spends quality time with all the adoptable cats, doting on each one in turn, making sure they all feel loved. The staff truly appreciates all of Rosemary’s hard work to make the shelter and the animals look their best!

Rosemary lives in Plano with her husband and 2 cats.

Congratulations and thank you Rosemary!

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- Wednesday, March 26, 6:30–8:00 pm

2013 “Pitty” Party was a big success!

Thank you to everyone who made our second annual “Pitty” Party that was held for the month of February successful! Many wonderful pictures were submitted to us online from proud owners of Pit Bull type dogs. More importantly, 9 Pit Bull type dogs were adopted from Animal Control in February!

Our volunteer Rosemary is camera shy, but not Rosemary, our Maine Coon mix that is currently up for adoption that was named in her honor!

One of the submitted pics!
Free Spay/Neuter for Low Income Residents in Kendall County

Kendall County Animal Control (KCAC) was very pleased to announce their free spay/neuter program for dogs and cats for low income residents in Kendall County after the County Board approved the program at their February 5 board meeting. Animal Control has budgeted $10,000 for this program. The funding comes from the differential in fees for rabies registration for spay/neutered verses intact animals. The program will go until November 30, 2013 or until all the funds have been used, whichever happens first.

In order to apply to the program Kendall County residents must be on the LINK card issued by the State of Illinois. To receive the free spay/neuter voucher, residents to bring their signed LINK card, their driver’s license or state ID, and a current rabies certificate for their dog or cat into Kendall County Animal Control. To be approved, the three documents must have the matching information including the name of the current owner and present address. Once the information has been verified by the KCAC staff, the resident will receive a letter and their spay/neuter voucher.

This program is very exciting for many reasons. One, this is the first time Kendall County Animal Control is able to offer a free spay/neuter program. Two, this program specifically targets a population that truly cares for their animals but cannot afford to spay or neuter their animal on their own. By offering this free service, Animal Control will be able to make a positive impact on the pet overpopulation problem in Kendall County.

Even though the program is still very new, two residents have already been approved and as a result one dog has spayed and one has been neutered. Residents who qualify are encouraged to come in as soon as possible not only to get their animals spay and neutered before spring and summer when breeding season is in full swing, but also because the funding for this program is limited.

The plan is to renew this program every year as long the funding remains available and there is still a need in Kendall County. The ultimate goal of the program is to significantly reduce the number of intact animals and in turn reduce the pet overpopulation and the number of pets that end up at Kendall County Animal Control and other shelters in the area.

March Events

Kendall County Animal Control will be having an adoption event at Go Dog Go (www.go-dog-store.com) in downtown Oswego on Saturday, March 9 from 10 am—1pm. Come on out and meet some of the wonderful animals we have available for adoption!

Have a event suggestion for us? Please contact Anna, apayton@co.kendall.il.us.

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Canned dog food
- Hot dogs
- Soft dog treats
- Kitten food
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels

Thank you for your generous support!
The minute Kendall County Animal Control staff saw Haske, they knew something was wrong. The little red American Pit Bull Terrier mix was brought into the shelter on December 3, 2012 by the Yorkville Police Department because he had been running at large. A few things became immediately apparent about the 8 month old dog. Haske had been through some trauma as he was thin, had bite wounds on his face and body, and most concerning was that he was limping and not putting much weight down on his hind leg. Even though it was obvious he had experienced something terrible, he still happily greeted everyone at the shelter.

The staff immediately took Haske to the veterinary clinic to have him examined. His x-rays showed that not only was his right femur fractured but his left hip was fractured as well. The vet also determined that the fractures were not new. How long he had in pain was not clear. The vet recommended that Haske undergo a Femoral Head Ostectomy or FHO surgery. To insure the surgery would be worth it, the Kendall County Animal Control staff performed a temperament test on Haske to confirm what they already knew; that he was a friendly dog that was suitable to be placed in a home. While the Animal Control staff badly wanted to help Haske, the surgery was going to be much more than what their budget allows them to spend on each animal. So they turned to volunteer Dana Butikofer who runs the KCAC N More Facebook page, www.facebook.com/kcacanimalsandmore, for help.

Dana immediately got started on the campaign to raise the funds for Haske’s surgery. She wrote a description of Haske’s story and created an account on the Facebook page where people could donate. It only took two weeks to raise $1,025 so that Haske could have his surgery. This is a testament to the passion of our volunteers and the generosity and compassion in this community. People care so deeply about the homeless animals at our shelter. We are truly greatly to everyone who donated.

Haske had his FHO surgery as well as neuter on January 13 and is recovering nicely. He will be having a follow up surgery soon and then he begin to complete his road to recovery. He has been receiving laser and water therapy at Canine Physical Rehab as staff has been trying to increase his strength before he has his second surgery.

Throughout the whole ordeal, Haske has been a happy-go-lucky puppy. He has never shown signs of pain, discomfort, or distrust of people. Haske is a perfect model of how dogs consistently give unconditional love. Furthermore he is a prime example of how stoic Pit Bulls are. The pain he must have been in walking around with a broken leg and a broken hip must have been excruciating, but it never dampened his playful spirit, stopped his wagging tail, or slowed his numerous kisses that he freely gives out. Haske will need to be placed with a forever family who is willing and able to help him complete his rehabilitation by taking the time to help slowly rebuild his strength and use of his hind leg.

Although Haske is not presently on the adoption floor, Kendall County Animal Control is currently accepting adoption applications for him. Haske will be officially available for adoption once he has been cleared by the veterinarian after his second surgery. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.
Kendall County Animal Control is the County agency responsible for the enforcement of the state statutes governing rabies control in domestic companion animals. The State of Illinois requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Compliance with this law is monitored through the issuance of rabies tags for all dogs residing in the County. All dogs are required to wear their rabies tags when off of the owner’s property. If a pet is lost, rabies tags also provide an excellent means of identifying your pet.

Kendall Co. Animal Control also enforces the County’s ordinance that prohibits dogs from running at large in unincorporated, residential areas. Animal Control also reports animal bites as well as pick up stray dogs that are in a contained area. Stray dogs may also be brought to the facility during business hours. Dogs and cats are available for adoption at our facility.

February Summary

There were many memorable moments in February. Among them, staff and volunteer favorite, Mach was adopted into his forever home. Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of February:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 5
- Dogs adopted: 13
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 3
- Cats adopted: 2
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 1
- New volunteers: 7

Mach was adopted by his forever family on February 13!