May Volunteer of the Month

Kendall County Animal Control is pleased to announce that our Volunteer of the Month Award for the month of April goes to: Amanda Iwan- 
ski.

Amanda has been volunteering with Kendall County Animal Control for over 2 years. She comes every Tuesday afternoon and helps the shelter look its best by doing dishes, laundry, washing windows, and helping tidy up. She also spends time with all of the cats, helping to socialize them and provid-
ing tender loving care to each one. Amanda is always cheerful and happily works with the staff and volunteers. We truly appreciate all her hard work!

Amanda lives with her family in Plano.

Congratulations and thank you Amanda!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Kendall County Animal Control, please attend our next orientation on Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30 – 8 pm. The orientation is held at the Historic Courthouse, 110 W. Madison St. Yorkville.

For more information on Kendall County Animal Control’s Volunteer Program, please visit www.co.kendall.il.us/animal_control or call 630-553-9256.

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Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

- Tuesday, May 21, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Thursday, June 20, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Please visit our website, www.co.kendall.il.us, or call, 630-553-9256, for more information!

Pictures in the Park Event

Stay tuned for information coming soon for our Pictures in the Park Event. This is a wonderful event where you will have the opportunity to have a photo shoot with your pets and your family by a professional photographer. The money raised will go towards helping the animals at Kendall County Animal Control.

The date and location of Pictures in the Park is currently being finalized.

Once it’s set, information will be posted on our events page, www.co.kendall.il.us/animal_control/events.

Don’t miss out on this wonderful event!
June Events

Kendall County Animal Control is a big part of the community! Please check out our exciting upcoming events:

June is Adopt-A-Cat month! All month long, anyone who adopts a cat or kitten will receive a goody bag filled with treats and toys for their new feline friend!

**Friday, June 7 from 4 – 7 pm:** Visit with adoptable animals from Animal Control at Family Fun Night at the Ellis Equestrian Center (www.ellishec.com) in Minooka. You may meet the perfect 4-legged addition to your family!

**Saturday, June 8 from 10 am – 1 pm:** Animal Control will be having an Adoption Event at Go Dog Go (http://go-dog-store.com/) in downtown Oswego. Come out and meet some wonderful animals looking for their forever home!

**Wednesday, June 12 starting at 6:30 pm:** Animal Control will be a part of the Bark in the Park event (http://www.milb.com/documents/4/8/2/43355482/Bark_in_the_park_g3p4mqoa.pdf) at the Kane County Cougars stadium. Join for a fun night of baseball and meet some of our adoptable dogs. Fans can also bring their dog to the ballpark on this special night! There will be lots of contests and giveaways for your pooch. Don’t miss out on the fun!

**Thursday, June 13 from 5 – 8 pm**
**Friday, June 14 from 10 am – 8 pm**
**Saturday, June 15 from 10 am – 8 pm**
**Sunday, June 16 from 1 – 6 pm**

Learn more about Animal Control at Prairie Fest (www.prairiefest.com) in Oswego, one of the largest festivals in Kendall County. Animal Control will be providing information, answering questions, and collecting donations all weekend long.

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Velveeta or generic cheese product
- Canned dog food
- Hot dogs
- Soft dog treats
- Dry Kitten food
- KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement)
- Metal pooper scoopers

Thank you for your generous support!

You CAN make a Difference

Did you know that you can help the homeless animals in Kendall County simply by bringing cans to Animal Control? Kendall County Animal Control collects cans and takes them into a metal recycling facility. Animal Control receives money that they then use to buy food, collars, treats and other supplies for the animals in their care.

You can drop off cans anytime! If Animal Control is closed, simply leave the cans by the front door and the staff will bring them in when they arrive. This simple gesture, can make a big difference in lives of the shelter animals!
Disaster Preparedness

The recent flooding that affected our area was a reminder of the amazing destructive force of Mother Nature. Unfortunately we cannot control disasters such as flooding but we certainly can be prepared. It is important to have a disaster plan in place for not only the people but also the animals at your residence. The following are some pet safety tips in case disaster strikes.

1. Make sure you keep up to date identification on your pets at all times. Identification includes microchipping your pets, ID or rabies tags, leg bands for birds, and tattooing.

2. Create a buddy system with a neighbor or friend lives that close by that can check on your animals in case something happens when you are away from home. Make sure they are familiar with your animal’s behavior, feeding schedule, and any medical issues. Also be sure to provide them with a key to your residence.

3. Post a brightly colored rescue alert sticker on your front door or window indicating the number and types of animals you have as well as your veterinarian’s phone number.

4. Bring your animals inside at the first sign of a storm or danger. Animals may run away or get injured if they are left outside in the elements.

5. Plan where you can take your pets in case of evacuation. Keep addresses and phone numbers of friends and family you can take your animals to, pet friendly hotels, and kennels in your emergency kit or with your other emergency paperwork.

6. Do not leave your pets behind. It is unsafe for you, it is unsafe for them.

7. Create an emergency kit for pets that you will be able to grab and go quickly. Some things you will want to include in the kit are:
   - Food (2 week supply)
   - Litter (2 week supply)
   - Litter box
   - Bowls
   - Medical records and medications
   - Photos of your animals
   - Pet first aid kit
   - Toys
   - Grooming supplies
   - Contact information for your veterinarian as well as for emergency veterinarians
   - Contact information for local animal shelters and animal control

Remember to think about all the animals that you have at your residence, not just dogs and cats, when making your disaster plan and emergency kit.

Many organizations provide information on disaster preparedness for pets. To learn more, visit the websites for The American Red Cross, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) which includes disaster preparedness for horses and livestock, and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Always have an up to date emergency kit ready to go for your pet in case of disaster.
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 County Animal Control 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.

April Summary

There were many memorable moments in April. Among them, was Layla, an English Mastiff mix who was adopted by the director of Animal Control. Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of April:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 21
- Dogs adopted: 9
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 1
- Cats adopted: 4
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 2

Layla hanging out in her new backyard.