May Volunteer Spotlight

Dorothy Barmann

How long have you been volunteering for Kendall County Animal Control: July 2015

Please share a story about a favorite pet past or present: “We got Scruffy when he was a couple of months old & I would carry him like a baby. He was a Pit Bull/Shepherd mix & ended up weighing 82 lbs – all muscle. He never left my side. Every time I got up, he followed. We had two dogs at the time. Kodiak was a Rottweiler/Shepherd mix. We think she had husky in her as well because she used to say “walk” & pick up her leash when she wanted to go on a walk. We had a stuffed animal hippo, which stayed on the bed. Every time we came home, the hippo was at the front door facing the door. We never knew which dog was doing this. One day we tricked the dogs & went out the front door & spied on the dogs from the outside. Scruffy got up & went into the bedroom. Sure enough he came back with the hippo in his mouth & set it by the front door. Mystery solved. He made me laugh with his antics & I still miss him everyday.”

What is your favorite part of volunteering?: Spending time with the animals & helping to socialize them so they can be adopted into loving homes. The animals always bring a smile to my face. Any of the jobs done at the shelter as a volunteer are a benefit to the animals & helps the staff. Volunteering is extremely rewarding and fulfilling.

What are 3 things we may not know about you?:
1. My husband and I are the proud parents of 4 rescue dogs (Klondike - Siberian Husky; Slash – Rhodesian Ridgeback/Pitbull mix; Avalanche – Siberian Husky; and Pepper – Akita mix) and a 14 year old Chinchilla named Ferbie.
2. I have written and illustrated a children’s book entitled Doggie Drama “I Was Born A King” and am currently writing and illustrating a second book.
3. I have a 1992 purple Camaro that I never get to drive because it sits on a car lift in the garage.

April Adoptable Pet—Mr. Pibb!

Mr. Pibb or Pibb for short, is an exceptional dog. He is super sweet so we named him after a sweet, sugary soda pop. He gets along with most other dogs, likes to play, enjoys his toys and hanging outside with his canine friends. He was a stray and is estimated at 1-2 years of age and his breed is our best guess. He is very smart and we think he could be a mixture of several breeds, but possibly part Border Collie or Australian Shepherd. Mr. Pibb likes to play, however he can be mouthy and high energy so he is no small kids. He is really an adorable boy and has an very fun and happy personality. He keeps his kennel clean so he might even be housebroken. He is fully vetted and his adoption fee is $120.00. Stop in at Kendall County Animal Control and meet this awesomely loving boy. His adoption fee is $120.
Upcoming Events

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

Come show us your skills! Kendall County Animal Control is always looking for some great additions to our team of passionate volunteers. You can learn more about orientation and general volunteer information here: http://www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/volunteer/

Volunteer orientations are held in the East Wing Conference Room (EWCR) of the Historic Courthouse located at 110 W. Madison St. in Yorkville. Dates for upcoming orientations are:

- Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Thursday, June 9, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
(Please email R.S.V.P to: Lpawson@co.kendall.il.us or call 630-553-9256)

Adoption Events:

- Saturday, May 14, 2016—11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL
- Sunday, May 22, 2016—10am-1pm at Circle Y Gas Station 1421 N Bridge St. Yorkville, IL
- Saturday, June 11, 2016—11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL
- Saturday, June 18, 2016—10am-2pm Prairie Paws Pet Adoption located inside the soccer field on the festival grounds south of Oswego High School.

Special Events:

- Wednesday, May 18, 2016 - WSPY TV Channel 30 from 8:30am-9am featuring Kendall County Animal Control and an adoptable pet.

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Dry Cat/Kitten Food
- Pate Canned Cat Food
- Canned Pumpkin
- Large Dog Weight Scale
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Bleach
- Clumping Cat Litter
- High Grade Dry Dog Food
- High Grade Grain Free Dry Dog Food

Adoptable Cat-Sparrow!

Looking for a new feline friend? Sparrow is a great cat that everyone just adores. She came in as a stray so not much is known about her. She must have been a housecat that was fed well and someone did take her in to be spayed. We don't know why no one came looking for this sweet girl but she will find a loving home and this time we hope it's forever. She, like so many of us could lose a few pounds. Sparrow will need an owner that will be mindful of her weight and make sure she can loses a few pounds & stays that way. Sparrow is a very friendly girl and all she does is purr. She just wants to be loved. Sparrow is estimated at just 2 years of age. She is fully vetted and litter boxed trained as well. Adoption fee:
Shout Outs and Thank You’s!

We’re thankful for all the wonderful people that come in on a regular basis with donations of food, toys, recyclable cans, and other items on our wish list. This month, we have a special shout outs for folks that went above and beyond.

WANTED! ALUMINUM AND STEEL

Did you know you can help the environment AND donate to the animals at the same time? KCAC accepts aluminum and steel to recycle. We accept clean cans and other scrap metal which we take to a scrap recycling center to get money for the shelter!

Volunteer Dana Butikofer organized a March fundraiser with Christine Chalso. Christine’s LuLaRoe clothing business brought in $200 for the KCAC Animals! Big thanks to Dana and Christine!

Rescue Tails

On March 24th 2016 a Yorkville Resident brought in a big grey domestic rabbit who she had caught in a humane trap. We do not house or adopt out rabbits here at KCAC, but since the big bunny had no place else to go at the time, we took him in. When we picked him up and pet him, we noticed it had the softest velvety fur and discovered it was a “Chinchilla” rabbit and a male. We named him “Sprite.” Unfortunately, Sprite was very scared here at a dog and cat shelter because it is so noisy. We tried to find the most quiet spot for him and make him as comfortable as possible while we started reaching out to private rescue groups who specialize in rabbits and other animals. We reached out to a few well know rescues we thought may be able to help, but they were all full. This was the time of year, near Easter when rabbits are sold and later abandoned to fend for themselves. Sadly many do not make it because they can not survive outside like wild rabbits. Sprite was very scared when he first came in most likely due to the trauma he had suffered by being abandoned outside in an unfamiliar place where almost everything was a predator to him. We were determined to find placement for this poor bunny who had been through so much. We finally got lucky when we were referred to “Red Door Animal Shelter” in Chicago and they agreed to take Sprite! We transported him half way where we met up with a nice volunteer with Red Door. Sprite was on his way to a better life!

For more information about adoptable animals at Red Door Shelter, please visit: http://www.reddoorshelter.org/
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 our favorites were “Noodles”, “Beans”, and “Bella”. Noodles and Beans are two handsome brothers who were adopted together on 4/8/16. Bella who is just the sweetest Basset/Shar Pei mix around, went to her forever home on 4/29/16. Here is a quick breakdown of Kendall County Animal Control’s numbers for the month of April:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 15
- Dogs adopted: 7
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 4
- Cats reunited with their owners: 0
- Cats adopted: 2
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 0

Bella happy to be going home with her new Mom and Dad.

Noodles (top) and Beans (bottom) were adopted together to a great home.