Adoption Update on Xavier

My family and I adopted Xavier last Saturday. I thought I would give you an update to let you all know how we are all doing. We have renamed him to "Tank" and couldn't be happier with our new family member! He is doing an absolute fabulous job adapting to his new home and family.

I think we just about have him potty trained! He has learned "come here", "sit", "stay", and "no". We are still working on many other commands such as "lay down". We have also been working very hard on his leash discipline! We run 4-5 days a week and he is getting used to it rather quickly! Our first run with him we reached the .5 mile marker and he suddenly stopped. We stopped running curiously trying to figure out why he had just stopped running, he quickly walked off the bike path into the grass and laid completely out on his stomach with his head on the ground! Needless to say, I ended up carrying him home! Today when we ran he ran just over a mile until decided to walk. I am very certain he will be running circles around us in the very near future!!!

He is absolutely great to be around and great to have as our new dog!

I also would like to say that I am very pleased with my experience at the shelter! Everyone was extremely friendly, respectful, and knowledgeable! The whole experience was a whole lot smoother than what I thought it was going to be! I am very glad we decided to go through the shelter rather than a private organization! Thank you very much!!!!

New Washer Installed

The much anticipated washing machine has finally been installed at Animal Control. After our old washer called it quits, it was quite cumbersome taking all the laundry to the laundry mat. It was challenging to keep up to say the least! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us by taking doing laundry at the laundry mat and their own homes! We would have not been able to get by without your help. We are very pleased that we now have a commercial grade washer that will be able to handle the masses of laundry that we have every day!
November Events

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

Kendall County Animal Control is celebrating Adopt-A-Senior-Pet Month during the month of November.

The public is invited to come to Kendall County Animal Control in Yorkville to spend time with all the wonderful mature animals who are waiting for their forever home. Experience the pure joy of giving a second chance to an experienced animal! Anyone who adopts an animal 7 years old and up from Kendall County Animal Control in the month of November will go home with a goody bag of treats and toys for their new canine or feline companion.

Friday, November 1 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, November 9 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!

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Kitten food
- Cat litter
- Canned Pumpkin
- Hot dogs
- Easy walk harness—size medium and large
- Buckle collars all sizes

Thank you for your generous support!

3rd Annual Pictures in the Park

Thank you to everyone who made Pictures in the Park such a great success! This event sold out for the third time in a row. An amazing $924 was raised to help the animals at Animal Control. An extra special thank you to volunteer Dana Butikofer who not only organized the event, but also donated a digital camera that will be used for documenting evidence in the field for investigations. Thank you Dana for making a difference!
National Shelter Appreciation Week

National Shelter Appreciation Week is November 3 – 9. Started in 1996 by the Humane Society of the United States, this week was created as a way to spotlight all of the shelters across the country that tirelessly work to make a better life for homeless animals and their community. If you are looking for a way to show your appreciation to your local shelter or rescue group, consider some of the following options.

- If you or someone you know is thinking of getting an animal, please consider adoption as your first option. There are many wonderful animals in shelters and rescue groups, many of which are already spayed/neutered and up to date on all their vaccinations. And shelters and rescue groups are not just for dogs and cats anymore. There are many groups that have a variety of species available. You can adopt a rabbit, guinea pig, bird, even a horse! Petfinder.com is a great resource to use if you want to search for a specific type of pet in your area.

- Want to help the homeless animals in your area without adding a new pet to your household? Consider volunteering! Volunteers help in a variety of ways including providing care to the animals in the shelter, attending community and adoption events, and fostering. The next volunteer orientation for Kendall County Animal Control is Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30 – 8 pm at the Historic Courthouse in Yorkville. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and able to volunteer at least 4 hours per month.

- Donate. Kendall County Animal Control accepts a variety of donations from aluminum cans to blankets to dog and cat food. We keep an up to date wish list on our website and in our office for people who are looking to donate to us. Check with your local shelter to see what their current needs are and start a collection at your office, church, or in your neighborhood. Gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, Target, Menards, or similar stores can also be extremely helpful for getting supplies.

- Just say thank you! Stop by your local shelter or send them a quick note to express your gratitude for all their hard work. It is amazing what a difference those two little words can make!

People often say to me, “Oh, I could never do your job.” Usually people feel that way because they either could not handle the difficult, heartbreaking scenarios that I sometimes have to deal with or because they would want to take all of the animals home with them. Admittedly those definitely are challenges when working in the animal welfare industry. I do love my job though and I couldn’t picture doing anything else. The challenges I face are outweighed by all of the community support Animal Control receives. So thank you to everyone who has already shown their appreciation of their local shelter by adopting an animal, volunteering, and donating!

For more information and for Animal Control’s viewing hours, donating, and volunteering, please visit www.co.kendall.il.us/animal_control or call 630-553-9256.
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.

**September Summary**

There were many memorable moments in September. Among them, was Xavier (see page 1). Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of September:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 22
- Dogs adopted: 12
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 3
- Cats reunited with their owners: 4
- Cats adopted: 6

Xavier poses with his forever family.