How long have you been volunteering for Kendall County Animal Control:
I have been volunteering at KCAC for about nine or ten years.

Please share a story about a favorite pet past or present:
When I arrived at KCAC on a September morning in 2008, my daughter Karrie couldn’t wait to take me to the outside kennels. There in a make-shift kennel were three Shih Tzu puppies. I don’t know who was more excited, Karrie, the puppies or me. Karrie helped me select one of the pups and my wife Diane and I adopted her that day. Diane named her Belle after the character in Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. Belle is still with us today and is a wonderful little member of our family. Thank you Kar and thank you KCAC.

What is your favorite part of volunteering?
As a volunteer, the most fulfilling news you can hear is that a certain dog or cat was recently adopted. I enjoy walking the dogs which get them out of their kennels to release some of their pent up energy. I also set aside some time to help clean the shelter. My logic is that if I can take over some of the cleaning chores, it frees up employees to do more of the administrative part of their job which ultimately benefits not only the animals within the shelter but also those pets of the general public.

What are 3 things we may not know about you?:
1. I have three wonderful ladies and a beautiful little girl in my life, namely, my wife Diane, my two daughter’s Krista and Karrie and my granddaughter Haylee. I also have a wonderful son-in-law, Andrew who is Karrie’s husband
2. I have earned two bachelor’s degrees, one in Tool Engineering, the other in Computer Science/Business. Also, I just completed the 24 semester hour (8 courses) program requirements for a Paralegal certificate. The program is approved by the American Bar Association.
3. I was happily employed by Mooseheart for over fifteen years. (I am also an usher for the Kane County Cougars.)

October Adoptable Pet - Sparrow!
Looking for a new feline friend? If so stop in at Kendall County Animal Control and meet Sparrow! She is estimated at just 2 years. Sparrow is a great cat who everyone just adores. She came in as a stray so not much is known about her. We think that she may have been a housecat because she was spay and fed well. We don’t know why no one came looking for this sweet girl but we hope she will find a loving home and this time it will be 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 is not over fed because she loves food. Sparrow is a very affectionate with people, but prefers to be an only cat. She is fully vetted and uses the litter box.

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Upcoming Volunteer Orientations
- Wednesday, October 12, 2016 6:30-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Please visit our website, www.co.kendall.il.us, or call, 630-553-9256, for more information!
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:

- Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 15, 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, October 8, 2016 - 11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL
- Saturday, October 22, 2016 -11am-2pm at Go Dog Go - A Bentley’s Pet Stuff Company 100 Main Street Oswego, IL
- Saturday, November 12, 2016 -11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL

Special Event:

- Friday, October 28, 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 Kitten Food
- Hotdogs
- Canned Pumpkin
- Large Dog Weight Scale
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Bleach
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Black Kongs/Dog Enrichment Toys
- Buckle Collars (medium and Large)

Adaptable Cat-Penny!

Penny is one of the sweetest cats we have ever met. She loves human attention and is happy to be with or around people. She came in as a stay with a litter of kittens. Penny was a great mom, despite being only 12 months old. She did her job and thankfully she is now spayed so she won’t be having anymore litters of kittens. She also had some pretty bad ear mites, so we treated her and she healed quickly. She is simply a beautiful cat inside and out. We would love to see her get adopted and be able to be a young happy cat.
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.

Thank you Jewel-Osco of Yorkville for donating pet food and supplies!

Thank you Ace Hardware of Sugar Grove for donating pet food and supplies!

Big shout out to Jon Rizzi & Eagle Scouts Troop 12 for completing their landscaping project of our grounds. Among the improvements made were shrubs planted, new pavers, flower decorations, rock garden, edging and mulch. Thank you for doing an amazing job! Big thanks also to local businesses who donated supplies & lunch.

Rescue Tails

On May 14, 2016 “Shorty”, a handsome 10 month old Pit Bull Terrier mix was surrendered by his owner to our shelter due to a skin allergy. We treated Shorty, placed him on a grain free diet and his condition began to improve. Soon afterwards, we had him neutered, got him up to date on his vaccinations and placed him up for adoption. Shorty acted very much like the big puppy he was, but lacked training. He loved people and was very good with dogs, so understandably he craved attention but this caused him to have anxiety. Sadly, as the weeks passed, Shorty became more and more anxious in the kennel environment. He started to jump up and be very mouthy with his handlers. We decided the best thing for Shorty was to try and get him to a rescue who could get him in to a foster home so he could receive special attention and training. Emails were sent to every rescue we work with, pleading for someone to help Shorty. The first week of September, we finally got a response from a nice lady named Penny at Paws Up 4 Rescue who offered to take Shorty. On September 7, 2016, Shorty was picked up by Penny and was his way to his new foster home. Shorty is doing well in a foster home he shares with another dog. He is currently up for adoption.

For more information on how to adopt or foster for Paws Up 4 Rescue, Please visit: [www.pawsup4rescue.org](http://www.pawsup4rescue.org)

Penny and Shorty

Shorty in his foster home
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.

There were many memorable moments in September. Among our favorites were “Ajax” and “Stevie” who were adopted the same day! Cute little Ajax went home with his new doggie brother on 9/23/16. Sweet little Stevie went home with her new Dad also on 9/23/16. Here is a quick breakdown of Kendall County Animal Control’s numbers for the month of September:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 7
- Dogs adopted: 3
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 2
- Cats reunited with their owners: 0
- Cats adopted: 3
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 5

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