How long have you been volunteering for Kendall County Animal Control:
5 Months

Please share a story about a favorite pet past or present:
My favorite story about a shelter pet is a Chihuahua mix named Kady. She was a blind 7 year old sweetheart that was abused in her past home. Even after everything she went through, she was the strongest and happiest little girl I’ve ever seen. Everytime someone came in contact with her, she would light up with excitement. After a long time of love and care from the shelter, she was adopted to a lovely family. It truly made my heart happy.

What is your favorite part of volunteering?
I love interacting with animals and making them feel at home. They really make me happy and I can only hope that I do the same for them.

What are 3 things we may not know about you:
1. I have two American Eskimos and two cats at home.
2. I am a full-time student and worker.
3. I was never really into cats until I started volunteering. Now, I can’t get enough of them. 😊

September Adoptable Pet- Barbarella!
Barbarella is a very special girl so we had to give her a special name. She came to us as a stray so we know little about her. She is just 34 pounds and she is estimated at 2 years of age. We do not know what happened to this girl, but she looks like she has had a very rough life. She was skinny, missing fur and has some scars. We will never understand how a dog can look like its had such a horrible life and still be so sweet. We all really love this little gal, as she just has a way of tugging at your heartstrings. Come in and meet her she is guaranteed to make you happy and put a smile on your face. She is a lover, a bit of a clown and just an all around great girl. She is so good with other dogs so we use her when we temperment test our new dogs to see if they are dog friendly. So far she has not met a dog she did not like. She can get a tad excited when she plays so we think a home with kids 12 and up would be best for her. She will need work on housetraining too, but with a little effort we know she is going to be someone’s very faithful companion for years to come. Stop in at Kendall County Animal Control and meet her today. She is fully vetted and her adoption fee is 120.00.
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, September 22, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, October 12, 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

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-

Juno is an adorable calico kitten that was trapped and brought in as a stray. She was on the shy side, but was fortunate to be able to spend some time in a foster home to get socialized. She made huge strides and she is now ready for her forever home. She loves having her belly rubbed, and is learning that toys are pretty fabulous. She really is a strikingly beautiful kitten, with some pretty unique color patterns. She still is a tad shy so she will need an owner that will help her feel safe and loved. She is now very playful and is warming up to a few of the other cats. She is up to date on her shots, spay and microchipped. We estimate her to be about 15 weeks old,. She is adoptable at Kendall County Animal Control.
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!

Thank you Target Store of Yorkville for donating pet food and supplies!

Big thanks to the wonderful and caring staff at Kendall County Probation/Court Services for collecting & delivering donations including pet food, supplies and gift cards for the shelter!

Big thanks to our volunteers who donate items we are always in need of such as laundry detergent and dish soap.

Rescue Tails

On June 29, 2016 Plano Police Department brought in a beautiful female German Shepherd who was found roaming near the river. Unfortunately she was not wearing a collar and did not have a micro-chip. We guessed her age a about 1-2 years old. We gave her the name “Queen Bee” and we would soon come to realize that her new name suited her well. We gave her a big soft bed to make her kennel as comfortable as possible during her stay with us. Sadly and to our dismay no one came forward as the owner of Queen Bee. This beauty showed us from the start that she was a very loving and loyal companion, but also that she had a mind of her own. She was very anxious in the kennel and escaping from it was very much her focus, but who could blame her. She also made it clear that she did not care for the company of most other dogs by repeatedly barking and growling at others. To our surprise, however, she did befriend her kennel neighbor, a small female Poodle mix named Guilda. She seemed to enjoy Guilda’s company and had her mind made up that she was to be the only dog welcome in Queen Bees world. The time came when we assessed Queen Bee for adoption. We knew it may be a challenge to find her a well matched home because she was very particular about her doggie friends. To add to that, Queen Bee tested positive for Heartworm disease. It was at that point, we decided to reach out to rescue organizations. Queen Bee proved to be such a loving and loyal girl, we wanted her to get the best chance possible to get a suitable home. We also knew the real challenge was finding a rescue willing to treat her for her disease. She was also very anxious in her kennel, so we new time was a factor. The sooner we found a quiet place for her to be, the better. We reached out to several rescues and luckily we received a response from Central Illinois German Shepherd Rescue and they agreed to take her. On August 5, 2016 Queen Bee was picked up and on her way to treatment and recovery.

For more information on how to adopt or foster for Central Illinois German Shepherd Rescue, please visit: www.gsdhaven.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.

**August Summary**

There were many memorable moments in August. Among our favorites were “Kady” and “McLovin”. Our special sweetie Kady went home on 8/8/16. Handsome boy McLovin went home on 8/8/16. Here is a quick breakdown of Kendall County Animal Control’s numbers for the month of August:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 20
- Dogs adopted: 7
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 2
- Cats reunited with their owners: 0
- Cats adopted: 4
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 5

Cool cat McLovin happy to be going to his forever home.

Sweet Kady going home with her new family.