

Paw Prints

Newsletter from the Effingham County Humane Society



February 2017

Hearts Open For Christmas Open House

Seven coats of wax on the floors, paper chains made by Mrs. Kelly Anderson's 4th grade class from Central School swagged down the halls, and the Christmas tree decorated by the fireplace in the gym... Saturday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. and the shelter was ready for our Christmas Open House. The volunteers had brought in tray after tray of homemade candies and cookies, and even more goodies had been wrapped for sale at our Christmas bazaar, a new idea for 2016. Crafts and handmade ornaments covered more table space, all set up and tended with love by our smiling volunteers. Jennifer DeWeese joined us for her face paintings and made-as-you-wait ornaments. Another volunteer shared her hand-made bracelets. Rochelle and Deb were ready with their cameras. Our technical volunteers were ready to burn picture discs from digital photos. Tables and chairs were set up for refreshments and visiting, the hot chocolate was finally hot enough, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus were enthroned in their chairs by the fireplace. It was time to throw open the doors and let the Open House get underway!

Pictures with Santa is our annual December fund raiser. In the early years, people would bring their pets in and have pictures taken of their pets with Santa. People now bring the family along and the pictures have turned into portraits of the family (including the pets!). We have several people who

bring their adopted pets back yearly for pictures. Our guests nibble treats and visit as they wait for their picture discs to be burned. The volunteers are delighted to get a chance to see the cats and dogs that we shared our love with as they waited for their forever homes. We exchange animal stories and catch up on the year's events. People bring Christmas donations of food, treats, toys, and supplies. This year our hallway was full of all the gifts given in the name of love for our furry companions. Children's eyes twinkled as they handed us their Christmas gifts for the animals, or they giggle as they received a boost to put their cash donations into

the little plastic dog house banks. No Open House is complete without a trip down the halls to visit the cats, dogs, and kittens. Several families filled out adoption applications after their visit. (On Christmas Day we had only two dogs left in the shelter!) At the close of Open House, we were happy that the day had passed so quickly and had gone so smoothly. It's wonderful to see old friends, meet new friends, and share the joy of the season... and nibble one last cookie. It had been a wonderful day of teamwork, love, and many blessings. (Mrs. Claus was happy to get out of her dress and apron. One little dog had been so excited that he had wet in her lap twice! She was glad it had happened with a Chihuahua rather than her own Saint Bernard!!!) ■



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Our shelter is located in the
OLD FUNKHOUSER SCHOOL BUILDING
12073 N. 1000th Rd.
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 321)
Effingham, IL 62401-0321

SHELTER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Closed for cleaning

Sunday Closed

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Friday, March 24, 2017

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ECBS Hit the Pavement for Paws 5K

8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 13, 2017

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1201 Network Centre Drive

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Friday-Sunday, June 2-4, 2017

Battle of the Barktender

Saturday, June 24, 2017

TBD

Dieterich 4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

A Cozy Cat Winter

Things tend to deteriorate as they age. In our case, the problem is the old Funkhouser school building, where we have our shelter. A very generous private donation allowed us to build our new garage last year. It has been a blessing to have a large indoor area to let the dogs run free and play, and has been a Godsend for our annual rummage sales and storage.

The next stage of construction involved solving the problems with our old drafty building. The old radiators have ceased to adequately heat our cat room, our isolation room, and our office area. It has been, as the old-timers say "another pair of pants colder" winter for our manager and adoption coordinator. The heating project has been a long and drawn out procedure. We were still on our donation "building fund" budget. As with everything, prices have skyrocketed, and there are always pitfalls to deal with. The ideal system that the board had selected was within our limits. Then we discovered that we could not afford the monthly utility costs to utilize the system. Back to the drawing board, again. The heating system selected will be fully functional on January 20 (knock on wood!).

It is no longer necessary to rely on space heaters to keep the cats cozy. I've shed my hoodie to work in the dog room. Hopefully, our staff can type without wearing their half-fingered gloves from now on! Many thanks go out to some very dedicated board members, volunteers, our donor, and to those who have guided and advised us through this long transition. Our cats and dogs are most appreciative of the changes. We are looking forward to a cozy cat winter, indeed! ■

So Many Words of Thanks and Praise

We are fortunate to live in a rural area where kindness has not been forgotten. We would like to thank **Alex Wright** from **Wright's Furniture** and his adopted companion Jojo for Wright's Bow Wow fund raiser to benefit ECHS.

Thanks to **Save-A-Lot Grocery** and their manager, **Todd Martin**, for their Humane Society donations of pre-packaged grocery bags filled with supplies for our dogs and cats. Their customers purchased the bags and Todd would bring out all the generous contributions to the shelter. How kind you have been!

Thanks to **Heartland Dental** for inviting us to their facility for a meet and greet over the lunch hours and the contributions and donations.

Thank You to **The Effingham Performance Center** for holding a meet and greet after their matinee trained dog performance, and for collecting so many donations to send home with us!

Thank You to **Dori and Jeremy Reichs** for organizing their **Volley For the Animals Volleyball Tournament** fund raiser for the last four years. Everyone loves Dori!

Thank You to the family of **Tori McMahon** for hosting **The Spunk Run** for three years and your generous donation. Bless you for all you have done in memory of your daughter.

Thank You to **Kohl's** for their generous donations and their help with parades and clean-up days.

Thank You to the **Lemon Shakeup Girls** who have made a success of their idea of a lemonade stand to benefit the Humane Society. You have hearts of gold.

Thanks go out to all the children who have opted for shelter donations instead of gifts at their birthday parties. (Thanks, Madison!) Your parents are doing a great job of raising you properly!

A BIG thanks to **Martin's IGA** and to **Newlin Martin** for allowing us to take up one of your dining rooms every month for our board meetings, and for the many other kindnesses you show us. Thanks, too, for your choice to adopt dogs! You are a special person.

Thank You to **Ron Mietzner** for inviting us to your **Bark in the Park** activity every year in Evergreen Hollow Park. Bless you for all you do for the Cancer Society.

Thanks to our local hotels who so generously donate their sheets, towels, and bed spreads for animal bedding and our rummage sales.

Thanks go out to all of our veterinary clinics in the area for the MANY kindnesses you have shown us. Thanks for sharing your love of animals. Thanks to the men from the homeless shelter who spent Saturday mornings giving us a helping hand. Bless you.

Thanks to all the 4-H members and Girl/Boy Scouts for all the assistance they have given.

Thank You to **Leslie Niebrugge** for leading us through the dark with your cool head and your warm heart.

Thank You to **Corey Dasenbrock** for the miracles you performed on our outdoor play yard fencing. I mention your name whenever I can. You do great work!

Hugs and Thank You's to our core group—no matter what... no matter when... we can always count on you to be there.

Special Thanks to **Karen, Deb, Cameron, and Cody**. You git 'er done!

May God bless each and every one of our volunteers for their love and devotion to animals. We couldn't open the doors without you!

I take all blame for anyone who failed to be mentioned. So many wonderful people... so little of my mind left.

Kim Stanley Lawyer.

P.S. Thanks go to my husband, **Alan Lawyer**, treasurer, for burning the midnight oil. I know how late you stay up accounting for every penny. You had no idea how much I was getting you into! ■



Spotlight on Our Volunteers

We would like to express our thanks to one of our volunteers who goes beyond the call of duty for our animals. Joyce Shadwell is one of our volunteer/board members who has also been recognized as a volunteer of the year several years ago. Joyce comes to the shelter many evenings at closing time and selects a dog in need of extra social skills. She will take that dog home with her and give him/her the opportunity to interact with her pets in her home. She usually brings her "house guest" back to the shelter before opening time the next morning. Some dogs need a little more time to learn to fit in. These dogs may spend a week or more in Joyce's home. Her devotion to our dogs is never-ending. When she reaches her goal with one dog, she will choose another dog for some extra homework. Joyce has a special love that goes beyond the normal devotion to animals, and she shares that love without any expectation of acknowledgement or praise. We are blessed with so many people who gladly share their special talents with our companions who are waiting for their forever homes. We could always use a few more people who would enjoy sharing the love. Come visit us at the old Funkhouser school and check out the Humane Society shelter. It is a labor of love. ■



Vinny's Corner

Food Toys for Dogs

There are many types of food toys and puzzles made for dogs these days! Here are just a few of the ones in our toybox. Food toys are great for any dog, but are especially good for blind/deaf (b/d) dogs like me. With food toys, I can smell the food, and that keeps me interested!

Dogs like food and by hiding the food in different toys and puzzles, they can have something challenging



to work for. Food toys teach problem solving skills, as the dog has to try different methods to get the food to come out. Giving a dog the mental

exercise of a food toy is good exercise. Mental exercise often will tire a dog more than physical exercise.

Dogs that gulp their food too fast will have to eat slower when eating their meals from a food toy. This can aid in digestion and prevent vomiting caused by swallowing too much food too quickly. I always take my time to chew my food, but I still like food toys!

Some food toys are easier than others, and it's best to start with easier toys until your dog gets the idea. You can even start with a plastic cup or yogurt

container placed on its side with a tasty treat inside. Even with the treat so accessible, some dogs find it difficult at first to figure out how to stick their nose inside to get the treat. Be patient and help your dog figure it out.

Then you can use a Kong toy and put some loose treats or kibble inside so it falls out easily when the Kong is bumped. Then progress to sticking the treats inside with something sticky like peanut butter, and so on. (Be sure your peanut butter does not have Xylitol in it—that's dangerous for dogs!) Some food toys have levels of difficulty that can be set on the toy itself so you can control how easily the food falls out.

By having different types of food toys, Mom can rotate which dog gets which one and give us some variety. Each toy and puzzle has a different strategy to get the food out. Sometimes it gets too easy if we always gets the same puzzle or toy over and over again—we know just what to do to get the food to come tumbling out! By mixing it up, we have to really think about it and experiment.

Mom prefers rubber or plastic food toys which are easy to keep clean. The rubber ones just go in the top rack of the dishwasher or can be washed in hot soapy water, as can the plastic ones. Depending on your dog, some of these food toys should not be left with him unsupervised. The rubber food toys that Mom has are safe for me to have unsupervised, but make sure you supervise your dog the first few times he uses them. The plastic ones Mom won't leave with me unsupervised, since plastic is less durable and more easily chewed! ■



ECHS Animals Bring Joy to Nursing Home Residents!

ECHS has reorganized our schedule for our animal therapy nursing home visits. Pat Boggs, former board member and volunteer, has stepped up to head this committee. She has added two more nursing home visits to our list. We will now take the dogs to Altamont Lutheran Care Center, Brookstone Suites on Temple, Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Pat has scheduled all visits for Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., rotating our visits by the



placement of the weeks in the month. She has brought in many new volunteers to assist with our efforts and has assigned each new group to one establishment only. Our volunteers have been enjoying taking the dogs, and sometimes kittens, to visit with the same residents each month. It's a great way to get the dogs socialized and a wonderful way to make new friends! Anyone interested in joining us should contact Karen at the shelter – 217-536-9001 – and make plans to join the team. We would love to have you. ■

Update on Elsa

Hi everybody—my name is Elsa. I used to live in Effingham County with Aunt Deb (former Foster mom) and my brother Vinny. In July of 2016, Nancy and Sharon Stromberg came from Wilmington, Delaware, to Effingham County Humane Society to adopt me and take me to my new home. It was a long ride to Delaware but was well worth the trip.

Since arriving I have grown from this small puppy to the largest dog in the house and I'm not even a year old yet. I have five sisters here to play with: Misty, Daisy, Jazzy, Penny, and Cheyenne. Jazzy and I both have the Double Merle gene. Jazzy can't hear and I only have partial sight in my right eye. If you don't know what a double merle gene is please ask Deb at ECHS, or on Facebook, look up Keller's Cause. It's very important to know about the Merle Gene if you're going to breed your dog.

During September and October, Sharon took me to "Good Puppy Training", along with my sister Penny. I graduated despite the sight problems I have. I learned how to sit and stay, what to do when someone new comes in (just too bad I don't use my recall too well), how to walk on a leash, how to play nice with my humans and other dogs. We also went to the Northern Chesapeake Sheltie Picnic in September. I won first place for giving my owner the most kisses/licks. There were a lot of Shelties there and Lisa had her collie Phoebe there too, so I wasn't the only collie at the Sheltie picnic.

Sharon also took me to Dr. Wotman to see if there was anything that we could do to help me see a little better but unfortunately nothing can be done, so I will learn to live with the impairment. At long as the eye isn't bothering me they aren't going to do anything. Sharon is looking to get me an eye patch though. I'm not sure what that is or if I'm going to like it. She said that I smack the left side of my head too much.

Cheyenne and I go to the doggie park with her daddy, Eric, a lot. Sometimes Nancy and Sharon go or meet us there. I'm not a fan of riding in a car but I love the doggie park. I have fun running and chasing the other dogs. When I get home I'm tired but I can still find the energy to play with my sisters, or "help" Nancy with her knitting. She gets mad at me when I help though. I don't know why she doesn't want her yarn outside with all my toys. ■



Elsa (right) enjoying quiet time with her sister Penny.

Defeating the Odds

In May of 2016, a litter of four kittens was rescued by ECHS. Their mother was nowhere to be found, thus leaving them alone, cold, and hungry. The four kittens were sent immediately into one of our foster homes.

They were already riddled with health problems from not getting the nutrients they so desperately needed in the first weeks of life. But as the kittens got old enough to start wandering around, their foster mom noticed something wasn't right. One little black kitten looked a little off. He shook badly, and couldn't walk on his own.



Marcel was diagnosed with a neurological disorder that concerned us deeply. Was it curable? How would it affect his long-term future? His sister, Mystic (now Elsa), was also diagnosed with a similar disorder, just not as severe. With the veterinarian's advice, we were confident we could help him.

Once Marcel was living in the shelter full time, our adoption coordinator Deb, decided to start him on "Tellington TTouch" and other rehabilitation techniques to calm down his shakes and to strengthen his hind legs. Also, one of our board members, Dana, would come in during her free time to do Aquatic Therapy with Marcel. He made leaps and bounds (literally) through these sessions! He finally had someone giving him the help he truly needed! One to three times a week, he would have sessions. Deb and Dana would work with him until he could work no more; every session left him more confident than the last.



Marcel, now Darth, is living out his days in his very own forever home. At almost a year old, he is as active as they come. You'll either find him chasing down his big sister, June, or climbing up his 10-foot cat tree. Going from not being able to stand on his own, to running a good 10-foot distance is such an accomplishment!

Darth wants to give a big "thank you" to ECHS for taking the time to help him grow and become strong. Without their effort, he would not be here today! He appreciates every person who helped him on his amazing journey. by Cameron Hennigh ■

The adorable puppy that is featured on our cover photo of our Facebook page, Effingham County Humane Society, is Teddy, the dog in our story.

A Loss In The Family: The Story of Teddy, a Humane Society Dog Who Found His Perfect Forever Home



Teddy, formerly known as Rudy, as a pup at the Effingham County Humane Society.

didn't make the situation any easier for us.

Teddy, Ted, Tedro, Damn-It-Ted—he answered to all of them. We got Ted around three years ago as a puppy. He had been adopted from the Humane Society and returned six weeks later. His name had been Rudy, but we changed it to Teddy, since our family was into presidents at the time. We already had one dog—our Cocker, Truman. Teddy was a birthday gift to our son, Liam. Truman didn't see him as a gift, and was not impressed. Truman is a very laid back dog, but a tad arrogant around other dogs. He didn't know what to think of Teddy. Teddy had never met a stranger. Everyone liked him, even though they didn't know how to handle his rambunctious behavior.

A year passed. We decided to build a home, and moved to smaller quarters during the construction. We had two bedrooms, two dogs, two adults, and two teenage boys living in a one bathroom duplex with no yard. Sounds like a recipe for disaster... right? Well, we managed, even though we got on each others' nerves frequently. As construction progressed, we made daily trips to the new home in the country—located on a 600-acre farm—and took our dogs along. Teddy was in his element. He chased anything that moved, and the best stick was always the next stick. He became an explorer and a porch dog. Teddy became so accustomed to the

Our family lost a beloved member today. Our crazy, misfit, lovable dog, Teddy, passed away. He was only three, but had a complicated medical issue that, over a period of time, causes the larynx to harden and eventually close. We knew his condition had grown much worse, but that

farm, we found we could leave him out there all day. When we returned he was there to greet us on the porch.

He and I didn't always get along. I think he knew he could get me riled up and loved doing it. When I came into the house, though, and sat on the couch, he would immediately come up to paw me for attention, especially tummy rubs and ear scratches. We soon learned to keep our food out of his reach. An unguarded plate became Teddy's plate. He was sneaky! He loved the garden. He would sneak in and pull up the radishes and eat them. He would also pull cucumbers off the vine and eat them, too. When my parents came out to pick tomatoes, my mom was in the habit of picking several, then laying them down to retrieve them later. Ted knew this and would sneak in and steal the best ones, prance around a bit, then lay down in front of my mom with his prize, taunting her.

He and my wife, Leigh, were inseparable. I would come home in the evening and Truman would be laying on her feet and Teddy would be laying on her chest... all comfy on the couch. He couldn't get close enough to her and followed her everywhere. I would leave for work in the mornings, and as soon as the door clicked, I could hear Teddy running to our bedroom, barking for my wife to get up and let him in. He would stay there the entire time my wife got ready to leave for work.

The boys, Liam and Donovan, had an old building that we fixed up as a hangout for them and their friends. Ted was always visiting them, even if he was not always invited. The kids loved him, and the feeling was mutual. Donovan always welcomed him in.



The author's sons, Donovan (with Teddy) and Liam, on adoption day.

Teddy Bear was what our daughter, Tierney, always called him. She was in college in Chicago, but when she came home, Teddy was overjoyed to see her. As soon as she sat down, Teddy was in her lap, pawing to be petted.

Teddy was Liam's "Little Guy". They would ramble all over the farm together. If Liam sat on the tractor, Teddy was there watching from the porch—or closer—if possible. If Liam was home he was in good hands (paws?) with Teddy.

A week ago Monday we knew that Teddy's health had taken a turn for the worse. My wife was getting ready to take Truman for his walk. We thought Teddy was too ill to even try to go along. Teddy got up and headed to the door. We told him 'no,' but he insisted upon going... and he did... and he made it all the way. That is a memory that my wife, Leigh, will always cherish.

The rest of the week was rough for all of us. His last morning we realized we were losing him soon. When I left for work I reached down to pet him and said, "It's okay, buddy. It's okay." My wife later texted me at work to let me know he was gone. He had gone to the corner



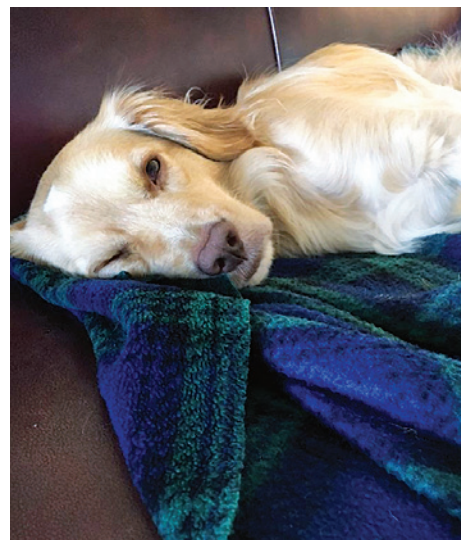
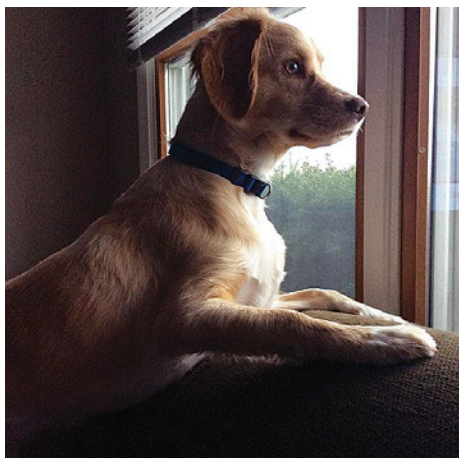
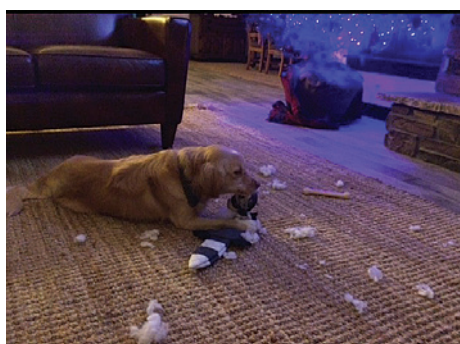
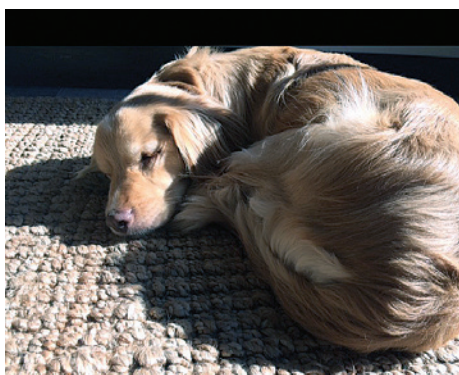
of our bedroom, his favorite place, and breathed his last. Leigh opened our bedroom window to let Teddy's spirit run free over the farm he loved so well. For the rest of the day, until the boys came home, our Cocker, Truman, sat in the bedroom chair, guarding his "nemesis".

It's a quiet Hammer house now. No high pitched yelping. Still a few tears, but different tears... tears reminding us of what Teddy taught us... that love is unconditional. No matter how mad we got with him... no matter how many days he spent alone while we worked... no matter how long he

endured the cramped temporary yardless duplex while we were building... his love was constant and he was always in someone's lap, pawing to be petted... to be part of the family. Teddy will always be in the back yard now, but I'm sure his spirit has found that elusive perfect stick. ■

By Jim Hammer (posted Feb. 3, 2017) and Kim Stanley Lawyer

Editor's Note: The Hammer family recently adopted another infamous ECHS dog to love, rascally Rio.



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Update on Vinny

Hi everyone! It's me, Vinny! Many of you got to know me from the front page newsletter article in the last edition. Some of you still get a chance to see me when you come to the shelter. You see, I was adopted by the adoption coordinator here and I get to come to work with her to visit all my many fans!



Life is busy at the Humane Society. There are many dogs and cats here and I try my best to be friends with all of them. But my absolute favorites are the teeny tiny kittens that sometimes need help. It's my job to comfort them and lick their face and ears to help them feel better. Don't worry, I know I'm a big boy, but I am always very gentle.

Everyone gets so excited here at the shelter when there is a new adoption! It's like a celebration for each animal that finds its own forever home! I know I'm lucky to have found my very own home, and I'm happy that so many animals can go to a home where they are loved and feel safe too.

I really enjoyed meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus when they came to visit. It was like a huge party! People and their animals were everywhere and the whole shelter smelled like Christmas cookies and other goodies! So much for a puppy to sniff! Mom took a picture to remember my very first meeting with Santa and I made sure I whispered to him that I was a very good puppy. I think he understood me because I got lots of toys and goodies on Christmas morning!

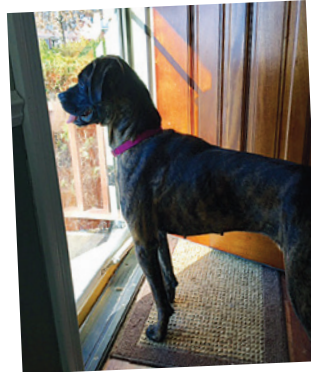
Since the last newsletter, I've learned many new tricks. Mom likes to teach me cute tricks—me, my favorite part of the whole thing is all the tasty treats I get when I get things right! I even earned a certificate and a ribbon saying that I am now a Novice Trick Dog! Wow, how cool is that? I had to learn 15 new tricks to earn my title.

Not too shabby for a blind and deaf puppy, huh? Many people feel sorry for me because I can't see and hear. But I have a really good life and I'm always very happy. I love to play with my doggy brothers and sister. I like to hog Mom's bed at night when she's trying to read a book. I have so many toys that no matter where I am in the house or the office, there is always at least one toy wherever I happen to be!

Every day I am so grateful that ECHS took in me and my sister, Elsa, and found us loving homes. This is what they do best every day. Mom told me that many people like you (who are reading this newsletter) donate money

and supplies to help them take care of the animals until they get adopted. Every animal is so grateful to receive this help. I will have a special surprise coming up in a couple months with a way I will try to help the animals too! Watch our Facebook page because Mom will post it there once the surprise is ready!

My new mom thought it would be a good idea to have me write a little something in every newsletter. She says we can call it "Vinny's Corner" or something like that! So, stay tuned for more of what I have to say. And if you are coming by the shelter, look for me. I just might be around somewhere, taking a nap or chewing a bone. ■



I have my own window!

There's nothing that makes the hearts of the volunteers and Deb, Karen, and Cameron swell more than when one of our animals is adopted... except for when the new adopting parents share updates with how our furry friends are spending their lives!

Ellie the Boxer was adopted in late January and is loving life with her new sister!

Congrats, Ellie!

ANOTHER Success Story!



Already sharing toys.



Getting to know you... getting to know all about you!



They love jumping in the hose water.



Ellie and Sadi nap time!

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