

Paw Prints

Newsletter from the Effingham County Humane Society

August 2020

These Crazy Days of COVID and How the Effingham County Humane Society Has Been Affected

The 2020 pandemic has impacted all of us this year with no immediate end in sight. Even our animals have been impacted as they missed their beloved volunteers when we were forced to shut down the building to protect all the people. For over three months we were by appointment-only and the staff had the sole responsibility of caring for the animals. This dramatically reduced the number of people in the building at one time reducing contact risk. The good news is that we now are back in operation but remain cautious and diligent with social distancing and wearing masks.

What we can't get back are the fund-raising events that we had to cancel. These events are essential to support the day-to-day operations that care for these animals. As you might imagine, this has had a serious impact on our financial health. We rely on these events and donations to keep our doors open. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization meaning that we receive no government funding. All donations are tax deductible. Our future relies on you and your donations. Thank you and please stop in and see us and the many animals—they love visitors! ■

Masks are a common sight now at ECHS... staying safe is our utmost concern!



HOW TO REACH US!

Our shelter is located in the
OLD FUNKHOUSER SCHOOL BUILDING
12073 N. 1000th Road
(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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pet Pictures with Santa (no Holiday Open House)

See article on page 3 for further information

Sunday, November 22, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, upcoming events are pending.

Please check our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/effinghamcountyhumanesociety

and our website

www.effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org

***for updates as we try to keep our volunteers
and our fellow animal lovers safe.***

WISH LIST

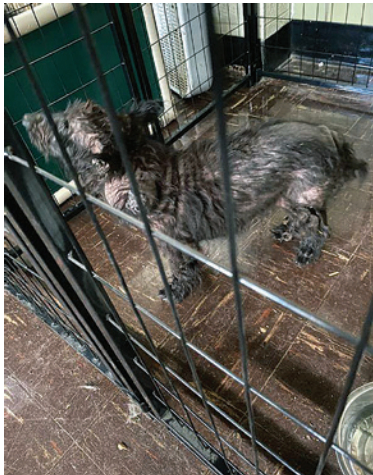
Looking for something to donate? The shelter is in need of the following items:

- **Plastic** 8' & 6' tables
- Wal-Mart gift cards
- Latex/non-latex/nitrile exam gloves (large or one-size fits-all)
- Menards gift cards
- Paper towels
- **Bleach/bleach spray/bleach wipes**
- **Volunteers!!!**
- 45-gallon trash bags
- Rural King gift cards
- White kitchen bags
- **SCOOPABLE** cat litter
- **Gel** dishwasher detergent
- **Liquid HE** laundry detergent
- Toy mice for cats
- **CANNED** dog food
- **FRISKIES CANNED** cat food
- **CASH DONATIONS!!!**
- Copy paper
- File folders
- **KMR** powdered kitten formula
- Pocket folders (for adoption paperwork)
- Carabiners
- **Dog** treats



It Takes a Village...

Recently ECHS took in a dog off the streets... a dog who was in rough shape and had virtually been abandoned. Upon first look, we thought this poor soul was a boy (due to tumors in the scrotal region), but upon further inspection by the vet, was determined to be a girl. She had a tumor on her neck and horrible skin issues as well.



Here at ECHS, we do what we can to make sure every dog gets the best care possible; however, sometimes we find that certain dogs are better off in the care of others. That is what happened in the case of Fred, or Frieda as she was renamed. A Scottish Terrier rescue group who saw Frieda's pictures reached out to us and offered to take her in as one of their

own. This rescue group works with a couple of animal oncologists and, after some discussion, it was decided that Frieda would get the best loving care—and medical attention—from this group. Hoping that our sweet Frieda gets the best attention and medical care that she deserves and can find a loving home that will appreciate all the love she has to offer. ■

Pet Pictures with Santa

Due to COVID-19 we are changing things up a bit. This year, we will not be holding our usual Holiday Open House due to social distancing, however, we are still offering our patrons the opportunity to have their pet's pictures taken with Santa. We will be doing this in the safest manner possible. This event will be Sunday, November 22 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Settings will be scheduled in 10 minute intervals and are by appointment only. We will have you and your pet enter the front door right before your designated time, wait in the lobby, then enter the gym and exit

through the back door after your pet has had the pleasure of giving Santa his or her wish list. We ask that you be on time so as not to throw our schedule off and that all humans wear masks. Call ECHS at (217) 536-9001 to schedule. Settings are \$20 and will be emailed to you a few days afterwards. This is the perfect opportunity to get that precious pic for your holiday cards! ■

Our Super Models

These three babies are examples of why we do what we do. These girls (named after celebrity models) were malnourished, full of fleas, and loaded with intestinal parasites when they were acquired by ECHS. After lots of love from the ECHS volunteers, some weight gain, and some medical attention, all three of these beautiful babies were recently adopted. ■



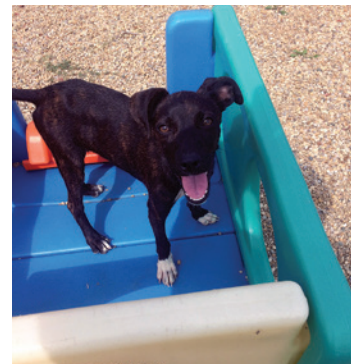
Twiggy before



Twiggy after



Tyra before



Tyra after



Beau before



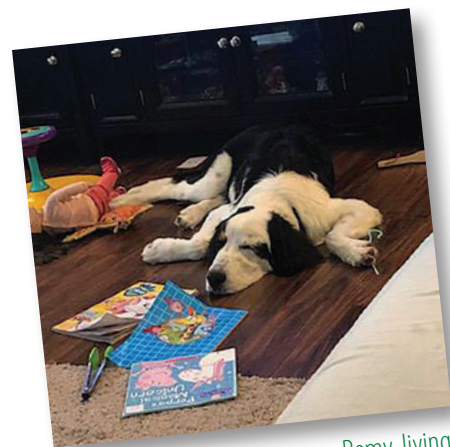
Beau after

There's nothing that makes the hearts of the volunteers and Angie, Karen, and Cody 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!

MORE Success Stories!



From Amy Hill: It has been 2 years since I adopted Naomi from you. It was very challenging at first as she had a lot of anxiety and was attacking my other barn cat. However, each day got better and Naomi no longer shows aggression towards other cats as I think she finally realizes this is her forever home. She also has no more anxiety. She loves her play time with me. She also loves to hang out in the hay loft, play with the dogs, and sunbathe. Yesterday, I took her to the vet for her vaccinations and annual checkup. I was told she purred throughout the exam. They were impressed by how healthy and shiny she was for being a barn cat. She loves the barn and never leave it except to greet me when I'm outside. I'm so happy to have her and she is such a wonderful cat. Also a very good mouser!



From Kami Barnes: Spanky, now Remy, living the best life.

From Lisa Reeter: It's been awhile since we sent an update on our Roxy girl!! Many big things have happened recently in our world. The biggest thing is we have moved! We finally merged our two families under one roof and are in a great big house with plenty of room for our 3 animals. Roxy and Herman (spazzy cat)'s bonus brother, Abel, will

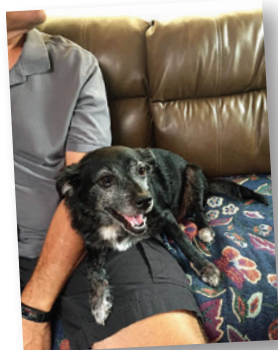


be living with us half of the time now. Roxy and Abel are the best of friends! They've met several different times but this is the first time they've been with each other for an extended period of time. Abel is a lab mix rescue of my husband's. He is older and we think Roxy is (1) keeping him young at heart, and, (2) wearing him out! Haha! But really, they get along so well. The move has even mellowed spazzy Herman out, which was shocking. All our animals are LOVING that all four of the teens are home and giving them lots of love and attention. New house does not have

a giant yard, but it DOES have a back door that immediately opens to a fenced yard so the pups have absolutely loved running out the back door. Roxy runs laps like crazy and it's awesome. She is a master at playing fetch, is still sitting, laying down, and while we still haven't mastered shaking, Abel shakes like a pro and also "speaks" on command. Roxy watches him all the time so we think it's only a matter of time before she starts doing it too! I'm attaching a picture of Roxy playing fetch with Abel behind her.



From Nancy Allen: I adopted Flirty last August. She was and is very shy. She is just now letting me hold her for a few minutes, but always on her terms. I have never regretted my decision to adopt her. Just wanted to let you know how she's doing. Thank you.



From Bev Holste: We adopted Lucy 4 years ago and just love her, even with her diva attitude. It took her a couple of months to trust us and for us to fall into her routine. Our other rescue dog passed away in December; he left a huge hole in our hearts to fill. Volunteering at the Humane Society, you see dogs come and go but the ones that are there longer tug at your heart. Willie was that dog. He was so serious and quiet, just waiting for a home. We needed Willie just as much as he needed a home. When we brought him home Lucy told him her rules and they've been buddies since. Willie loves to cuddle, nap, and play. He hates storms, which just ends up being more cuddle time. Willie is my fourth rescue dog and we wouldn't have a dog any other way.

If you have adopted a pet from ECHS and would like to share how they are acclimating to their new home, please feel free to share info and pics via email at 4paws@effinghamcountyhs.onmicrosoft.com. Type "Success Story" in the subject line and keep a (cat's) eye out for future issues—your pet may be featured!

A Visit with Denver

Do you remember Denver? Our sweet, scared husky who spent far too long in the shelter. Well, he made out like a bandit! From cowering in the corner of his kennel scared to be touched, to giving many hugs to those he loves.

Denver was adopted by an amazing couple who took the time that Denver needed before bringing him into



their home. They saw his story on Facebook, and that he was a long-time resident at the ECHS. Saw that he was having a hard time finding his forever home because of his intense fear of all people who visited him. They knew instantly

they had to commit to him and bring him home no matter what. It took them a month of daily visits before Denver decided they were his people—but it was worth it! The staff at the ECHS were wonderful to work with during the month of visits. To anyone considering a new pet, they highly recommend rescuing!



Denver was so timid at first. Any little noise or sudden movement would send him running. However, over time, he has become the biggest love bug who thinks he belongs in your arms at all times. He is such a sensitive guy. His favorite thing is to give

hugs to his people! His favorite cuddle place is the big “hooman” bed and the kitchen window seat where he watches the squirrels and birds at the feeder.



Denver now has a little brother, Finn—the (bossy) Aussie, and an older sister, Izzi—a poodle Aussie mix. Finn and Denver love to play and play hard! Their favorite thing is to go to the tennis courts and have “zoomie” time racing each other. Izzi loves when they do this

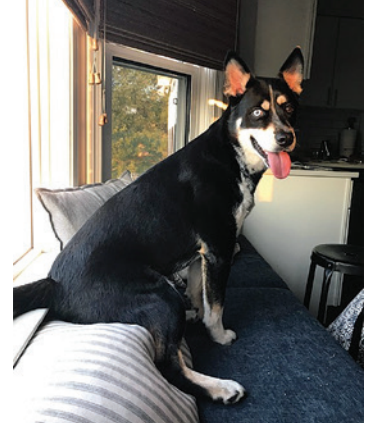
because it is her time to steal all the chew bones!

Sweet Denver shows strong signs of being a Husky. He is goofy and loves to “talk” about things, especially when it’s feeding time! He is about two years old, but his puppy still comes out. They like to say he just stored it up when he was at the Humane Society and is just now free to release it and be a puppy.

Denver’s mom has always rescued her pets. She likes to say that they found her. She just knew they were the right fit. But, some dogs, like Denver, come with special needs. He had some bad memories of his past life before the Humane Society. He still has many fears and separation anxiety. We were all a little late to the game with training him at his age. So, new owners must be willing to commit to what is needed for the dog they bring home. All dogs are worth the effort! Denver has enriched their lives in ways they cannot even describe.

Denver’s parents wanted to be sure to let everyone know that he has an incredible home with them and is loved beyond words! He is even more gorgeous, too. She quotes, “I think happiness looks good on him!” ■

– Leah Zerrusen



5 REASONS TO ADOPT TWO KITTENS

INSTEAD OF JUST ONE

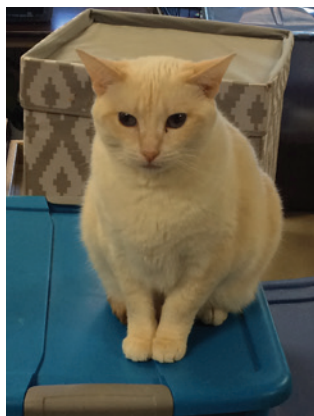


1. One kitten can become lonely and bored.
2. Two kittens will help keep each other busy instead of bugging you.
3. Having two kittens is very entertaining!
4. You’ll have fewer behavioral issues with two kittens.
5. You’ll save TWO lives instead of one!

Come Meet Our Long-Time Residents!

Thanks to Cody Hennigh for writing about some of our long-time residents. Cody is on staff at ECHS and has gotten to know these animals up close and personal. Cody adopted Molasses the cat from ECHS in 2017.

Apricot



Apricot is a five-year-old Siamese mix cat that was first adopted on February 25th of 2019. On May 22nd of this year Apricot was brought back to our shelter after swatting a child who got too close. Before she left our shelter, the adopter was told that she is uncomfortable around children. When the owner

had a niece over she got too close to Apricot and Apricot swiped at her. Because of this incident the owner gave up on Apricot and she was brought back. Apricot is more of an independent cat and wants an owner who will allow her to come on her own time. Apricot wants someone who doesn't mind that she is not the most loving cat. She would prefer a home without children and wants to be the queen of the roost. Apricot is current on her vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped. Her adoption fee is \$0 due to a sponsor Brian Meyers of Benchmark Realty. You can fill out an application at effingham.petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com, or effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org. Apricot deserves to have a second chance at having a home.

Abraham and Dewey

Abraham and Dewey were first adopted on November 20th of 2019 and are bonded brothers.



They were brought back to us on August 7th of this year. Their owner had to return them due to a living situation and unfortunately the brothers

couldn't go with them. These boys have only gotten back recently, but they are both very sweet and have already won our hearts here at the shelter. They're fine sharing their toys with each other and love the

attention that people give them. Abraham is the cuddlier of the two while Dewey is more energetic. Abraham and Dewey would make a fantastic addition to any family. Abraham and Dewey have to go together and their adoption fee is \$125. Both of these boys are current on their vaccinations, are neutered, and microchipped. You can fill out an application on effingham.petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com, or effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org. Both of these beautiful boys would be happy if you could spread the word and help them find a home.

Olivia

Olivia is 2-year-old female cat. Olivia has been the longest resident at the shelter arriving on October 29th of 2019. She was a lot different when she first



came here. When Olivia first got here she was very shy and didn't want to interact with anyone. Now, she has no problem trying to get

your attention or socializing with the other cats. We've recently built a catio to allow our cats to play outside and Olivia was the first one brave enough to try it out. Olivia is current on all of her vaccinations, is spayed, and microchipped. Olivia's adoption fee is \$75. You can fill out an application on Olivia at effingham.petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com, or effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org.

You can help Olivia get adopted by telling your family and friends about her. We even have sponsors for our animals. This includes making a donation to pay off part of an animal's adoption fee.

Princess

Princess is a two-year-old Pitbull that we received on August of 2019 after being found in a bathtub with eleven puppies in a hotel. She then went into a foster home with her puppies until they were weaned and old enough for adoption. Princess had to stay in foster care after her puppies left due to testing positive for heartworms. After a couple of months, she had completed her heartworm treatments and was able to enter the shelter so she could be adopted. Princess was finally adopted, but it wasn't long after that she was

brought back to the shelter on May 18th and a few days later she was diagnosed with heartworms once again. Three months later after another heartworm test, ECHS staff and volunteers were ecstatic to learn that she had tested negative. She is now off medical hold and is ready for adoption!



Princess—as befitting of her name—is very spoiled. While during her medical hold for heartworms we brought her up front with us and she would gather a pile of toys next to her bed. It slowly got bigger the more time she spent with us and got to the point you couldn't see her bed anymore. When meeting people for the first

time she can sometimes be a little unsure at first, but it's barely a minute before she is trying to get their attention.

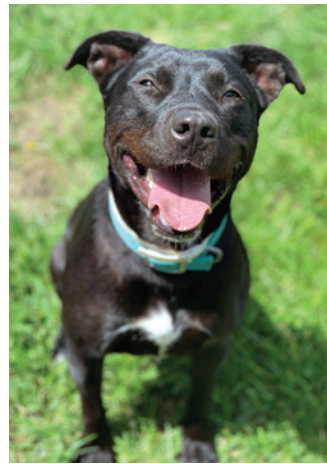
Princess wants someone who will spoil her and keep her up-to-date on her monthly heartworm pill so she doesn't get heartworms again. She would also love to have a home without cats. Princess would make a wonderful friend and companion for somebody.

Princess' adoption fee is \$175. She is current on her vaccinations, microchipped, and spayed. You can fill out an application at effingham.petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com, or effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org.

Princess wants you to know she thinks it would be fantastic if you could share her information with as many people as possible.

Charis

Charis is a 2-year-old Pitbull/Lab mix. Charis has been here since May 6th of this year and would love to have a home of her own. She often gets misjudged due to her breed, but she is one of the most loveable animals we have at the shelter. Charis enjoys playing with the sticks that are in her outside pen and likes



to lounge on top of her dog house. At night in her kennel she tends to be quiet and is on her best behavior. Charis is current on vaccinations, microchipped, and spayed. Charis would prefer a home without cats. She does fine with children and is house trained. Charis' adoption fee is \$175. You can fill out an adoption

application at effingham.petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com, or effinghamcountyhumanesociety.org. If you would, please share with as many people as possible so that we can find Charis a home. You can sponsor Charis or another animal with a donation and pay off part of their adoption fee. ■

...And Long-Time Residents Who Found Their Homes!

These two shelter favorites were *supposed* to be featured in this section, but before the newsletter went to print, they found families to call their own! Both Freya the cat and Rally, our beautiful brindle Pitbull/Lab mix, had the opportunity to take a field trip to Special Pet Foods, newly located across from Jimmy John's in Effingham. Tom Robb, owner of Special Pet Foods, has asked Effingham County Humane Society to bring animals out one Saturday a month for special treats and loving attention from the public. Come out and visit Tom and our furries!



The Purrrrfect 'Pawty' Place

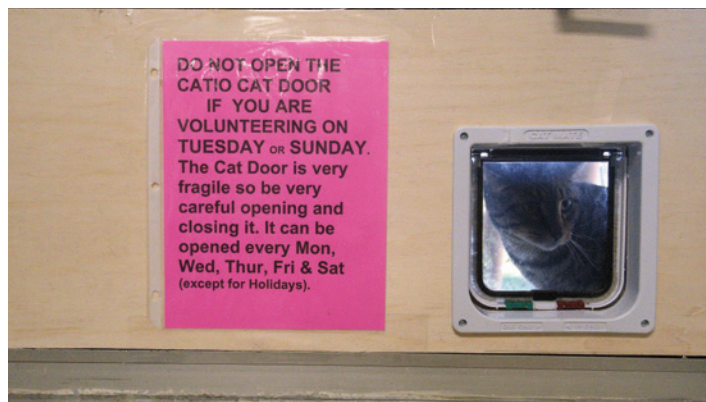
Someone once told me that if your cats could talk they would ask you for a Catio. My response was what exactly is a catio? It's best described as an outdoor cat enclosure or "cat patio". Have you ever wondered why your cat spends hours on end looking out the window? It's because they naturally want to be outdoors where they can experience fresh air, exercise, and the enrichment of the sights, movements, and sounds of nature. The catio provides a healthy outdoor lifestyle.

The ECHS Board of Directors discussed the benefits of building a catio off of the main cat room and carefully weighed the cost. We were able to enlist the talents and labor of some of our volunteers who agreed to build the structure during their off-hours. As the pictures show, the cats in the main cat room are now free to come and go outdoors as they please by

accessing a small door that was installed in one of the windows. Toys, boxes (because, what cat doesn't like a good box?!), ramps, and ropes provide plenty of play time. At any one time we have upwards of 30 cats in the main cat room. The catio gives them more space when they just want to get away from the crowd.

Two of our tabbys—Journey (2½), who came to us in January and Olivia (2) who came to us last October—wait patiently for us to open up the door to the catio every morning as they look forward to seeing what is going on outside. The structure has only been up for a month now but by all measures it has been a huge success. We continually strive to improve the environment for our animals as they await their forever homes. ■

— Mark Clineff



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A shoutout to those who help us in so many different ways – we appreciate your time keeping ECHS looking spiffy and your special considerations to help keep our animals comfortable and promote their adoptions – thanks to all of you! ■

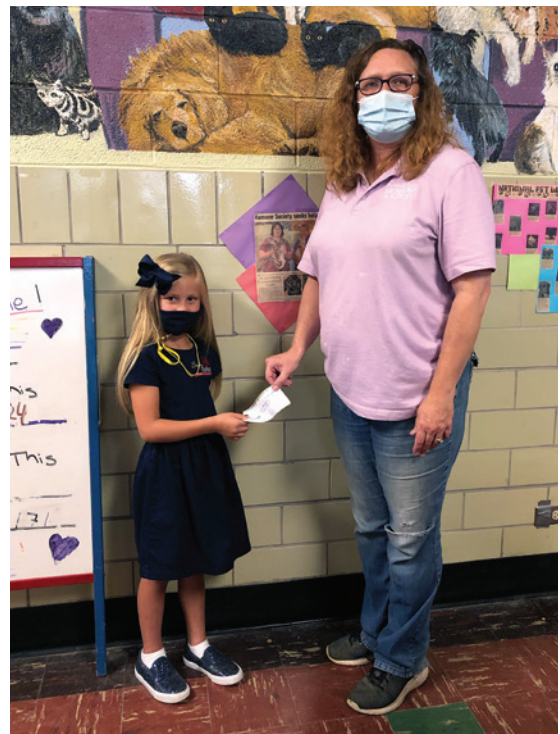
Thanks to **Tanner Kirby, DVM**, and his little helper for cleaning out our gutters. They so needed the trees and weeds cleaned out. It looks much better!

Another big shoutout to **Brian Meyers** from **Benchmark Realty** for sponsoring our felines. He has paid the adoption fee for three of our cats/kittens hopefully to get them their forever home—Apricot, then Olivia, and now kitten Mergatroid. We want to thank Brian for his sponsorship and love for animals.

Rick Sigrist, who graciously agreed to build our catio. Rick also built our adoption room. The cats thoroughly LOVE the safe time they can spend outside! (See article on page 8).

Jeff Murphy, for keeping our website up and running so potential adopters can keep up with animals currently residing at ECHS.

Thanks to **Tom Robb** at **Special Pet Foods** for inviting ECHS animals and volunteers to his business for field trips, giving our favorite furries the opportunity to get out of the shelter and socialize with the public.



Recently, ECHS was presented a check from **Emma Willenborg** "for the animals". On July 4th, Emma had a very successful lemonade stand and decided to donate the proceeds to ECHS. Emma's mom **Tracy** and dad **Russ** decided to match her proceeds (and then some) for the purchase of three redbud trees to be planted in the near future. Thanks for your generous, kind heart, Emma!

Future Project

Before the armageddon otherwise known as 2020, ECHS was looking forward to making some much-needed improvements in the play time of our animals. As you read in the article on page 8, we were able to build a catio for our cats' outdoor enjoyment. This has prompted discussion for our next improvement project, which is an enlarged fenced-in dog play area. Yes, we have kennels and dog runs for our canines but not a large enclosed area where we can get them out to play catch with a Frisbee or ball. We have plenty of land to accomplish this vision. What we need is sponsorship and funding. The Board is soliciting bids for the project and when



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we know what the costs will be we will be reaching out to the community via Facebook and our web page for help in funding. Right now our funds and donations need to ensure the longterm operation of ECHS—staff, utilities, building maintenance, etc., so while this project is dear to our hearts, it will be carefully put on hold

until we are able to see fit to spend the money it will take to make this a reality. It has been a painfully slow year for fundraising with the pandemic so we scrutinize every dollar spent. We are forever grateful to our generous donors and the volunteers who take care and love on our animals. ■

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