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Newsletter from the Effingham County Humane Society

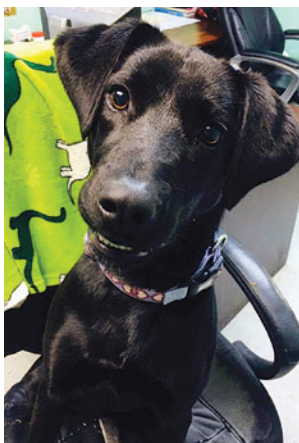
February 2020

Who We Are and What We're Doing... or... Where We've Been and Where We're Going...

So, usually the front cover of the newsletter is where we put the “happy” stories—the stories that touch your heart... and we have MANY of those stories to share (see pages 6 & 7)! This time, however, let's talk about who we are and what we're doing... or, as the title above says, where we've been and where we're going.

If you're reading this newsletter, it is because some way, some how, the Humane Society has touched your heart... and, obviously, you love animals! Well, we do, too! That's why we do what we do—save animals, rehabilitate them if necessary, provide needed medical care, and find them their forever homes. Sounds easy enough, right?!

“We” are people JUST LIKE YOU—we love animals. “We” are volunteers—some of us volunteer our time caring for the animals—dogs, cats, puppies, kittens. At least eight volunteers EACH DAY are needed: two



It's not just the humans who volunteer; Lily, greeting guests and answering phones...

morning dog-care volunteers, two afternoon dog-care volunteers, two nighttime (or Tuck-In, as we call it) dog-care volunteers, and two cat-care volunteers... each day of the week, 365 days a year. Do the math – that's **2,920 volunteer positions** that need filled annually. That doesn't include volunteers who help with the laundry (folks, we do a TON of laundry on a weekly basis!), the people who mow our grass, the

people who clean and do minor maintenance on our building, the people who transport animals to and from the local vet offices, or the people who help with our garage sales, Mardi Gras, Battle of the Barktenders, our Holiday Open House, our Rural King visits, our nursing home visits, and other opportunities where we share

our furry friends in public. “We” are fosters who take the sick animals into our homes, bottle-feeding kittens and keeping sick dogs as physically quiet as possible to aid in the recovery of medical procedures. “We” rescue animals from the side of the road or from homes where hoarding situations make environments unsafe for animals to live long, healthy lives. It takes A LOT of people to run this “business”, the business of helping our four- (sometimes three-) legged friends find families who will love them forever. “We” are also staff—Karen, Angie, and Cody, who schedule volunteers, schedule vet visits, read a mountain of applications and then follow-up on those applications, contacting vets and referrals for EVERY APPLICATION that comes across our desk, trying to best match our beloved animals with their best possible family.



...while Amora prefers to rule from her roost....

In 2019, we found homes for 171 animals (that's an adoption every 1.5 days!) We took in seven dogs who tested positive for heartworm and a litter of puppies diagnosed with parvovirus. Late in the year, we were contacted by a local vet about Pete, a Coonhound with hip dysplasia in both hips. His owner brought him into the vet's office to have him euthanized because he could not hunt. Pete has successfully had surgery on one hip and is awaiting surgery on the other hip. He is living (and being loved) in a foster home for the next three months while he recovers. The medical bills incurred for the treatment of these animals can be staggering for a not-for-profit, even with the generosity of the local vets, often donating a portion of their time and/or resources.

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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

Telephone: 217-536-9001

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Annual Mardi Gras Gala

Saturday, March 7

Effingham Event Center

(Please note change from Friday night to Saturday night)

Garage Sales at the Shelter

Spring Sale: Friday-Sunday, May 29-31

Fall Sale: Friday-Sunday, October 2-4

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 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





Spotlight on Our Volunteer

ECCHS volunteer Judi Bone was recently honored at the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce Business Recognition Gala as Volunteer of the Year for her work on behalf of neglected animals. Judi is a familiar face in the halls at ECCHS and is known around the area for her “rescue abilities”. It is often joked when an animal is lost or too scared and timid to be approached to “Call Judi...”. Congrats on this very-deserving award, Judi!



Chet Piotrowski: “Someone asked me how long I’ve known Judi. I honestly can’t remember how we met, but I’m sure it was over a dog. Some people have a passion for their interests, but Judi’s interest in the well-being of our canine friends goes down to her bones and is her soul. I don’t know of anyone who has a family, a primary job, and a family business AND makes time for rescue like she does. It’s often over-stated that these people have hearts of gold, but Judi’s heart is made of a one-of-a-kind precious element.”

Heather Mumma, Animal Control Oversight Manager for the The Effingham County Board has expressed the Board’s deep appreciation for Judi’s tireless efforts in the protection and adoption of innocent animals.

Bill Hammer: “How to describe Judi in just a few words? Compassionate, Persistent, Energetic. If we had more people who cared about the well-being and happiness of animals with fervor like Judi, we wouldn’t need humane societies! Paul McCartney said, “You can judge a person’s true character by the way he treats his fellow animals.” This is most certainly true of Judi. P.S. Eli says thanks again, Aunt Judi, and congrats! ■

Condo Raffle Tickets

Tickets are ON SALE NOW for the opportunity to vacation in Gulf Shores, Alabama! The raffle is for ONE WEEK (seven consecutive nights) between September 1st and December 15th, 2020 (based on availability). The condo has two bedrooms, kitchen with all amenities, private balcony, living room, private laundry room, an outside pool, hot tub, indoor pool, fitness room, sauna... the list just goes on and on! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the shelter or from any of the board members listed on page 2. For more information on the condo visit www.vrbo.com/774803. Thank you to Jim Boos and David & Jamie Schuette for this generous donation! ■



Before



After

Update on Chimney Repair

The chimney repair job turned into a two-year process. We noticed some leakage during the spring rains of 2018, so we had an inspection done. The mortar was crumbling from age. We received several quotes and ended up working with Brian Swingler of L.J. Swingler & Sons. The thought was to wrap the chimney rather than rebricking to save money. When they got up to the top of the 25’ chimney it was determined that the bricks were too unstable to wrap. It was decided to remove 14’ of the chimney that was originally designed to support a coal burning furnace which is long since gone. They then wrapped the remainder of the bricks and we are now in good shape for the years to come. Thanks for the donations that made this project possible. ■

Take a Paws

Another update made at ECCHS recently was the donation of a beautiful bench, located on the southwest side of our lot, inviting volunteers to Take a Paws while walking our dogs. Thanks to board president Mark Clineff and Cynthia Saturday for this beautiful addition to our grounds! (obviously the dogs like it as well! ■



(Who We Are..., continued from page 1)

In 2019, we had wiring updated and new lighting installed. We installed a new smoke and fire alarm system. We built an adoption room where families can meet-and-greet potential new furry family members. We had a crumbling chimney that was, for the most part, removed in January.

So, as far as “where we’re going”? No where, physically—we’re staying in the same location we’ve been in since 2009—right here outside of Funkhouser. But, we have things we’d like to do this year...

including building a “catio”—an outdoor enclosure specially designed for cats to have safe, free access to an outdoor area, where they can climb, play, and just lay in the sun. We already have the concrete pad, now we are in need of funds and design layouts. Where we’re going... we’d like to be able to provide care to as many animals as our space will provide... we’d like to help as many animals as possible find their families.

ALL of this is made possible through our volunteers, but also through our MANY hundreds of kind donors, people such as yourself. And for that, “We” at ECHS thank you, from the bottom of our hearts! ■



VET VISIT

A new column, written by the veterinarians in Effingham County

*This issue's article written by Tanner Kirby, DVM
Effingham Veterinary Clinic*

PARVOVIRUS

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that is caused by a virus that attacks the stomach and intestines, which can affect all dogs. Dogs that are ill from the disease are often said to have “parvo”. Usually the disease affects young, unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated puppies, but any dog can become infected with the disease. There are two types of the virus; CPV1 and CPV2, with CPV2 causing the most serious disease. The main source of the virus is from feces from infected dogs, but can also be transmitted through contaminated areas and on clothing. Direct contact between dogs is not required to spread the virus.

After ingestion of the virus, it moves to the intestine where it attaches to the intestinal wall and causes inflammation. Two of the main clinical signs of canine parvovirus are vomiting and diarrhea. Other symptoms are depression, fever, lethargy, decreased water intake, and weakness. The diarrhea can have a strong odor and may contain mucous or blood. This bloody diarrhea and vomiting can lead to dehydration, hypothermia, electrolyte imbalance, and blood loss, which can be fatal.

Diagnosis of canine parvovirus is based on clinical signs and exam findings and can be confirmed with a fecal test. There is no specific

drug that will kill the virus. Treatment consists of antibiotics, dewormers, intestinal medications, fluids, and electrolytes, to help the dog’s immune system fight off the virus. Unfortunately, even with the best supportive care, some dogs may die.

To help protect your dog from canine parvovirus, a proper vaccination schedule is needed. Puppies should receive a parvovirus vaccination as part of their vaccine protocol. You should discuss with your veterinarian the proper vaccination schedule for your pet. ■



Two of our recently rescued parvo puppies, Hansel and Gretel. Hansel survived treatment; unfortunately Gretel, along with sister Pearl, succumbed to the disease at 8 weeks.

Come Meet Our Long-Time Residents!

Volunteering is such a rewarding experience. We as volunteers get to see so many animals come into the shelter a year, we get the chance to take care of them and be a part of their story. Then, we get to see their happy endings when they get adopted and go on to live their best lives.



Mr. T



Crackers

Sometimes those happy endings take longer to reach than others. I'm going to talk about four special cats today. As a cat person and an active cat volunteer, I am honored to talk about them and shed more light on them. Mr. T and Crackers were surrendered to the shelter in the summer of 2019 because their person could not take care of them anymore. Both boys are going to turn 8 in the spring and have been together and bonded for the majority of their lives. Mr. T is the more adventurous of the two and can be slightly mischievous but is mature enough he mostly focuses on wanting attention from volunteers and visitors. Crackers is a lazy, carefree, love-bug. He minds his own business in

the cat room but welcomes attention. You'll mostly find him napping in a cozy spot. These two are looking for a calmer home. They're a bonded pair and have so much love to give to someone!

The two cats who have been at the shelter the longest are Rufus and Jolene. Rufus was admitted as a small kitten in May of 2018; Jolene came in behind him a month later. Can you believe it's almost been two years? All these two have known is the shelter, nothing else. They've never had their own home. They've never had a couch to lay on, kids to play with, or a warm bed to sleep in with their person at night. It's time they get their happy ending. Rufus is such a kind soul. He's pretty laid back but you can still see the kitten in him. He likes to see what you're doing and be involved. He's a curious guy. This guy just wants his own person so bad. Jolene is quite the character. She's quirky in a way. If you're sitting down in the cat room she'll come over and groom your head or lick your face for you, which I think is hilarious. These two deserve to go to their forever homes. They have seen many different cats come and go and here they still sit.

Come in and see these long-time residents! They'll be so happy to meet you. Who knows—you may be their happy ending! ■



Rufus



Jolene

Cameron Hennigh

Look Where We've Been! Effingham Halloween Parade



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auto bank debit, or
monthly auto credit
card debit!

**It's never been
easier to help your
furry friends!!**

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!



We are calling Teddy Georgie and so far he's responding! We are thinking Bjørn as a middle name (it means bear in Norwegian!) They played for nearly two hours yesterday and I stayed home today to give them more time to get settled. He really wants to meet the cats and so far, he's doing well just looking! Lots of treats for looking and not lunging! He loves to cuddle and we just love him!



Bruno's first morning as a city dog.
He now lives in St.Louis.

From Robyn Rawlings: After losing our beloved Lucy of 13-1/2 years we were quite heartbroken and unsure of getting another dog but if we did I said I would want to rescue. I started applying to different pitbull rescues and my mom said she was friends with ECHS on Facebook and a lot of times they



would have pitbulls on their site. I looked at the website and Layla was the first puppy that came up. I looked at Eric and said "oh no". I applied that evening and heard from them that Monday that we were approved and just needed to wait until she was weaned. Let me tell you she is the absolute best dog. Loves everybody and every dog. She has been on three "pupcations". We have started taking her on all our vacations and only going to dog friendly places.

We are smitten!!! We have even connected with her momma's (Freedom) adopter and the awesome family who fostered her and her 7 siblings. She is truly the best dog and we are very grateful to be her adopted parents!!

From Kelsey Fischer: Hey there!

I'm the one who adopted (Nola). I ended up keeping her name Nova. She's doing great. I'll have to bring her by sometime to visit you guys.



From Cheryl Allison: Kizzy had her exam at Cass Veterinary Clinic and she passed with flying colors. She and Gypsy have become friends. When they go outside and Kizzy is lagging behind, Gypsy waits for Kizzy and they come in the house together. Gypsy and Kizzy play together and eat together. They have their disagreements but nothing that we can't handle. Kizzy loves her bed, especially the disc we warm up and place in her bed every night. Kizzy has brought a lot of joy into our lives. I think she is happy as her tail never stops wagging. Thank you again for picking us as her forever family! Take care and know that you and the other staff are amazing!



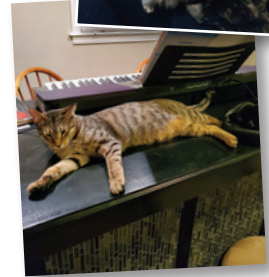
Hello! I just wanted to update you on Paisley. We changed her name to Robin and she's doing really well! It's been a struggle getting her to be friends with our two cats but we will get there I am sure. Robin loves to play with our 2-year-old, she's not quite sure what she is yet; I think she might think our daughter is another puppy. She loves running around in the backyard and is starting to learn not to pull on the leash during walks. Robin is definitely the right dog for us, I'm so glad we found her!



I thought you should see how big Nova (formerly Nurse Kelly) has gotten. She went to the vet for her heartworm check and got a pedi (Marty said she screamed like a drama queen!) and she weighs 42 lbs. She's a moose!



From Chris Demetreon: My family has been pet-free for about a year and have been longing for a new furball so we finally decided to come visit the Effingham County Humane Society. My wife instantly gravitated to a Siamese cat (Motley) that had been put in timeout. After closer inspection we also noticed his birthday was the same day as my wife's! We knew we wanted a pair of cats so after some discussion with the wonderful volunteers we decided to give a home to Motley's brother, Mikey. The cats have really made themselves at home. Motley has been renamed Mayhem since he likes to knock things off of tables, which has really helped us to be disciplined with clearing our counter tops! Mikey was renamed Skittles by our 10-year-old son and really enjoys lounging anywhere he can, including up near my wife's keyboard stand. My favorite part is watching them play together. I'm glad we didn't separate these two. Thank you ECHS for the additions to our family.



Jag the cat and Sam the Chihuahua, along with their new siblings!

From the family of Dylan Wilson: Margaret is such a wonderful puppy—thank you guys again so much, we are blessed to have her! And her big sister loves her very much already.



From Lolita Zwettler: Look at our Beautiful, now Mabel. This looks like such a restful sleep. Love it. She is doing really well. She and I are best buddies and she's adjusting very well to my home... Thanks again for rescuing her.



From Sarah and Taylor Atchison: We were lucky enough to rescue this big teddy bear (Dallas) today! He is just the sweetest addition to our little family. He is already obsessed with his boys and doesn't mind sharing his bed with them!



Johnson and his new girl.

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 4pawsechs@gmail.com. Type "Success Story" in the subject line and keep a (cat's) eye out for future issues—your pet may be featured!

For the Love of Fostering

Fostering kittens can be compared to keeping children healthy. Both need to develop immunity to disease by immunizations and exposures to pathogens. Both can be subjected to injuries just by not being cautious and being unaware of danger in their environments. I have been fostering kittens for a short time now and have seen examples of each.



Sunflower, the day she was brought in and during her recovery.



One kitten I fostered this past year was brought to us by a wonderful man who found her sick and alone shivering in the cold and the rain. He took her to the vet and spent \$186 for treatments and medications prior to surrendering her to ECHS the following day. I was able to quickly start her on the path to recovery by his actions because she had already had a medical assessment and treatment plan begun. By keeping her warm, giving medications as prescribed, and offering extra calories in the form of a special diet, she quickly began to gain weight and catch up to her age-appropriate size and behaviors. She was also found to be infested with fleas and several baths and flea treatments later this threat was removed. I was able to give her initial immunizations and boosters so she was ready for her spay and microchipping when she reached the two-pound requirement. Her adoption was done from her picture off Petfinder and she went straight from my home to her new one.

I had one kitten, 3-5 weeks old, named Abraham, who was acquired by ECHS when his owners took him to the vet for assessment following injury by being pinned under a farm seed planter. His leg was severely broken and needed to be pinned with surgery and followed up with rehab and wound care and medications while it healed. It was not felt by the owner that they wished to undertake this expense and time-intensive treatment so they ordered



Abraham

Abraham to be euthanized. With the owners' permission, the vet called ECHS and we agreed to take him in and provide these things for him to recover. I became his foster Mom and provided all the care and treatments, taking him to the vet weekly for X-rays, and to monitor healing until such time his pin could be removed and he could return to the shelter for adoption. He quickly regained the use of his leg and was adopted along with another foster kitten so he always had a playmate.

My favorite fostering job is taking in a pregnant cat, watching her until she delivers her kittens, keeping a close eye on the kittens to be certain they are getting off to the start they should by monitoring that all are eating and weighing them daily to be certain they are gaining weight, providing litter box training, weaning at the appropriate time, providing the socialization needed to bond with humans (the fun part) getting spays and neuters, all required blood testing, giving immunizations, treatment for fleas and parasites, and then the hard part of sending them back to the shelter for adoption. I just tell myself they will have a good home and someone will continue to love them like I do. I haven't yet had any orphaned kittens that need round-the-clock feedings via bottle, but I'm sure that time will come.

It will soon be kitten season and time to start all over again. PLEASE get your cats spayed and neutered to help prevent adding to the cat population and to keep unwanted and unloved and homeless kittens from dying. ■

Jan Marcott

Why Cats Have Nine Lives...

Late one afternoon this past fall, a little yellow ball of fur was found running down a very rural single



lane road in the far southwest part of Effingham County. This lucky little fellow was found in between two large corn fields, with no homes in sight. The gentleman,

who works for a local company, took the company truck, time and all, turned around and scooped up this precious ball of fur!

When picking the kitten up and seeing the condition of this baby, he was for sure that an eye was gone. Luckily for Nango, it was not the eye, but part of his skull and muscle were exposed.

After stitches and a good month of nursing care he was ready to tackle the world. Nango was one of the lucky ones—a wonderful family opened up their warm arms and gave him a forever home! Nango, lucky you! ■



Shirley McEvers

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12th Mardi Gras Gala Saturday, March 7, 2020

Once again our major fundraiser for the year is just around the corner. It will again be held at the Effingham Event Center (former Effingham K of C Hall). The night will start out with great music by LoveSeat (Bill & JJ Passalacqua). Social Hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with incredible hors d'oeuvres donated by Firefly Grill. Some new items will be found on this year's dinner menu, with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Make sure you save room for the fantastic homemade New Orleans desserts from the loving

kitchens of ECHS volunteers! Many wonderful and unique items will be available to bid on in our silent auction and we will have a live auction running throughout the evening. Also for sale will be 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for a ONE-WEEK stay in Gulf Shores, Alabama will be available for purchase that evening (and before—available at the shelter or from members of the ECHS Board of Directors—see info on page 3), with the drawing to be held at the end of the evening. (Need not be present to win) ■

Some of our fabulous Silent Auction items from Mardi Gras 2019 – watch our Facebook page for pics of this year's items!



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