

Paw Prints

Newsletter from the Effingham County Humane Society

Fall 2021

Luka's Journey to Find His Dad



On Saturday, October 30th, after 6-1/2 months, Luka finally found his very own dad! Luka hand-picked his new dad after they enjoyed several visits together, playing and getting to know one another.

Luka came to ECHS in April 2021. While we're

not quite sure of Luka's early life, he was pulled from Effingham Animal Control and Shelter in the hopes that he would be able to find his new family while living with the dogs at ECHS.

Luka is a boy full of energy and has strength that even he isn't aware of! After spending months with staff and many volunteers, Luka became an expert at "sit," "shake," "beg," "down," and other handy commands. Luka also learned how to be a gentleman by not jumping on volunteers, even though he was SO HAPPY to see them. Luka knew volunteers felt sorry for him and would often smuggle treats such as cheeseburgers and ice cream in to him. Volunteers finally were reprimanded by staff due to Luka developing tummy aches.

While the volunteers and staff were happy to see Luka find his new dad, we will all miss his goofy energetic personality. Here's to a great life, good boy! ■



Keeping staff company in the office



Learning to be the perfect gentleman



Luka LOVED being the center of attention!



Enjoying a day out of the shelter



Always happy to spend time outside!



Socializing at an off-site event



Luka loves walking the Trec Trails!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pet Pictures with Santa and 13th Annual Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive & Bake Sale

Monday, January 17, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hit the Pavement for Paws 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.

Midland States Bank (by Legacy Harley-Davidson)
(see page 9 for registration form)

Tee Off for Tails Golf Outing

Saturday, June 25, Time TBD

Cardinal Golf Course

(more info to follow in the Spring newsletter)

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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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

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**



Updates on Effie and Max, former ECHS residents

The staff and board at ECHS take their jobs very seriously when it comes to the care of animals brought to us or dumped on the streets. While we take pride in the love and care given to our animals, sometimes there are other shelters or rescues better equipped to deal with “special-needs” animals. Effie and Max are two of those animals.



Effie, after being brought in to ECHS.



Effie, one year later.

In late summer of 2020, ECHS took in a dog that had very dire health issues—severe hair loss and two tumors, one on the neck and one in the rear area. After discussion, it was decided to turn this poor girl over to St. Louis Scottish Terrier Rescue, where she could get the medical attention she so desperately needed. STLSTR made sure Effie got proper medical attention, and it was found that both of her tumors, after removed, were benign. In the meantime, Effie's foster family decided to make her a permanent part of their family. Recently, Effie—along with Vicki Frazier (president at STLSTR) and Effie's adopted parents—stopped in to visit ECHS staff. Effie has recovered and is now a beautiful girl living the good life. Cheers to Effie, STLSTR, and Effie's adopted family for giving this girl a second chance at a great life.

Max was born in the spring of 2021 to Ellie, a one-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. This was her second

litter in one year. She came from an environment where the owners refused to vet, vaccinate, or spay/neuter their pets. The household relinquished eight puppies and pregnant Ellie. We were able to find a loving and caring couple to foster and see Ellie through her pregnancy and birth. After about six weeks it became clear that there was something not right with Max. He would take a few steps, wobble, and fall over. After a veterinary examination it was determined that Max had cerebellar hypoplasia.

Max was taken to Rescue Rollers in Ohio as this was the best place to address his special needs. After a couple of visits to the vet specialists, it turned out he was in much better shape than originally believed. The couple that fostered Ellie and her puppies, including Max, followed his story and made a big decision—they got in their car and drove to Ohio and adopted Max! He is now back home in Effingham and living the good life with his new/original family. His family reached out to us recently and shared that while the original diagnosis of cerebellar hypoplasia might have been mistaken, Max's vision seems pretty good (not perfect but not bad) but they are pretty sure he's almost completely deaf; he doesn't react to noise at all. But they feel that just makes him more special! ■



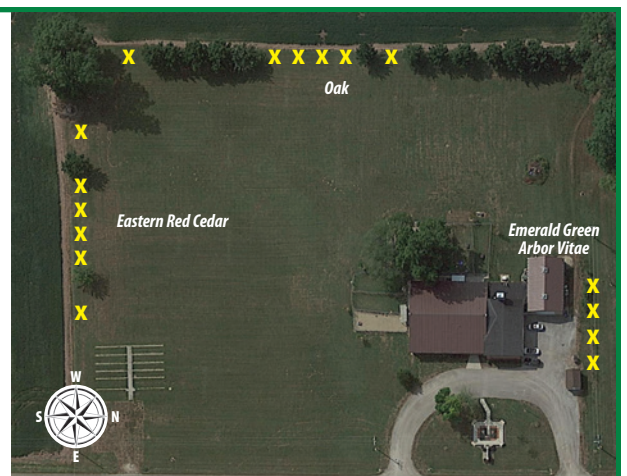
Max, upon arrival at ECHS



Max is in Effingham, living with the family that originally fostered him.

ECHS to Plant New Trees

ECHS will be planting additional trees in the future: four Emerald Green Arbor Vitae on the north side to buffer our property from our adjacent neighbor; six Oak trees on the west side to provide shade and fill in spaces; and six Eastern Red Cedar on the south side to help soak up water that tends to pool in that area. If you would be interested in donating a tree, fill out the form on the bottom of page 11. If you would like to add an In Honor/Memorial marker at an additional cost, please check the box and we will contact you.





VET VISIT

A new column, written by the veterinarians in Effingham County

This issue's articles were written by Tanner Kirby, DVM, and Madi Jones, Certified Veterinary Technician, Effingham Veterinary Clinic

Ringworm

Ringworm is a misleading name, because the skin infection is not due to a worm. Ringworm is the common name of a fungal infection that affects skin and hair. It's called ringworm due to the classical appearance of the round, red 'ring' of the skin lesion. The medical name is dermatophytosis. The three most common fungal species are *Microsporum canis*, *Microsporum gypseum*, and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*. These species are zoonotic, which means they can also infect humans, especially elderly people or young children. This means that you can get ringworm if your pet is infected with it.

Common symptoms of dogs and cats with ringworm can include patchy hair loss, poor hair coat, red/irritated skin, crusty lesions on the skin, and itchiness. Ringworm is contagious and can be transmitted by direct contact with the fungus. Any other animals or people with ringworm can transmit the spread to other pets. Also, objects like bedding, brushes, clippers, and cages can spread the fungus. Skin wounds or fleas can make your pet more susceptible to a ringworm infection.

Once your veterinarian diagnoses ringworm, he will come up with the best treatment plan for the pet. It may involve topical antifungals, oral medicines, or medicated baths. Pets undergoing treatment for ringworm need to be isolated to prevent the spread of the fungus. After handling a pet with ringworm, the person should wash their skin and clothes. Also, cleaning the pet's living environment can help prevent the spread and re-infection. Vigorous cleaning with diluted bleach, vacuuming, and steam cleaning of carpets will help remove the fungal spores. If you suspect your pet has ringworm, contact your veterinarian. Lastly, if you become infected, contact your doctor for treatment. ■

Tanner Kirby, DVM

Coccidia and Your Pet

Coccidiosis is an intestinal tract infection caused by a single-celled organism called coccidia. These microscopic parasites spend part of their life cycle in the lining cells of the intestine. Because the coccidia live in the intestine and can cause diarrhea, they are often confused with intestinal worms, but are in fact not worms.

Coccidia can affect multiple species including dogs, cats, birds, horses, livestock, and humans. This parasite typically affects very young, old, and immunocompromised animals. Pets mostly become infected with coccidia by swallowing oocysts (immature coccidia) that are found in feces or soil contaminated with feces. Animals infected with the oocysts will pass them in their stool. The oocysts are very hardy and can live in the environment for some time. Under the right kind of conditions (temperature and humidity), the oocysts sporulate and become infective. If a susceptible pet ingests the sporulated oocysts, the oocysts release sporozoites that penetrate the lining of the intestine. Puppies and kittens are not born with this parasite but can pick it up in their environment from exposure to their mother's infected stool. Dogs and cats can also become infected indirectly by eating rodents that are infected with coccidia.

The most common clinical sign of coccidiosis is diarrhea. However, in young animals, such as puppies and kittens, and immunocompromised animals, coccidiosis may cause severe watery diarrhea, dehydration, abdominal distress, and vomiting. It is extremely dangerous for puppies and kittens to contract this parasite due to their lack of immune system. In severe cases, death may occur. For the healthier pet with a stronger immune system, they can be infected with coccidia with no symptoms. This is only one of the reasons why an annual stool sample should be performed on your pet.

Coccidiosis is diagnosed by performing a fecal flotation test to look for oocysts under the

microscope. Careful observation of the flotation is important since the oocysts are so much smaller than the eggs of intestinal parasites. If your pet's stool sample is positive for coccidia, your veterinarian may prescribe a sulfa-type antibiotic (sulfadimethoxine). This treatment can range from 5-25 days depending on how severe an infection is present. Some infections do require a repeat of the treatment. If the diarrhea is severe and your pet is dehydrated, other medications and treatments may be required. If the pet is in critical condition, hospitalization and IV fluids will be needed.

Environmental disinfection is important in order to prevent reinfection of susceptible pets. Like mentioned before, the oocysts are very resistant to environmental conditions and most disinfectants. Diluted chlorine bleach (one cup of bleach mixed with one gallon of water) is effective if the surfaces and premises can be safely treated with it. Be sure to test clean a small area of any affected materials since

bleach can damage many surfaces. It is equally as important to remove any feces as quickly as possible from the environment to prevent reinfection.

The most common species of coccidia your pets can be infected with do not have any affect on humans. However, less common species of coccidia can potentially infect humans. One species in particular, called *Cryptosporidium*, may be transmitted to people. This parasite, which is most commonly carried by calves and lambs—but may be carried by dogs and cats—has also been found in the public water supply of some major cities. It poses a health risk for those who are immunosuppressed, such as people with HIV, people taking immunosuppressive drugs, cancer patients, and the elderly. Good hygiene and proper disposal of dog feces are important in minimizing the risk of transmission of all parasites to humans or other animals. ■

Madi Jones, Certified Veterinary Technician

Winter Pet Safety Tips

Cold temperatures may pose health risks to our furry family members. Taking some precautions can help make winter more enjoyable for you and your pets.

Keep Them Warm! Some dogs are better suited to cold weather than others. Your dog's size, amount of body fat, coat thickness, age, and breed will affect how well they tolerate the cold weather. Unless your dog has a natural winter coat, find a coat designed to keep them warm and not limit mobility.

Protect Those Paws! Rock salts and sidewalk de-icers have a tendency to get stuck between dogs' toes and can lead to dried and cracked skin. Dog booties are a popular winter pet safety solution. An alternative to boots is paw wax or Vaseline that's applied to the paw pads to form a moisturizing barrier between your dog's paws and the snow and salt. Be sure to wipe off your dog's paws when you return from walks to prevent him from licking it off and becoming sick.

Check the Hood! Cats often sleep in the wheel wells of cars during the winter months to keep warm. If you start your car and a cat is sleeping on your tire, it can be severely hurt or even killed by once you put your car in drive. Prevent injuries by banging loudly on your hood or honking the horn before starting your car.

Be Careful with Space Heaters! Cats also enjoy napping near space heaters and can accidentally tip them over. Be sure to purchase space heaters that have an automatic shut off to avoid a fire hazard.

Avoid Toxic Chemicals! Antifreeze attracts cats and dogs because it is very sweet to taste, but it is extremely poisonous and can cause serious illness or death when ingested. Salt and de-icers also can cause illness when your pet licks it off their paws.

Be Prepared! Winter brings extreme weather that can cause power outages. Prepare an emergency kit with three to seven days' worth of water and food (per pet), any medications your pet may be on, a blanket, toys, and a flashlight.

Use Plastic Food and Water Dishes Instead of Metal! Metal water bowls can freeze during winter, causing the water to freeze as well. When the temperature is low enough, your pet's tongue can become stuck to the metal or frozen water.

Keep Them Leashed! Pets can get lost in the winter because snowfall can disguise recognizable scents that would normally help them find their way home. Prevent your pets from becoming lost by keeping dogs leashed on walks and, just in case you are separated from your pets, make sure their collars have up-to-date contact information and they are microchipped. If your dog goes off-leash in a local park or on a hike, consider a brightly colored garment easily seen in the snow. Be sure to avoid frozen lakes and ponds.

Leave Them Home! Just as hot cars are dangerous for pets in the summer, cold cars pose a threat as well! ■

Why Two Kittens Are Better Than One!

In September 2020, I decided that I wanted to adopt a cat, so I turned to Effingham County Humane Society after my boyfriend highly recommended them from being a previous adopter several years ago. I got on PetFinder and found a kitten that I instantly fell in love with so I put in an application.



My application was approved two days later, but my response came with a suggestion—would I consider adopting two kittens? The thought never really crossed my mind, until Angie Sorling, Adoption Coordinator, recommended that I do some research on why adopting two kittens is extremely beneficial. After discussing how to proceed with my boyfriend, we figured the best course of action would be to adopt both because the kitten we were interested in had a litter mate that she had been with since she was born. We adopted Lulu and Mittens and it was one of the best decisions we have ever made! They are inseparable. I am so glad we did not separate them.

My experience with adopting two kittens has worked out so much better than I thought it would. Since having Lulu and Mittens, we have not experienced any behavioral issues, or boredom that a person would experience with owning just one cat. They have a playmate 24/7.



This is very convenient whenever we are away from them, because we do not ever worry about what they are doing or getting into. I know they are keeping each other occupied. Having two kittens has made training easier than expected. Monkey see, monkey do. One watched the



other and they quickly learned the location of the litter box, food, scratching posts, toys, and what they could/ could not do. They also groom each other, which has helped them with their hard to reach areas. I always catch them grooming each other at least once a day. All things considered, there really is not a significant increase in cost to adopt two kittens and the benefits are well worth the extra few dollars. Additional benefits of having two kittens are health benefits.

Kittens can help reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, help decrease risk of heart disease, boost your immune system, and provide companionship. Since having Lulu and Mittens, we are not as stressed as we were before and we always know we have them to come home to whenever we are having a bad day and it is guaranteed that they will cheer us up and make us feel better. The very best part about adopting two kittens is that we were able to save more than just one life which has led to twice the cuddles, laughs, and love! ■



Shelby Mooney



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 Nicole Marshall: Every morning when Ava gets out of her crate she gets this huge rush of energy and really likes to jump and grab on to me or my husband. But nothing we can't handle. We love her and are so glad she has really warmed up to us.



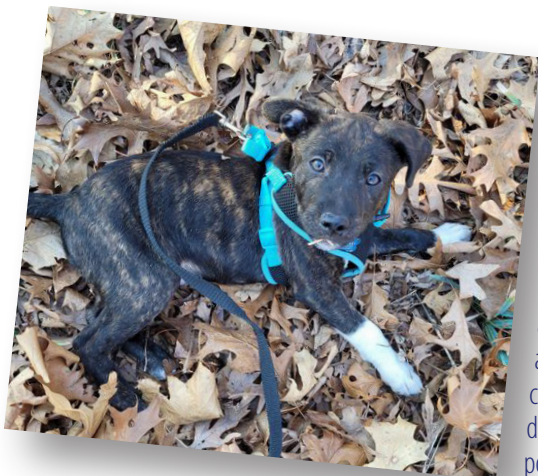
From Jim & Deb Denton: The girls are doing great! We love them!



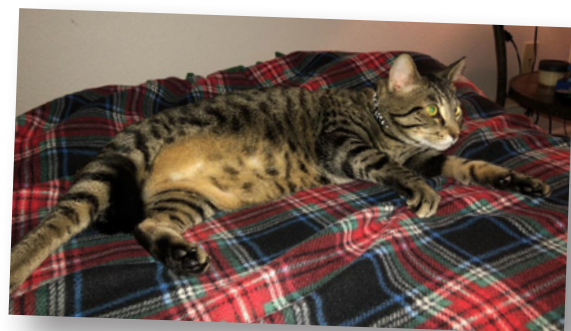
From Zach and Sam: Hopper has been to the vet and goes with such ease each time! He is currently a very healthy pup and enjoys playing "tag" with his two brothers Sparky and Pickles. He thinks he is so small when laying on the bed but in reality is a HUGE bed hog (wouldn't trade him for the world though). Hopper is truly our best friend and loves playing with each toy he gets but his hamburger squeaker is his favorite. He also loves having puppy play dates and just being social altogether! He tries to chase squirrels but that's only because he wants to be their friend. His milestones have grown and they continue to each day. He is fully potty trained, and knows how to "sit" and "shake"! He also found a love for peanut butter and may try to knock the jar off the counter when he sees it. We want to thank you for letting us take this big pup home.



From Kerry Patterson: This is our sweet girl, Marvel (formerly Belle). She is so incredibly loved.



From Brooke Patton: I just wanted to give an update on the parvo puppy named Will that we took home. He's named Hunter now and is doing so well and responds to the command "sit" and is doing fairly well on potty training.

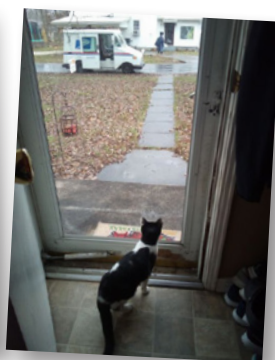


OLIVIA HAS LEFT THE BUILDING! Olivia waited one year and five months to find her perfect family. She knew instantly that they were her people. She hopped in her carrier and slept the entire six-hour drive to Milwaukee. Olivia's mom has special ties to the Effingham County Humane Society and wanted a cat that had been here the longest. She is going to be the queen of her castle and have a great life. Thank you for choosing our special 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 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!



From Micha Tovar: Hello! We just wanted to share an update on Natsu! He is VERY ornery and is still obsessed with toys (he gets a new one at least every 2 days)! He is so spoiled and so loved! He is absolutely amazing. He loves movie nights on the couch, going to work with me, and loves going on car rides to pick his "Dad" up from work! So far he's found new love for: snow cones, doggy bacon-flavored ice cream, anything with a squeaker, and going to Grandma's house.



From Molly Schmidt: Jenkins and Lalan. Jenkins "meeting" the mailman for the first time!



From Kimberly Carman: Riley (formerly Dustin) has adjusted well to his new home. He was almost 24 lbs. last time we were at the vet. We have an upcoming appointment soon for more vaccines and he is probably closer to 30 now. He is wild and crazy. He loves all of his humans but is definitely a mama's boy. So smart, already crate-trained and most of the way potty-trained. He is going to be starting training classes at PetSmart hopefully once he is fully vaccinated. He likes playing fetch and chewing on toys and everything he can get in his mouth so I definitely have to keep my eye on him. He loves laying in weird positions and chasing his tail.

From Zelda Underwood: Pixie MarcieBell is her official name. She is trying to boss us all around. She is using the potty pads I bought her (good girl!) She also took off in the snow three times if you can imagine that! She is entertaining—fights a 69 lb. lab for toys—it's hilarious. Oreo, the eldest cat, doesn't think much of her but Elsa, the youngest cat, actually tries to play with her. She likes to nap on my lap. We are all doing fine.



I am Yating and I adopted Owen and Oona about one year ago. We recently moved to New York. I think it's a good time to show you guys some pictures. They are almost adults now.



From Casey Meskil: I just wanted to let you know Bowser is doing great and making himself right at home. He fits in perfectly! He goes for lots of walks, car rides, and he has even been to the beach at Carlyle Lake. We are so glad we found him!



From Alicia Thompson: Rocky has adjusted so well and is getting to go on morning walks now that the snow is gone and the temps are getting warmer. He thinks the tiny bed is okay for him.



From Aaron Johnke: Brock says hello. He's doing great and he loves the kids and other dogs now.



Effingham County
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Effingham County Humane Society
5k Walk/Run

Saturday, April 30, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Midland States Bank
1201 Network Centre Dr
Effingham, IL 62401

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\$30.00 Entry Fee

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

SHIRT SIZE (circle one) SM M L XL XXL NONE

Name of affiliation of Club or Team _____

Waiver (MUST BE SIGNED)

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, my executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, and sponsors and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian if under 18 _____

No refunds will be issued for any reason. Must be registered by April 1, 2022 to receive t-shirt.

Hauk, Dan & Ginger
 Hawickhorst, Henry & Norma
 Hawickhorst, Richard & Wendy
 Heiden, Douglas & Sandra
 Henderson, Gene & Kathleen
 Higgs, Colby & Tracie
 Hilst, Tabitha
 Hollinshead, Neil & Stacey
 Holmes, Dinah
 Hopper, Barbara
 Huston, Tom & Carol
 Jessica Rene
 Johnson, Cheryl
 Keck, Brad & Leah
 Keenan, John & Susan
 Keith, Paul & Mary Ann
 Keller, Fanny Mae
 Keller, Scott & Jennifer
 Kersey, Jay & Ruth
 Kirkpatrick, Diana
 Klein, Michael
 Kuhn, Larry & Lynn
 Leach, Patrick
 Long, Sarah
 Longwell, Meghan
 Lucas, Sarah
 Luchtefeld, Charles & Karen
 Ludwig, Jamie
 Maisel, Vickie
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 Preski, RJ
 Preski, Treyton
 Pruden, Joan
 Reid, Brian
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 St. Elmo Pet Clinic
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 Schaefer, Ashley
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 Seiler, David & Susan
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 Sherrick, James & Sally
 Smith, Neil & Barbara
 Smith, Rachel & Chris Boehm
 Spawr, Karen
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Strzesak, Pam K.
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 Sullivan Bakery/Bliss Bakery & Cakery
 Tanner, Jordan
 Toney, Carol
 Tryon, Linda
 Underwood, Zeld
 Verdeyen, Jim & Sue
 Vergara, Fermin & Mandy
 Volt, Barbara
 Vonderheide, Blake
 Voyles, Brad & Maura
 Wagner, Jeff
 Walker, Marlene
 Webb, Amy
 Weidman, Todd
 Wells, David & Linda
 Welter, Amy
 Westendorf, Janice
 Wharton, Cathy
 Wiles, Debra
 Williams, Rex & Judy
 Winkle, Mark & Jennie
 Wistehuff, Christian
 Woodward, Lana
 Worman, Dennis & Lori
 Zerrusen, Leah

Evelyn "June" Meitzner
 Mark Pederson
 Billy Pevely
 Kenneth Rush
 Phyllis J. "Joyce" Schaefer
 Ronald "Mooner" Thoele
 Clemence J. "Clem" Vogt, Jr.
 Kevin M. Wentz
 Lacy Hauk (Dan & Ginger fur baby)

Memorial Bricks

Pat & Ruth Armstrong
 Rick & Ruth Eirhart

Red Bud Tree

ECHS - In Memory of Stephen Louis
 McEvers 4/13/1984 - 6/5/2021

In Honor

Chrissy Brown
 Jenni Fritcher
 Katelyn Homann
 Brian Poelker
 Kelsey Roberts
 Ashley Schaefer

In Honor of Fur Babies

Gracie, Victoria, & Winston Reitz

Pets Who Have Been Sponsored or Help with Their Medical Bills

Cat - Abraham
 Cat - Adam
 Cat - Little Bit
 Cat - Lucinda
 Dog - Johnny
 Dog - Yeti

Earth Day

Alexis Hall
 Katelyn Homann

Facebook Giving Tuesday

Amy Jo Kingery

Memorials

Lois J. Bone
 Norman "Norm" Caraway
 Dolores Fansher
 Helen L. Followell
 William "Bill" Griffith
 Henry "Hank" Hawickhorst
 Sydney Herrick
 James Lee Larimer
 Leroy Larimer
 Michael Long
 Dave Mayfield
 Phyllis M. McDonald
 Stephen Louis McEvers

ECHS Tree Order Form (see page 3 for more info)

Yes, I would like to order a tree!

Emerald Green Arbor Vitae, \$90 ea _____ total

Oak, \$90 ea _____ total

Eastern Red Cedar, \$35 ea _____ total

In Honor/Memorial marker, \$40 ea _____ total

(ECHS will contact you about the marker)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

What We REALLY Need!

We at ECHS are often asked what our needs are at the shelter. The normal response is cleaning supplies, bedding, food, etc., etc. But today I can tell you unequivocally that our greatest need is **volunteers**. You can drive through Effingham today and almost every business has a sign out, **HELP WANTED**. Well, we are no exception. Here is the big difference—when a restaurant doesn't have enough people, they have to reduce their hours of operation. A costly experience for sure. We, on the other hand, have no options—the animals must be cared for.

Our feline friends need two volunteers every day to clean and feed them. Shifts are in the morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. depending on the population. The dogs on the other hand, require 6 volunteers every day. Two in the morning at 8:00 a.m. to clean, feed, and walk. Two in the afternoon to feed and walk around 3:00 p.m., and two in the evening around 8:00 p.m. to just let them out in the outside pens to do their business.

Some volunteers like to sign up for the same time slot and day of the week every week. That's fine but

not necessary. The staff sends out a calendar on a regular basis showing what times we need help and you can sign up as your schedule permits.

If you can help, please call or go online and fill out a volunteer form. You will be provided training by one of our senior volunteers so you'll know how everything works. I can tell you personally that it is a fun and rewarding experience.

Can you find 2 hours a week to help the animals? ■

Mark Clineff, ECHS Board President



HELP US SAVE A HOMELESS DOG OR CAT TODAY!

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