

Kankakee County Humane Foundation

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Letter from President

Welcome to the first newsletter of the newly formed organization The Kankakee County Humane Foundation. While contemplating what I want to convey to the reader in this letter the word that keeps coming back is pride. I am so proud of the entire operation of our animal rescue and I am hoping you will feel the same pride as you read this newsletter and get a sense of where we are headed. Two organizations: The Kankakee County Humane Society and the Kankakee County Animal Foundation have worked for some time moving the cause of animal rescue and education forward. Now that we have merged into one organization we are re-energized and doing more good work than ever.

The newly combined Board of Directors is full of passionate caring people that are dedicated to our mission. I am so proud of how these people worked together over the last months to retain the most important activities that further our cause and put aside the duplications or drains on resources. The new board of directors is a group of hardworking folks who have no problem getting their hands dirty and I am truly proud of them.

Along with our totally re-energized board we have a dynamic staff headed by our new Kennel Manager Marilyn Spenard. The energy at the shelter is positive and very service oriented. No one should hesitate to contact the shelter with questions about our animals or any of our operations as we have openness among our shelter staff that is refreshing. The shelter has been blessed with caring dedicated staff as long as I know, but this group of folks is truly outstanding. I am proud of the work Marilyn, Mike, Brad, Gerlanda and Emily are doing; we and the animals we help are blessed by their dedication.

As you read through this newsletter and get a sense for where the new Humane Foundation is headed I hope you will consider lending a hand. You can help through volunteering your time or through financial contributions, but, your help is always needed. I am confident that as you get involved with our mission

and this group of people you too will feel pride in being a part of this Kankakee County Humane Foundation. Together we can make a real difference in the lives of animals and people.

David M. Cook, President of Board of Directors
Kankakee County Humane Foundation



Daisy is a 7 year old Lhasa Apso waiting for a home.

Meet The Board and Staff

Staff:

Marilyn Spenard– Kennel Manager
Mike Hogan– Kennel Assistant
Brad Regnier– Kennel Assistant

Board:

David Cook– President
Bob Dorr– Vice President
Brenda Albers– Treasurer
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Andrea Hendricks
Karen Lewellen
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Gerlanda van de Maat
Sue Wolfe

Featured Pets

Kimmy is a 1 year old domestic short hair spayed female. She came to us from Animal Control a couple months ago because they thought she was highly adoptable but they were running out of space. Kimmy is a sweet kitty who loves to play with toys all day, but she is a little stressed out being at the shelter. She has been licking herself a lot and it is causing some hair loss. This is often common behavior when cats become stressed. Cats like consistency and predictability, and change can be stressful for them. A recent move, the addition or loss of another pet in the home, or even a change of schedule can cause anxiety in cats. There are ways to combat this problem. Find out what your cat likes, whether it's cuddle time with you or a favorite toy. When bringing a new cat home who is stressed, make changes or introductions gradually. Bring familiar items (such as bedding or toys) to the new home. Add cat-friendly vertical space - high places where cats can retreat and feel safe. Keep their environment stimulating by finding time to play with them each day. Compulsive licking can be controlled with a little time and patience. Kimmy is looking for that special someone who can cuddle with her and help her relax and enjoy the life she was meant to have.



Two Awesome Dogs with Some Special Needs

Oreo

Oreo is a six month male pointer/lab mix who was born to a feral mom in December but was not rescued until April. He was born under a barn with his three puppy mates and had no human touching until he was rescued. His feral mom taught him to run from people and hide back under the barn. He is a one person/couple dog and bonds to his new owner quickly once trust is established. He is loving and likes to cuddle with the people he has come to trust. He does not bite or snap but may hide and growl when frightened of new people. He is neutered and up to date on all shots and 90% housetrained. He loves to go for long walks and loves other dogs. A quiet life with someone who has time for him would be best, and no small children as that is too much activity and movement for him. A fenced in yard would be preferred and he is currently being trained on the Invisible Fence system at his foster home. For more information about Oreo or to arrange a time to meet him, call Gayle at 815-932-0182.



China



China is a four and a half year old black lab mix female who is affectionate and loving but a one person/couple dog. She is not good with other animals in the house and would need to be an only pet. She bonds with her new owner quickly and will love you to death and be a loyal pet for the rest of her life. She is spayed and up to date on all shots. A fence would be helpful, but what she really wants is human attention and love. She does not bite or snap and loves to play and be with her people. She just needs to find the right people to give her the time and attention she deserves. She does not crate well. For more information about China, call the shelter and arrangements can be made to meet her as she is in foster care.

Mark Your Calendar!

Events



June 19- Petsmart Adoption 11-1 PM
June 20- Charity Auction, River Valley Auctions
October 24- Shop and adopt Civic Auditorium, Kankakee.
October 30- Howloween Fest, Kankakee County Fairgrounds.

Annual Charity Auction to Benefit Kankakee County Humane Foundation.
We are a no kill shelter for cats and dogs waiting for homes.

Sunday, June 20, 2010

1:00PM at River Valley Auctions in Kankakee

General household items, tools, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, etc. will be available.

We are a 501(C)(3) charity and will provide a receipt on your purchases for tax purposes.

Donations for the auction needed. Call Gayle to come pick up your items at 815-932-0182, or arrange a time to drop off at the site.

All donated proceeds go to KCHF. Consignments possible on higher end items.

Come enjoy the afternoon with us. Great items will be sold to help the animals at the shelter.

Dog Day Afternoon A Success!

Recently we participated in Dog Day Afternoon at Perry Farm in Bradley. KCHF along with approximately 50 other vendors hosted booths with information and goods to purchase. Dogs of all ages, breed, and size came together for fun, games, contests, treats, socialization, and plenty of exercise. Each year that we participate in this event it is always rewarding for the dogs and the volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and see us.



Shelter Hours

Monday- Noon-4

Tuesday- Noon-4

Wednesday- Noon-4

Thursday- Appointment only

Friday- Noon-4

Saturday- 11-4

Sunday- Appointment only

Hours may change from time to time so watch our website to keep updated.

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“Ask Lori”



Lori Berg, Certified professional dog trainer, author and Founder/CEO, The Schatzi Foundation, a not for profit therapy dog organization. Lori is a canine education specialist. Owner of Rock of Ages Kennel, along with her husband Michael (Master Dog Trainer) together they have over 45 years of dog training experience.

Lori is available by appointment, teaching group and private students, basic through advanced obedience, therapy, and house protection.

Here are some frequently asked questions...

1. Dear Lori, I recently adopted a 5 yr old dog from the shelter, is it too old for training?

Some people debate whether or not it is possible to train puppies, and others ask whether it is possible to teach an old dog new tricks. The answer to both questions is YES. Whatever the age of your dog, the right time to begin training is right now! The most important time in your dog's life is right now. Your dog's behavior is constantly changing. A dog that is well-behaved today will not necessarily remain that way forever. New problems can always develop. Existing problems can always get worse. Enroll in a dog obedience training class to learn the basics, training opens up a line of communication between you and your dog, and will help to develop your relationship.

2. Dear Lori, I've been late for work a couple times because my dog will not come in when called, please help before I lose my job.

Refusing to come inside when called is a bad habit the dog has been allowed to develop. Your job is to create a new habit. You have to create a positive end to the process, a payoff, a reward. One way is to give the dog water, food or that special treat when it comes in, instead of when it goes out. When you have to go out and get the dog, don't exhibit anger or threats, calmly walk to the dog with your lead and a "special treat" in hand, put your dog on the lead, give the dog the treat and calmly walk into the house together. At least your dog will learn not to be afraid of you as you approach causing it to run away as you get closer. This is one way to create a new habit for the dog to come when called.

You may submit your questions to Lori Berg at dogtrainer@dogmail.com and she will randomly select questions for the next issue. She is well versed in canine training, behavior, first aid and also a canine legal expert for a panel of attorneys across the United States.

Pet Memorial Bricks

Have you recently lost a beloved pet and want to honor it in a unique way? We have created a pet memorial garden at Whispering Willows Park, Bourbonnais (1451 N. 4000 E. Rd.). This is a great way to honor your furry friends who have been a huge part of your life and have passed on.

Engraved bricks honoring your pet may be purchased at \$50 each. These bricks will pave the ground around a bronze sculpture created by Chicago area artist, Vincent Hawkins. Proceeds from these will help us continue to provide care for our current residents at the shelter who are waiting for their forever homes.

The pet memorial project began in 2005 and is the only one of its kind in the area. We have worked hard to obtain donations from area businesses and individuals to make this project possible. Many donations ranging from bricks to gravel have helped us get started with little cost to our budget.

Bricks are 4 x 8 inches in size. Text may be engraved on two to three lines at 13 characters per line. For more information on purchasing a memorial brick to honor your pet, phone the shelter at 933-5999.

It's a wonderful way to honor past pets, and provide help for future pets.

Feral Cats and Dogs

Feral cats and dogs are simply domestic animals that are born and live without human contact. They should not be confused with wild or stray animals. Wild cats and dogs are descendants of wild species. Stray cats and dogs are homeless or abandoned domestic animals, but unlike ferals, have had prior contact with humans and therefore exhibit a temperament similar to that of a domestic pet. You may be familiar with stray cats or dogs around your home. You may even feed them or play with them. Then there is the ever feral animal running around and when you get within its sight, it runs for its life. Feral animals are basically conditioned to fear humans. But many can be rehabilitated. Kittens and puppies that are born wild can usually be turned around with just a little time and effort.



Population control is desperately needed to reduce the amount of ferals and the problems they may bring. Live traps are often used to capture ferals and transport them to a vet to be vaccinated and spay/neutered. Many local vets have low cost programs to spay/neuter ferals so they can be released and not reproduce. Rescuing these feral animals early is the key to their survival. Typically the age range for a feral cat is 2-5 years as compared to a house cat that can live 20+ years with proper diet and care. The kittens in the photo here were born feral. They had no human contact until they were six weeks old. They are now at our shelter and are warming up to people every day. Their first night in our care they were already litter trained. They are sweet little girls who are looking for a good home that provides them with the love and care they

have not had until now. Stop by to see them and maybe your home can become their new home.

You Can Help In Many Ways. Become a Volunteer or Member Today.

Yes I want to be a KCHF Volunteer

Name _____

I cannot participate at this time, but I have enclosed my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

Address _____

Yes, I want to become a KCHF member
(circle one)

City _____

State, Zip _____

Life- \$250 one time

Phone _____

Family- \$30 annual

Email _____

Individual- \$20 annual

Senior (age 62+)- \$10 annual

Corporate/Business- \$250

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We have now partnered with Dr. Diane Fedrow and County West Animal Hospital to assist you and your pet with reasonable rates, comfortable surroundings, and friendly staff.
We have implemented a voucher system for qualified individuals. Call us to see if you qualify.



Help us win a grant.....go to the following site and vote once a day until August.

Go to www.TheAnimalRescueSite.com.

Click the lavender tab "click here to give".

At the very top of the next screen is a banner: "Help your favorite animal shelter". Click "Vote Today".

Do a Search for Kankakee County Humane Foundation and choose the one in Kankakee. Identify the animal in the picture, to confirm your vote. Done. After you have voted once, the same organization will come up each day for you to vote for again. We need all the votes we can get. Thanks!!!

Donate online through safe and secure paypal. www.k3humanefoundation.org