


TAILS FROM THE FURSIDE

SPRING 2025

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Thanks to you, 2024 another year of lifesaving

By Evelyn Taylor

APL took in 2,172 cats and dogs last year. Sure, staff members and foster caretakers provided the hands-on care every animal received, but it's donors who sustain the operation of our shelter and spay/neuter clinic. Our success relies on the support of animal-loving people whose devotion to their own cats and dogs extends to those that they may only see in the pages of this newsletter.

We invite you to view the numbers in this issue as a measure of your commitment to the welfare of cats and dogs. Take credit for making it possible for APL to employ staff and veterinarians who are compassionate and committed to doing the very best they can for every animal that comes through our doors. Consider the possibility that it was your donation that provided the antibiotics that staved off dangerous infections or made possible the emergency surgery on a dog or cat critically injured by a vehicle strike. Accept our heartfelt thanks for your lifesaving support.

We pledge to continue in 2025 to provide hope and help for the most vulnerable animals—the sick, injured, very young and very old, and those that have never known the gentle touch of a human hand. It's what APL has done in the seventy years since our founding. And we will continue to do so with your support.



*This little
guy and three
of his siblings spent time in a foster
home in 2024 until old
enough for adoption.*



*Franklin's life changed for the better when he
went to a foster caretaker as a shy, stressed out, and
cranky kitten. His foster caretaker patiently nurtured
him before adopting him in January 2025.*





Spring 2025

Tails From the Fur Side is published four times a year for members of APL, which is dedicated to caring for ill, injured and abused homeless animals and coordinating the adoption of those animals by responsible pet owners; it further is committed to ending companion animal overpopulation by offering high quality, low-cost spay/neuter services.

The board of directors meets regularly at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S Grand Ave West, Springfield, Illinois. Send inquiries and requests to be placed on the agenda to admin@apl-shelter.org.

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APL RESPECTS PRIVACY

It is the policy of the Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County to respect the privacy of its members and donors.

While the organization receives requests from time to time to share or sell its mailing list, the APL board has made it a policy not to sell or share its mailing list with anyone. Although funding is always a concern, the privacy of friends of APL is of greater importance to the organization and its leadership.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



Dr. Richard Speck

When I look at the amazing growth in service to the thousands of animals and people APL has touched in the past ten years, I can't help looking back at what and who brought us here, and where we are going. The *what* was the exploding number of animals needing medical care. Many people's attitudes toward animals and companion animals in particular are evolving. Increasingly, dogs and cats especially are regarded as members of the family. The *who* were the animal lovers dedicated to establishing the APL Spay/Neuter Clinic, Shelter and staff to serve these animals. Happily, this number continues to grow.

One person who stands out to me in this effort is my good friend and devoted animal lover, the late Kevin Hyatt. Kevin was among those who envisioned what would be needed to meet the medical and other needs of animals in ten, twenty, and fifty years into the future. Primary among these was a first-rate, spay/neuter clinic. Until the flood of homeless animals could be staunch, we'd never be able to put a dent in the suffering of unwanted animals.

The answer was the Spay / Neuter Clinic. Its creation took a whole lot of planning by many skilled and dedicated people. The funding, purpose and design of the clinic had to be fine-tuned. The voices of APL supporters were sought and valued. All the usual concerns of such a project as its exact location, the money to build it, equipment needed, the people to staff it and more were carefully examined.

Kevin's many skills included being an experienced electrician and plumber. In addition to his regular job, he built houses. He and I spent many hours discussing how to deal with all aspects of getting this project off the ground and bringing it to fruition. When construction began on APL

property, Kevin pitched in and did a lot of the physical labor.

The facility has exceeded our expectations. To date, 213,360 dogs and cats, primarily cats because their numbers are greater, have been spayed or neutered. *Think* about how much animal suffering has been prevented.

All of this is intertwined in my mind with Kevin and our strong friendship, his amazing range of skills, and our discussions about the future of APL and animal welfare.

It brings me to the challenges we are facing now about the growing needs of homeless animals and how APL can best meet them. I always shall miss Kevin's abilities and vision for what is to come. Yet I draw on these previous experiences to address APL's current efforts to move to the next level of service. As before, we need to address what animals will need ten, twenty, and fifty years from now. What kind of facility will the animals require? How far will our helping hand extend? We have top notch staff focusing on these concerns and more. Our Executive Director Deana Corbin is leading the charge. She is communicating with people locally and nationally about what APL's future should look like. She is drawing on a wide range of people with expertise. I am confident we'll succeed. This is the way things should be. Skilled leadership stands on the shoulders of exceptional people who have gone before them.

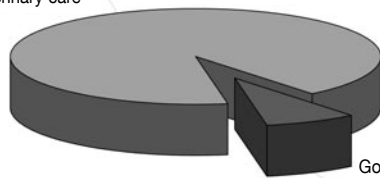
As we move forward, part of me imagines Kevin walking across APL's gravel drive toward me, with that smile on his face, eager to pitch in and help wherever he could. Some friendships *do* last forever.

Richard L. Speck, DVM
President

APL SPENDS YOUR MONEY WISELY

95%
Medical supplies, food,
daily care, vaccines,
spay/neuter,
veterinary care

95¢ of every \$1.00 received in
unrestricted contributions goes directly
to program support



5%
Government-required
annual audit, utilities,
phone, insurance

APL's Mission

The Animal Protective League is dedicated to caring for ill, injured and abused homeless animals and coordinating the adoption of those animals by responsible pet owners; it further is committed to ending companion animal overpopulation by offering high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter services.

A year of lifesaving

Shelter intake 2024

Dogs	.....210
Puppies (<5mo)	....113
Cats	.....765
Kittens (<5mo)	..1,084
TOTAL	.....2,172



Their owners wanted a Pickle. Pickle was with his mother and two siblings when the little family was brought to the shelter as strays on June 5, 2024. He was adopted two months later.

Pickle the pup was transferred along with his eight three-week-old siblings to APL from another rescue on March 14, 2024. He was adopted on April 30, 2024.



Off-site adoptions

Have you ever thought to yourself, “I can’t go to the shelter because I’d want to bring all the animals home?” Well, you don’t have to do either! With adoption events every weekend at PetSmart in Springfield, there are plenty of opportunities to see cats (and sometimes dogs). Our mobile adoption unit carries them to special events, and others are available during store hours at PetSmart in Forsyth, Pet Supplies Plus in Springfield, and the downtown cat café.

Longtime adoption partner, PetSmart in Springfield, accounts for nearly three-quarters of APL’s off-site adoptions, thanks to volunteers who talk with potential adopters and complete required forms on notebook computers. It helps that we send cats to PetSmart that are deemed most likely to be comfortable in an unfamiliar setting.

What do we do when we have a perfectly nice, adoptable cat whose behavior in our shelter is off-putting to potential adopters? They go to the Cats’ Pyjamas Cat Café in downtown Springfield. There, after a period of acclimation, they are allowed to roam freely and interact with customers. It’s a great place for a cat to show off his good qualities and encourage a customer to adopt him.

Adoptions by offsite location

PetSmart, Springfield	.....444
PetSmart, Forsyth	.....95
Pet Supplies Plus, Springfield	....6
Cats’ Pyjamas Café	.....43
Mobile adoption unit	.....24*
TOTAL	.....612

*Adoptions were under-reported for a half-year. Improved tracking implemented in mid-2024 will provide a truer number in 2025.



Handsome Hopscotch was surrendered on November 4 to APL because his owner couldn’t afford his care. Two days later he was off to the Cat Café. Relaxed and happy, Hopscotch was adopted on November 22.



Round up your credit and debit purchases to help cats and dogs

Rounding up is an easy way to donate to APL, and all those less-than-one-dollar donations add up to make a big difference. To start, grab your credit and debit cards, go to APL’s website, and set up your account. You may link multiple cards!

Receipts are provided for tax purposes, and

participants may cancel at any time. Frequent card users will likely exceed the \$9.99 per month minimum. If not, the amount will be rounded up to \$10, meaning if you’ve accumulated \$8.78 through your purchases, an additional \$1.22 will be added so that your total donation is \$10.



Deana Corbin
and Ping



Large dogs like Lucille often stay in the shelter longer before adoption. At 75 pounds, Lucille is a sturdy gal who came to our shelter in November 2024 and is ready for a new home. The two-year-old pit bull mix loves a good game of fetch, and she especially enjoys playing with other dogs. Call our shelter to make an appointment to meet her.

Reflections of the **EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR**

A look ahead

With 2024 behind us, we look forward to making a lifesaving difference for thousands of cats and dogs in the year ahead. But, like all animal-welfare organizations—especially those that operate shelters—APL faces many challenges for which there are no easy solutions.

In some ways, the issues we face are circular: There is a nationwide veterinarian shortage, with fewer working in private practices, and even fewer in animal sheltering. Demand has fueled higher veterinary fees, which makes owning a pet more costly. Fees for spays and neuters at private clinics run into the hundreds of dollars, if not more, leaving some owners unable to afford surgeries, let alone the care that prevents disease, heartworms, fleas, and tooth issues. Often, those pet owners turn to APL for assistance—and we help as we can—but even our veterinary staff cannot meet the demand.

The lack of affordable, pet-friendly housing has contributed to the surrender of cats and dogs, not just in our shelter, but in shelters around the country. Large dogs are especially a concern, and we've seen a growing number of them that often stay in the shelter longer before adoption.

Staffing is an issue nearly

everywhere in the U.S., and APL is no exception. APL's staff turnover rate in the shelter is equivalent to the national average—33.3%, one-third of employees, leave after less than a year—reported by the most recent study by the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement. Although some move on for better pay or



Shelter work is rewarding, but it can take a toll physically and emotionally on staff who care for them. Two APL staff members examine one of the most fragile animals that enter our shelter—a very young kitten.

because their living situations have changed, the study cited two primary reasons for staff turnover: the availability of jobs in the private sector and compassion fatigue. The latter is the mental and emotional toll of caring for animals in a shelter.

There is no question that staff members become attached to particular cats and dogs, especially those that have been in residence for a significant amount of time. Given APL's priority of taking sick, injured, and abandoned animals, it stands to reason that our staff may experience increased stress from caring for animals in pain, distressed by their new surroundings, and those not responding to treatment.

Certainly, APL has its own unique challenges, a significant one being our aging shelter building. At the time of its purchase in 1999, it was serving as the office and manager's residence for the campground that has become APL's campus. It is rumored that the second-story addition was a barn moved decades ago from elsewhere on the property. Over the years, we have found new ways to expand and improve the utility of the shelter building, and we'll continue to do so.

We remain committed to caring for the cats and dogs who need us most—the sick, injured, abandoned, and those at risk for euthanasia at over-crowded shelters and animal control agencies.

Thank goodness APL has supporters that are no less committed.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

Upscale Collectible Sale

.....location and dates to be announced

Mobile Adoption Unit (MAU), Petco,

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.first Saturday every month

Flower Basket pick up at shelter, noon to 5 p.m. ...May 9-10

Spring Trivia Night, Grand Columbian Hall,

2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd.May 16

Donuts and Dogs 5K Fun Run final packet

pick up at shelter 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.June 6

Donuts and Dogs 5k Fun Run, Southwind Park,

9 a.m. to noonJune 7

JV Car Wash, Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave.,

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.June 28

Service-cat story a winning entry in Petco competition

We're not the only ones who delighted in the story of the adopted APL feline who monitors the welfare of a toddler named Zuri ("Former APL cat an unexpected service animal," in our Summer 2024 issue). Judges loved the story so much that it was one of 25 winners in the Petco Love Story competition, which earned prizes for Zuri's family and a \$25,000 grant for APL.

Zuri's mother Amy submitted the winning entry, which featured the text of Zuri and Minni's story authored by APL's development director Alexis Haven. Minni was adopted as a three-month-old kitten in October 2023 as a companion for Zuri, who was beginning treatment for diabetes. In addition to being cute and playful, Minni senses when Zuri's blood-sugar levels are off and runs to lie by her feet. Minni even alerted Zuri's parents of an impending seizure before one of the toddler's monitors sounded an alarm!



Zuri and her mother (standing center left) posed with APL staff and board members at the Petco check presentation.

On Saturday, February 8, the connection between kid and cat and APL was recognized with a check presentation at Petco's Springfield location. We are grateful to Zuri's mother Amy for sharing Zuri and Minni's remarkable journey with us and to Petco for the generous grant.

Thanks to area businesses

APL is grateful for the support of area businesses that raised money and collected donations through our annual holiday Giving Tree

Giving Tree

Clothes Mentor, Coble Animal Hospital, County Market (Chatham), County Market on Carpenter, County Market on Dirksen, County Market on Monroe, County Market (Sherman), Die Hard Games, Farm & Home Supply, Green Hyundai on Dirksen, Green Certified West, Green Hyundai on Stanford, Harvest Market, Hair Shanty, Hy-Vee, Just Right Eating, Mariah's Steakhouse & Pasta, Montvale Estates, Moxie Massage, Office Depot, Petco, Peterman Financial Group, PetSmart (Springfield), PetSmart (Forsyth), Price Cutters (Auburn), Rocki's (Auburn), Save-A-Lot, Schnucks on Sangamon, Smoothie King, Springfield Dental Care, Unique Enchantments, Pizza Ranch, Suds N' Pups Grooming, Galaxy Hair Design, Mockingbird Bakery (Rochester), Silver Sevens Gaming Parlor, Pet Supplies Plus (Chatham), Pet Supplies Plus (Springfield).

Have a Heart

Baskin-Robbins on Chatham Rd., Baskin-Robbins on MacArthur Blvd., Capitol Illini Veterinary Services on Wabash Ave., Coble Animal Hospital, Curve Inn, Damon Priddy (State Farm agent), Die Hard Games, Food Fantasies, Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta, Galaxy Hair Design, Gyro Stop on MacArthur Blvd., Hair Shanty, Hall's Harley-Davidson, Knox Knolls Autocare, Laketown Animal Hospital, Miles TShirts, MJ Kellner, Moxie Massage, Oh-Icee, Penny Lane, Pet Supplies Plus (Chatham), Pet Supplies Plus (Springfield), Pizza Ranch, Scoop Du Jour (Chatham), Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor, Smoothie King on Yucan Dr., Suds N' Pups, Tails to Remember, The Keep Store, Unique Enchantments, Weebles Bar & Grill, Who Does Your Hair?, Wild Birds Unlimited, Willow & Birch Salon.

NEWSBites

Today more than 80 million cats reside in U.S. homes, with an estimated three cats for every dog on the planet. Yet there's still a lot we don't know about our feline friends—including what they think of their owners.

National Geographic

Scratchers needed!

Cats love the cardboard scratchers that we place in their cages and in the shelter's open rooms, and we rely on generous donors to provide them. Please consider ordering some so that our cats can stretch, learn that scratchers are better than furniture, and work off stress.

Online ordering is easy, and the scratchers can be delivered directly to our shelter from these two companies:

<http://www.stretchandscratch.com>

and

<http://www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat>





Two-year-old Clarity came to APL from Sangamon County Animal Control. She was labeled a “Crabby Tabby” because she was decidedly unhappy at the shelter. What she needed was a foster home where she could relax and let down her guard. After a couple of months in foster care, she was placed in the shelter and later adopted in September 2024.

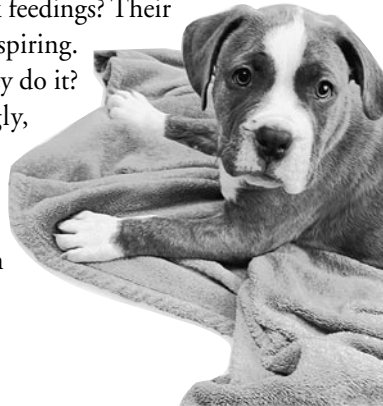


Socializing kittens is an important part of fostering, and Thistle was not cooperating with his foster mom in June 2024. “At first, he was spitting, swatting, hissing, and hiding and absolutely could not be picked up or handled,” said Erin. A later update reported that “my extra spicy guy is now mild and loving.” Thistle was adopted in late July.

Foster caretakers extend lifesaving

Thank goodness for foster caretakers. They extend APL’s lifesaving by taking cats and dogs into their own homes. Some are healing from injuries, recovering from illness, or just relaxing in quiet homes. But the number of kittens needing foster homes is huge by comparison. Kittens—singly and in litters—flood the shelter, especially from late spring to early fall. Some are with mothers, but many must be bottle-fed to coax them through their early weeks of life.

What can we say about the foster caretakers who gladly give the most fragile kittens round-the-clock feedings? Their devotion is inspiring. And why do they do it? Overwhelmingly, they cite the satisfaction of making a difference in an animal’s life.



Spike, a three-month-old described as a “sweet boy” who could be “vocal and super energetic,” needed a foster home where he could begin to learn his manners.

Make no mistake, though, puppies need fostering too. The really young ones cannot be vaccinated, making them vulnerable to viruses that older dogs can withstand. Moving them to foster homes keeps them safer from disease and provides important socialization that prepares them for adoption.

All told, 1,407 cats and dogs of all ages spent time in foster homes in 2024. Here’s the breakdown:

75% kittens
13% cats
8% puppies
4% dogs



This photo accompanied a June 12 plea for fosters “for teeny bottle babies and medical kittens.”

A great place to visit

APL is fortunate to have the Cats’ Pyjamas Cat Café, in downtown Springfield, as an offsite residence for a dozen cats or so while they await adoption. And they await adoption in greater comfort too. Many of the feline residents are testy

and defensive when caged, which is off-putting to potential adopters. Given the opportunity to roam freely, relax, and interact with café clients as they choose, the cats’ true personalities shine.



Tom Raymond, who owns the Cat Café with his spouse Samantha, plants a kiss on three-year-old APL cat Freddie Mercury, who is mostly blind with cataracts. Freddie arrived at our shelter on November 16, 2024, moved to the Cat Café on January 13, 2025, and was adopted a few weeks later.



Cats choose one of many homey resting places at the Cat Café, as well as who they choose to snuggle.



Barely a month old when he arrived as a stray at our shelter in late November 2024, Bagel lived with foster caretakers until he was old enough to live at the shelter. The cute tabby, though, was being passed over for adoption at the shelter. The Cat Café exposed the young fellow to a different audience, and four days after his arrival there on January 9, 2025, he was adopted.

More lifesaving through Barn Cat Program

The majority of adoptions occur in our shelter, but did you know that the spay/neuter clinic also adopts out cats through APL's Barn Cat program? In 2024, 164 cats determined to be unsocialized and unadoptable as house cats went to new outdoor homes. That's 164 cats that otherwise would have been euthanized at area animal controls.

Our barn cats come from animal control agencies across central and southern Illinois that otherwise would euthanize feral cats. Some of the barn cats even come with kittens, usually a surprise litter birthed shortly before they are transported to APL. In 2024 at least one cat gave birth to kittens en route from southern Illinois to our clinic. The kittens of unadoptable (feral) cats are especially vulnerable to euthanasia because animal controls don't have the resources to care for and raise kittens. APL takes nursing mothers and kittens into foster care where the kittens are socialized for adoption through our shelter. When the kittens are independent, the mother cat is spayed prior to her adoption to an outdoor home as a barn cat.



There's more good news. It turned out that 39 more cats thought to be feral by animal control were just so uncomfortable in the shelter that they were assumed to be unadoptable. Fortunately for them, they became what are humorously known as "barn cat rejects." They are the lucky ones. "Some of the nicest cats we've ever had came in as barn cats," says clinic manager Sarah Moore. Given time to relax—sometimes in APL foster homes and sometimes in the shelter or clinic—their friendly personalities emerge, and they are adopted to new indoor homes. A couple of the cats—Skye and Eddie—weren't good fits for either an indoor or outdoor home and now have a permanent home in the spay/

neuter clinic.

The clinic's lifesaving didn't stop there. APL veterinarians examined, vaccinated, and altered another 41 feral cats that came from Sangamon County Animal Control.

All told, 244 cats were saved by the Barn Cat program in 2024. April was a banner month, with 35 adoptions, three times the monthly average.



It was a case of mistaken identity!

Tinker was sent to APL from an area animal control agency in

March 2024 for barn-home placement with the warning that the cat was the "spawn of Satan."

Hardly. Tinker was quite a sociable cat with both people and other felines. While in the clinic, Tinker "fell in love" with another cat, Troy, and the pair was adopted into an indoor home with a staffer's boyfriend. "They were awesome cats," says Sarah.

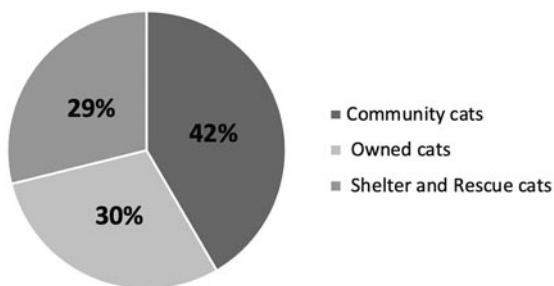
APL Spay/Neuter Clinic 2024 Surgeries

APL's spay/neuter clinic continues to reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies in Sangamon County and beyond. The charts here show a break down of cat and dog surgeries by category. Although the number isn't broken out in the charts, APL accounted for 19% of all cat spays/neuters, making us our own best client.

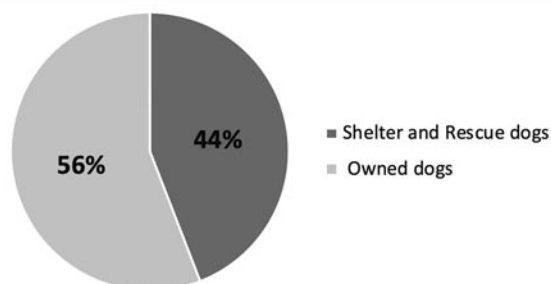
Did you know?

It's not warm weather that triggers reproduction in female cats and dogs, it's the length of daylight. Ten hours a day is sufficient, with Illinois hitting that marker in late January 2025! Twelve to 14 hours of daylight, though, is considered optimal, with Illinois experiencing a 12-hour day on March 20. With cats gestating for 63 to 65 days, it's easy to see why so many kittens are born in Illinois between mid-May and mid-November.

Cats altered by type



Dogs altered by type



The science behind shelter-dog sleepovers

By Evelyn Taylor

Your aluminum and scrap is life-saving!

Take your aluminum, brass, copper, and old radiators to Lake Area Recycling, 2742 South 6th St., Springfield, and ask them to credit the earnings to APL. We appreciate the company's support.



How do dogs feel when they are returned to the shelter after an overnight or longer stay in someone's home? Is it so hard on dogs to be returned after a fun, relaxing stay away that they'd be better off not leaving the shelter in the first place? For those who wonder if taking dogs into temporary homes is doing them a favor, researchers have responded with a resounding Yes!

How do they know such outings are beneficial? By measuring the stress hormone cortisol found in dogs' urine. Multiple studies—including ones supported by Maddie's Fund, Best Friends Animal Society, and others—found that cortisol levels dropped when dogs were in homes even just overnight, indicating lower levels of stress. And though cortisol rose following the dogs' return to the shelter, it did not rise beyond its pre-visit level. The takeaway: The impact of the visits is temporary, but positive.

What happens on overnight or longer visits that is so beneficial to dogs? Dogs have more interaction with humans and sleep better, both of which decrease stress as evidenced in lower cortisol levels.

The benefits don't stop there. Those overnight

and longer visits provide opportunities for dogs' caretakers to observe their behavior in a home, which can provide important insights into a dog's personality. For dogs that do not "show" well in their shelter kennels, such observations improve their chance for adoption. A 2023 Maddie's Fund research project at Arizona State University found that dogs spending time in temporary foster care are 14 times more likely to be adopted.

The impact of shorter outings does not have the same impact on a dog's stress level, but they nevertheless have a positive impact. Dogs on brief outings are more likely to be adopted because they are exposed to new audiences and potential adopters.

Doggy Day Out programs like the one APL offers yields other benefits. Taking a dog out for an afternoon isn't a big commitment, but it can inspire others to do the same, creating a lifeline for other shelter dogs.

In short, there is no downside to taking a dog out of the shelter for a short outing, overnight, a weekend, or a week. As the ASPCA noted in a summary of one study's findings, it's like "the way weekends help us unwind after a week of work."

Recent outings of APL dogs and cats



One of our shelter cats on a Thanksgiving sleepover enjoyed viewing the world at eye-level.

Doggy Day Out and holiday sleepovers provide opportunities for dogs and cats to spend time away from the shelter. Though afternoon outings don't reduce measurable stress levels in dogs, overnights and longer sleepovers do. In recent months, animal lovers have taken dogs and cats for Thanksgiving and Christmas sleepovers. And several dogs spent Valentine's Day this year playing and relaxing with the special people who took them out of the shelter for the day.



Lucas, who needs assistance walking because of a spinal injury, got a break from shelter life at Thanksgiving.



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Help us get free kitty litter

If you could get free toilet paper just for filling out a brief online form, wouldn't you do it? Lots of people would. We'll admit that the incentive for helping APL get free kitty litter may not be as enticing, but it sure would be a big help.

You are the key to APL getting free kitty litter through Cat's Pride's Litter for Good program. Just a couple minutes of your time on the program's website can be the difference between APL paying for litter or getting it for free.

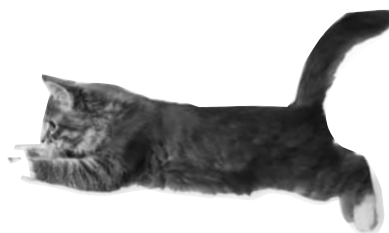
At www.catspride.com/littergood, click on the "Sign Up Now" banner and follow

the simple instructions to nominate (vote) for APL. Although it's called a membership, there are no requirements, and marketing emails (coupons, updates, cat tips) will be sent only if you check the "opt in" box to receive them.

If it's been a year or more since you identified APL as the shelter you support, please name us again. And we'd love to have new folks nominate us. More nominations for APL mean more free litter and more funds for cat and dog care. Sadly, toilet paper purchases are up to you.



Cute little Gabbi was adopted in February 2024.



Save your stuff for APL's annual sale!

You've got good-quality stuff that you don't need any longer. Other people will want it. Whether you donate stuff, buy stuff, or help in person, you make our annual Upscale Collectible Sale a success.

The sale is tentatively set for some time in April because we unexpectedly lost the commercial space we've used in recent years. We'll update you on time and place once they are confirmed. Of one thing we are certain: It's time to start setting aside items—furniture,

household goods, toys, home décor, new clothing, etc.—for the sale.



We'll get the word out about the location, drop-offs, and volunteering through postal mail, email, and social media.

You name it, chances are you will find it at our annual Upscale Collectible Sale. These fancy serving pieces were displayed last year in the antiques/collectible area.

We're still finalizing a place to hold our annual sale, but don't let that keep you from setting aside your donations of good-quality items.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE to benefit APL

Got a car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or RV that you'd like to donate to help our cats and dogs? You don't have to drive or tow it to a dealer! APL will take the vehicle off your hands and use the money to support our shelter operations. Donors will need a clear title to the vehicle and car keys. Vehicle donors incur no expenses—even for vehicles that are no longer in driving condition.

For additional information, call APL at 217.544.7387.



NEWSBites

According to a Pew Research Center survey, a staggering 97% of pet owners in the United States consider their pets to be part of their family; with roughly half of those owners saying their pets are as much a part of the family as a human member.

A special thank you

We are grateful to Genevieve and Joe Segretto for fully funding the purchase and installation of the commercial sink and faucet in the shelter's dog kennels. The existing faucet is temperamental, and the sink surface too small to accommodate the washing and draining of dog dishes. In short, every task performed at the sink on our dogs behalf will be more efficient. And as we all know, cleanliness is next to dogliness.

We could really use . . . an ultrasonic cleaner for surgical instruments

Surgical instruments used in our clinic must be cleaner than clean: they must be sterile to protect cats and dogs undergoing medical procedures. Preparing those instruments for use is a three-step process, and running them through an ultrasonic cleaning machine is critical to sterilization. You probably know where this is heading: we need a new one.

Ultrasonic cleaning is the second step, following an initial soaking and scrubbing of scissors, clamps, hooks, and other specialized items. Instruments are then immersed in a solution in the ultrasonic cleaner for deeper cleaning. High-frequency sound waves agitate the solution, creating microscopic bubbles that, in a matter of minutes, dislodge unseen contaminants from such tight places as the hinges on forceps and scissors. The final step,

sterilization, prepares surgical instruments for use.

A new ultrasonic cleaner will replace one that dates from the spay/neuter clinic's opening in 2006 and is so old that parts aren't available to repair it. We have selected a Midmark machine, a reliable brand known for its durability, availability of parts online, and excellent customer service. The

purchase and delivery of a new cleaner from our primary medical supply distributor will cost \$1,134.

Sure, cheaper machines are available online, but we need a sturdy one that will stand up to heavy use. We won't take chances given the importance of the machine to the health of animals undergoing surgery.

As always, we appreciate your donations for critically needed items. Funds collected that exceed our expenses will be used to purchase other essential equipment.



ANIMAL CARE

- Canned cat food (paté style)
- Canned dog food (ground style)
- Dry cat and dog food (any brand) for our Community Pet Food Bank
- Pet taxis—all sizes
- Dog and cat toys
- Corrugated cardboard cat scratchers (order through www.stretchandscratch.com or www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat.php)
- Clay kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Resealable sandwich bags (such as Ziploc)
- Resealable gallon bags

GIFT CARDS

- Walmart
- Amazon
- Office Depot



CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Bleach
- Toilet paper
- Trash bags—39 gal. or larger
- Paper towels
- Dryer sheets
- Distilled water

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- 8.5-by-11 copy paper
- Letter-sized manila file folders
- Sticky tack
- 9-by-12-inch heat laminating pouches
- First-class forever postage stamps

Ordering from our Amazon and Chewy wish lists is easy

APL has Wish Lists on Amazon and Chewy. For our Amazon wish list, go to our website—apl-shelter.org—and click on the icon at the top of the page. Finding our list on Chewy.com takes a few steps. On their main page, click on “Give Back,” then “Donate to a Rescue.” Enter “Animal Protective League” in the “Find a Shelter” box to access our list. Orders from both lists can be shipped directly to APL. Your donations of much-needed items conserves funds needed to provide veterinary care to cats and dogs. Thanks!

MISCELLANEOUS

APL gladly accepts the following gently used items with no holes, rips, tears, or frayed edges.

- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Hand towels
- Dog houses
- Wire dog crates
- Dog toys and cat toys
- Other pet supplies (collars, leashes, beds, etc.)

However, for sanitation purposes, we **cannot** accept pillows and used cat towers.

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Your donations of dry food for cats and dogs help ensure that beloved pets of owners on limited incomes get the nutrition they need.

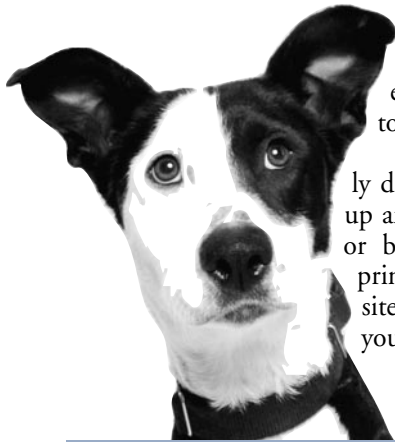


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Do you know why we print a list of monthly donors in each issue? It's to highlight the commitment that more than two hundred donors have made to support APL's work. Their automatic monthly donations provide financial stability that is especially important given the rising costs to run a shelter and spay/neuter clinic.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor yourself. It takes little effort to set up an automatic payment from a credit card or bank account. Just complete the form printed here, or download it from our website, www.apl-shelter.org. You'll be helping yourself and APL. Thank you!



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Looking for a way to honor or remember someone—or a beloved pet—with a donation? Take advantage of our Pen Pal program, which recognizes donations with a plate or plaque.

An engraved tag with your brief message will be affixed to a cat cage (\$100), outdoor dog run (\$100), or indoor dog kennel (\$250). Or sponsor a room (\$1,000) and have your message engraved on a plaque. Pen Pal plates and plaques are displayed for one year.

You'll find the order form on our website—apl-shelter.org. Click on "Donate," then "Pen Pal." We can also email or mail you a form. Just ask! Contact info@apl-shelter.org or phone 217.544.7387.

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In memory of Jack-Jack (dog run)
Jean Scherer

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Sandy White

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Here's my order:

I want to sponsor the following:

- ☐ \$100 cat cage
- ☐ \$100 outdoor dog run
- ☐ \$250 dog kennel
- ☐ \$1,000 room

Monthly donations support the care of dogs like Jupiter, who came to us in January 2025 with skin issues and still awaits adoption.



Please engrave the plate (cat cage, outdoor dog run, or dog kennel) with the following name/brief message

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to APL and mail to 1001 Taintor Rd., Springfield, IL 62702. Credit card payments accepted at the shelter and online at www.apl-shelter.org.

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Debra Stevenson
In honor of Zoey
& Daisy
Alene Hamilton
In celebration of Micah
& Veronica Walk's
recent anniversary
Sandy Walk

In honor of Robin
Patton's recent birthday
Tiffany
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Merry Christmas!
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In honor of
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In honor of
Carol Goldasich
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BOW Two-year-old Bow is a Lab mix with a gorgeous brown coat, stunning markings, and a little bob tail that never stops wagging! This handsome fellow is playful and simply has a blast outdoors chasing balls. A bit shy in new situations, given a bit of time he'll become your affectionate and snuggly buddy.



SCOTT Few cats are more distinguished than one decked out in a tuxedo. Six-year-old Scott is mature and debonair. Neutered in our clinic when he arrived in February, you won't have to worry about him catting around the neighborhood. Instead, he'll be happy to just hang out with you.



ZEKE Zeke is a two-year-old retriever-lab mix with lots of energy and a personality that shines! Athletic, playful, and goofy, Zeke loves to have fun, especially when it comes to playing fetch—his favorite game—especially in the snow! He's smart and knows such commands as "sit," "lie down," and "shake."



YONA Meet Yona, a sweet, gentle three-year-old beauty who is looking for a peaceful home to call her own. She's an independent girl who loves her space, but she's always up for some love and affection. Curling up in a cozy bed for a long, restful nap is her favorite pastime.

JAGGER We would like nothing more than to find the perfect home for eleven-year-old Jagger, who has struggled to fit in since he was returned to the shelter after nearly three years in a home. Jagger acts much younger than his age, enjoying lively games of fetch. Jagger would benefit from a crate filled with stimulating activities to keep him occupied and content during his owner's absences.



RITA Rita is an endearing eight-year-old patiently awaiting her forever family. Her gentle nature and tender soul make her a beloved friend to those who take the time to earn her trust. Rita's unique charm shines through, despite her initial shyness, and she has a knack for forming deep connections with those who show her kindness. Rita is declawed, so she must be kept indoors.



Check out these great cats and dogs—and lots of others—any afternoon from noon to 5 p.m. at APL's shelter, 1001 Taintor Road, north of the Illinois State Fairgrounds.