

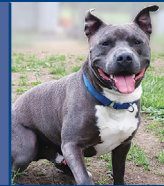
TAILS FROM THE FURSIDE

SUMMER 2025

A note from the editors: Our printer—BOPI—made us an offer too good to refuse: printing *Tales from the Furside* in **color for the same cost** as the two colors we've used for many years. It's kind of a big deal, but most important is reassuring APL supporters that we continue to spend your donations wisely. We hope you enjoy the new look.



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New FIP drug is a feline lifesaver

By Evelyn Taylor



Jenny arrived at APL in July 2024 at just one month old. The kitten was unbothered by her mismatched eyes, but she had persistent upper respiratory issues for months preceding the diagnosis of FIP. Treatment with molnupiravir began in late November and concluded February 12. A day later, she was adopted to the foster caretaker who had seen her through FIP treatment.

If you've known the heartbreak of watching helplessly while your young cat died of FIP, there's not just hope but a new, proven treatment for the nearly always fatal ailment.

FIP—feline infectious peritonitis—was once a death sentence for young cats. With no treatment available in the United States, desperate owners turned to the black market to purchase a drug primarily manufactured in China and available overseas for \$1,000 or more.

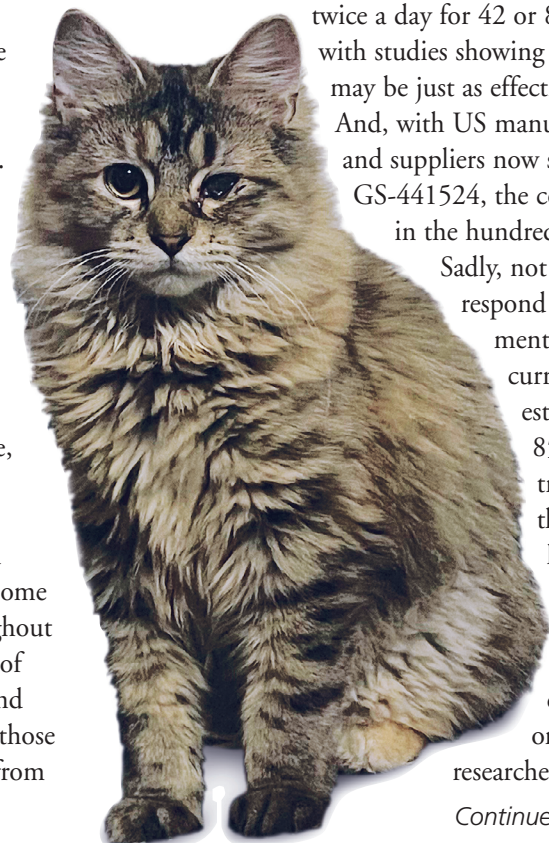
Much to the relief of cat lovers, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of lifesaving GS-441524 in 2024, paving the way for veterinarians to legally prescribe the drug beginning June 1, 2024. A second drug, molnupiravir, has become available since then, and though it doesn't have 100% approval by the FDA at this time, it may be used legally.

What is FIP? It's a disease triggered by a virus in cats that sickens only some cats with upper respiratory or digestive issues. But in some cases, the virus mutates and is carried throughout the body by white cells causing any number of symptoms, including weight loss, lethargy, and fever. Approximately 5% of cats—especially those younger than two years or already suffering from

a chronic disease—will develop FIP. Scientists are working on a diagnostic test for FIP, but none currently exists. The disease is typically diagnosed only after all other ailments have been eliminated.

Early treatment for FIP was administered by injection, but the approved formulation in the United States is in pill form. Patients are dosed twice a day for 42 or 84 days, with studies showing that 42 days may be just as effective as 84. And, with US manufacturers and suppliers now supplying GS-441524, the cost is now in the hundreds of dollars.

Sadly, not all cats respond to treatment, but current studies estimate that 85% of cats treated with the drug are healthy three years later. Studies of the new drug are ongoing, with researchers assessing



Jenny, photographed in June, is now a lovely, healthy adult cat.

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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

We often hear news reports about the growing number of animals, both domestic and wild, who need our help just to survive, let alone thrive. Providing food, sometimes medical care, shelter, protection from pain as well as having caring people help with additional needs both large and small, is important.

Doing even little things can make a big difference in the life and health of an animal. Here are some simple ways you can help dogs, cats, and wildlife in your community:

Keep your pets indoors or behind secured fences. Walk dogs (and cats!) on a leash when outdoors. An unexpected encounter with an untethered dog or a wild animal is risky.

Make sure your pets are spayed and neutered, and encourage others to do the same.

“Rewild” your garden. Plant native plants like milkweed to help pollinators and butterflies.

Reduce or eliminate pesticides used for lawn care. In the fall, resist the urge to clear your yard of leaves and spent plants, which may provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Make a compost pile. Compost is a food source and habitat for your outdoor friends, and it enriches the soil.

Enjoy wildlife from a distance. But should you encounter a wild animal in distress, call a wildlife rehabber before attempting to handle it on your own.

Clean your bird feeders to help prevent the spread of disease.

Provide clean water in all seasons, especially in the summer, and use heated bowls in the winter.

If there are stray and feral cats in your neighborhood, ensure that they are spayed or neutered, whether you feed them or not. Encourage your neighbors to do likewise.

Do not feed feral cats at night as it encourages wildlife to feed as well.

If there are free-roaming cats in your neighborhoods, set out feral cat houses in the winter. APL often offers them for free, and there are instructions on the internet for making warm, inexpensive, shelters.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the number of animals who need assistance. But changing our view from what we *can't* do, to what we *can* do, is a life-giving choice. Making the plight of all animals a priority ultimately will create a different world for them.

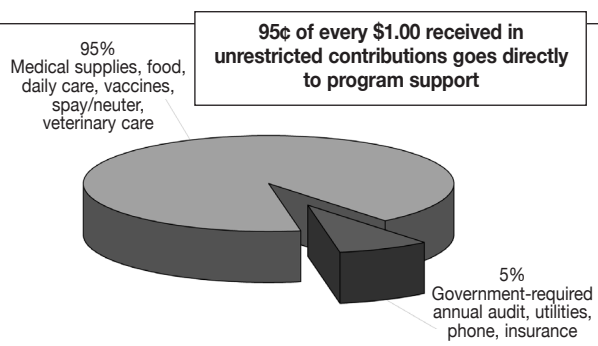
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Dr. Speck honored

Our own spay/neuter veterinarian Dr. Speck was chosen to throw the first pitch of the season at the home-opener of the Springfield Horseshoes in honor of his military service and community commitment. Speck served in the elite 82nd Airborne division of the US Army in the early 1970s.



APL SPENDS YOUR MONEY WISELY



APL's Mission

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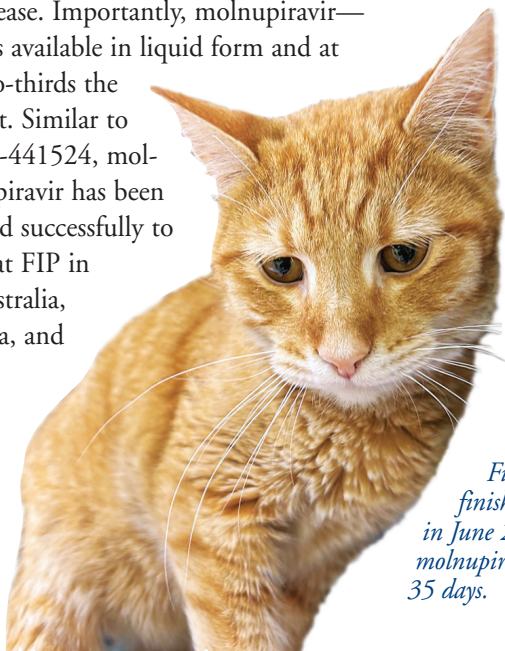
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the long-term impact of treatment. Still, at this point, GS-441524 may rightfully be called the miracle treatment for FIP.

Miracle Kitten Survives FIP

One year ago, the prognosis for five-month-old Jenny surviving FIP was extremely poor. She arrived as a stray at our shelter on July 28, 2024. At just four weeks old, the kitten appeared normal except for one small eye. However, during Jenny’s spay surgery, clinic veterinarian Dr. Richard Speck observed that her chubby belly was not pleasantly fat but rather filled with fluid—a hallmark of FIP.

Fortunately, Jenny was diagnosed early, before experiencing significant debilitation from the disease. Importantly, molnupiravir—was available in liquid form and at two-thirds the cost. Similar to GS-441524, molnupiravir has been used successfully to treat FIP in Australia, Asia, and



Five-year-old Tom Tom finished treatment for FIV in June 2025. He received oral molnupiravir twice a day for 35 days.

Europe in cases where GS-441524 was not effective.

Jenny—originally named Mercedes—began a 60-day course of treatment on December 14. Twice daily, she received the liquid form of the antiviral drug, with the dose tapered towards the end of her treatment.

Jenny recovered fully in February 2025 and was adopted by the staff member who fostered her during treatment. Brian renamed her Jenny, after the only known cat on the ill-fated ocean liner *Titanic*. But the “new” Jenny sailed through treatment and is now living her best life with Brian.

Newly available drugs—GS-441524 and molnupiravir—are saving the lives of cats with FIP.

Multiple scientific studies have shown the effectiveness of molnupiravir as a treatment for FIP.

	GS-441524 (n = 48)	Molnupiravir (n = 52)	p-value
Outcomes, n (%)			
Remission	48 (100.0)	51 (98.0)	
Death within 3 months of completion	0	1 (1.9)	1.000 ^a
Death after 3 months of completion	1*	0	
Total days of administration, median (range)	84 (84–192)	84 (84–100)	0.579 ^b
Values at the final treatment visit, mean (SD)			
Weight, kg	3.36 (0.803)	3.56 (0.862)	0.265 ^b
Temperature, °C	38.37 (0.234)	38.25 (0.366)	0.237 ^b
Hematocrit, %	39.63 (7.71)	40.42 (8.27)	0.651 ^b
Albumin/globulin ratio	0.71 (0.132)	0.69 (0.141)	0.359 ^b

^aOne cat, who had achieved remission and remained healthy at the 3-month post-treatment visit, later died from anemia 114 days after treatment completion.

*Fisher’s exact test.

^bMann-Whitney U test.

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Two can play that game . . . and so can four or five!

Playgroups at APL’s shelter continue to provide opportunities for socialization and exercise. Dogs are carefully selected for the playgroups, and they are observed while together for their safety and to identify the ways they engage with other dogs.

Their behaviors are recorded in such brief notes as: Mia is “dog tolerant, some push but minimal, prefers being chased,” Buster was rough and rowdy with some push and pull, and Mack avoided the other dog, and stayed near the gate. Such observations can help potential adopters determine which dogs are a good fit for their lifestyle.



Deana with Mayhem, a current office cat

Reflections of the EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR

We can't do everything, but we can do a lot

It's summer, the busiest time of year for animal shelters, and APL's is no exception. Every day, we are asked to take animals that owners no longer can keep, stray dogs with no identification, as well as cats and dogs that are sick or injured. Kittens arrive singly or in litters—the lucky ones with their mothers—from animal controls and the public.

We are so appreciative of those who make it their personal mission to find good homes for the strays they take in because APL simply doesn't have the capacity to take every cat and dog presented to us. We wish we could. But taking every animal would quickly overcrowd our shelter, overwhelm our ability to care for them, and compromise our mission of rescuing unowned, sick, and injured cats and dogs.

So, what *does* APL do to help? While we continue to take in sick, injured, and homeless animals, we are expanding support programs to help pet owners keep their pets.

The need for free pet food has never been greater. We have been able to provide it for cats and dogs whose owners cannot afford it through generous grants from the Springfield Rotary Foundation and four funds at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln—King's Daughters Organization Fund, Butler Community Endowment Fund, Dave Clinard & Dana Shanholtzer Fund, and an

anonymous donor. Unfortunately, demand continues to outstrip our supply, and currently we are looking for other ways to finance the food bank. Donations of dry pet food, as well as donations to purchase food, are greatly appreciated.

With an animal's behavior an often-cited reason for returning it to our shelter, we work with owners on training strategies. When an owner contacts us with the intent of surrendering a dog, we offer access (APL covers the cost) to the Good Pup app. Good Pup connects the user to a certified dog trainer who creates an individualized training program and provides one-on-one coaching to implement the plan. Our knowledgeable staff and veteran cat owners provide advice on such common issues as litterbox avoidance and scratching.

We work to keep pets healthy. Unvaccinated cats and dogs are susceptible to diseases that cost far more to treat than prevent. At our monthly low-cost clinics, staff veterinarians administer vaccines at reduced cost. Check out the clinic page on our website at www.apl-shelter.org for more information about upcoming vaccine clinic dates.

APL also works to find temporary homes for pets when their owners are facing temporary housing, health, or safety issues. Those fearing that their pet will be abused when a relationship ends can turn to APL to find a foster home until owner and pet can be reunited.

What if *you* can no longer keep a pet? Cats and dogs accustomed to living in homes may find shelters particularly stressful.

Re-homing them yourself is better for them and allows us to focus our resources on unowned, sick, and injured cats and dogs. Check out our website, www.apl-shelter.org/rehome-your-pet for links to websites that provide free community listings of pets needing new homes. Spread the word. Enlist the help of friends and family, post flyers in public spaces and in your veterinarian's office, and share on social media.

Summer is also a good time to foster APL animals. Warm weather brings a glut of kittens with needs ranging from bottle-feeding to simply a safe, loving place where they can grow to a healthy, adoptable size. Fostering is a great way to encourage responsibility and the development of empathy in children.

Foster homes are needed year-round for a variety of reasons. Some cats and dogs need a place to recover from sickness or injury, or just a quiet place where they can relax and learn to trust people. Fostering also makes it possible for APL to help more animals.

Let me assure you that we at APL are doing our best to meet the needs of animals—owned and unowned—and the people who love them. Still, please, if you can help a cat or dog that isn't yours or lend a hand to someone who needs help, I hope you will.

Interested in saving lives by fostering? Email aplfoster@apl-shelter.org. Foster coordinator Leah will be happy to hear from you.



Everyone can use a little help now and then. APL helps people and the animals they love by providing pet food for cats and dogs when times are tough.





New board members elected

What do a retired physician, an accountant, and a foodbank manager have in common? They are among seven new members of APL's board of directors. Their approval at a July 30 meeting expands the board to thirteen volunteers who oversee the governance of the organization. Of course, the new members are animal-lovers. They also bring a wide range of expertise and interests that intersect with APL's needs as we plan for the future.

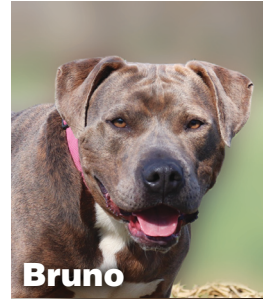
- Mary Bretscher, *Retired physician*
- Ethan Crain, *Environmental Protection Specialist, Illinois EPA*
- Connor Etheridge, *Commercial Banking, Hickory Point Bank*
- Sarah Hammond, *Senior Accountant, Sikich LLC*
- Tracye O'Connor, *Retired human resources professional*
- Karen Sanders, *Vice-President, Advancement/LLCC Foundation Executive Director*
- Karleen Wagoner, *Food Acquisition Manager, Central Illinois Foodbank*

The board is responsible for overseeing APL's mission, strategy, finances, and operations. All are committed to APL's success and growth. As with most boards, ours is not involved in day-to-day operations, which are overseen by the executive director and program managers. And though their volunteer roles do not require hands-on work in the clinic and shelter, they may well choose to perform tasks typical of our volunteers.

Expanding the board follows a lengthy review and updating of APL's bylaws, essentially rules and procedures establishing a structure for the organization, supporting smooth operations, and ensuring legal compliance for not-for-profits. Importantly, the revised bylaws include the processes by which board members are added and retired when terms are completed.

Additional board members will be elected to fill two remaining seats, bringing the total number to fifteen.

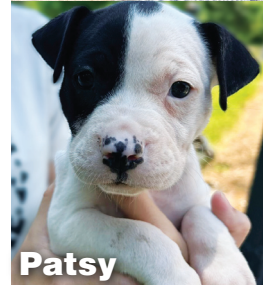
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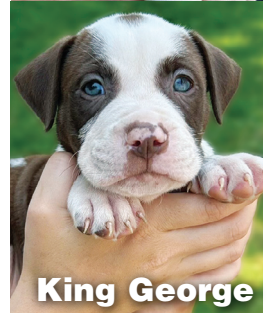
Bruno



Caramel



Patsy



King George

Thanks to you, we received a truckload of free kitty litter!

APL cats don't care where their kitty litter comes from, but we do! On June 16, 2025, we took delivery of a truckload of kitty litter—enough to last as long as six months! We got it for free, thanks to all of you who named APL as your favorite shelter!

The litter—15 pallets of it, weighing 30,420 pounds—was courtesy of Cat's Pride, which distributes free kitty litter to shelters like APL's based on the number of nominations (votes) received online at www.catspride.com/litterforgood. The voting is ongoing, so even if you've identified APL as your favorite shelter, you may do so again.

Sign-up takes only a few minutes. There is no obligation, and if you don't want to receive marketing emails (coupons, updates, and cat tips), you may opt out.

Please spread the word. Each person in your household may vote. Enlist your friends. Share on



APL received a free truckload of kitty litter from Cat's Pride on June 16, 2025. It's a lot of litter, but it won't last forever. Please continue to vote for APL at www.catspride.com/litterforgood

social media. Tell them that money we don't spend on kitty litter can be used for lifesaving veterinary care. Register at www.catspride.com/litterforgood. Thank you!



Meeting your pet's nutritional needs isn't complicated

Does your dog have an hourglass figure? He should, says APL shelter veterinarian Cathy Best. So should cats. Healthy cats and dogs have a waist when viewed from above, as well as easily felt ribs, spine, and hip bones under a modest layer of fat. What helps keep cats and dogs (and other animals) at a healthy weight? A consistent diet of appropriate food and adequate exercise.



Does this costume make me look fat? Bruiser was a little more than chubby when he was returned to APL after four years in a home. Fortunately, the dog wasn't within earshot when APL shelter vet Dr. Cathy Best labeled him a "sausage." Clearly overweight, he had rolls of fat across his shoulders and hips. Below right: Diet and exercise reduced Bruiser's weight to a healthy eighty-two pounds.

Advertisers would have us believe that we are failing our pets if we aren't feeding them "all natural," "fresh," and "grain-free" (read more expensive) foods. Brands heavily advertised on television are not necessary to maintain a dog or cat's health. What matters most

is that food is "complete," and you'll find many brands on your grocer's shelves suitable for your pet. Those will be labeled "complete," meaning they are considered nutritionally complete and balanced and are acceptable as the sole diet for your cat or dog. Dry, canned, and fresh food meeting those criteria will have the endorsement of the Association of American Feed Control Officials printed on the label.

Dogs and cats have different nutritional needs that change with their age or life stage (kitten or puppy, adult, pregnant, senior). Protein, fat, vitamins, minerals, and water are essential to animals in varying amounts, and carbohydrates typically are added as an energy source. It is important to read labels if you are looking for a special diet—your veterinarian can also prescribe one—to feed a cat or dog with kidney disease, diabetes, or allergies.

Still, dogs and cats can get too much of a good thing. Obesity in household pets is rising, with studies consistently reporting that more than half are overweight. And though those "chonky" cats and rotund dogs may look cute, those extra pounds contribute to arthritis, heart disease, and diabetes. Quality of life is reduced when a cat or dog cannot move freely because of pain or weight, and the resulting lack of exercise leads to muscle loss and declining body condition. To be blunt, obesity is likely to reduce your pet's lifespan. Follow the advice of your veterinarian about a weight-loss diet.

Dogs and cats are no different than humans when it comes to the importance of diet and exercise. Regular walks and vigorous play contribute to

fitness by strengthening muscles, promoting flexibility, and enhancing sleep. Games provide mental stimulation and boost the connection between an animal and his human.

No matter the age or size of your cat or dog, the best prescription for health and longevity is a proper diet and exercise. That should be easy to remember because it's the best for our readers too!

A winning loss

The aptly named Bruiser was meant to be a big dog. Just not that big! The Retriever/Labrador mix left APL's shelter in 2020 weighing a svelte 75 pounds. Returned four years later, in September 2024, Bruiser weighed a hefty, and unhealthy 105 pounds.

"He looked like a sausage on legs," said shelter vet Dr. Cathy Best. Bruiser had a roll of fat over his shoulders and another over his hips when he sat down. That additional 30 pounds not only ruined his hourglass figure but threatened his well-being. What to do? Bruiser's weight-loss plan was no different than the one most doctors recommend: eat less and move more.

After five months, Bruiser weighed a healthy 82 pounds. His ribs, no longer hidden under a layer of fat, are not prominent, but can be easily felt and vaguely seen, as experts recommend. And, fortunately for Bruiser's self-esteem, he is no longer compared to a sausage.

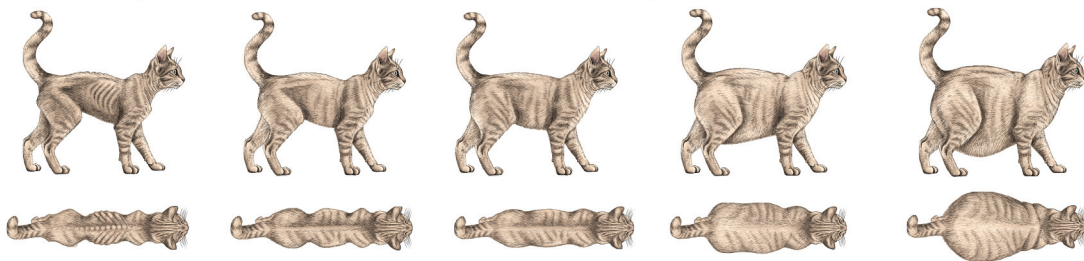


Bruiser is available for adoption as of August 1, 2025. The six-year-old retriever mix knows basic commands, is house-broken, well-mannered, and enjoys a mix of quiet time and play. Meet him any afternoon at the shelter from noon to 5 p.m.

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Body Condition Scoring Cats



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Very Thin

20%+ under ideal weight

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are visible (coat may interfere with visibility)
- Fat can not be seen or felt under the skin
- Obvious loss of muscle mass

Thin

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are visible (coat may interfere with visibility)
- Fat can not be seen or felt under the skin
- Obvious loss of muscle mass

Ideal

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily felt and may be visible (coat may interfere with visibility)
- A waist and abdominal tuck are seen when viewed from above and side
- Fat can be felt around ribs, spine and hip bones

Overweight

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are not visible and difficult to feel
- Excess fat is felt around ribs, spine and hip bones
- Waist and abdominal tuck are minimal or absent

Obesity

30%+ over ideal weight

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are difficult to feel under a thick layer of fat
- Waist and abdomen distended when viewed from above and side
- Prominent fat deposits over lower spine, neck and chest

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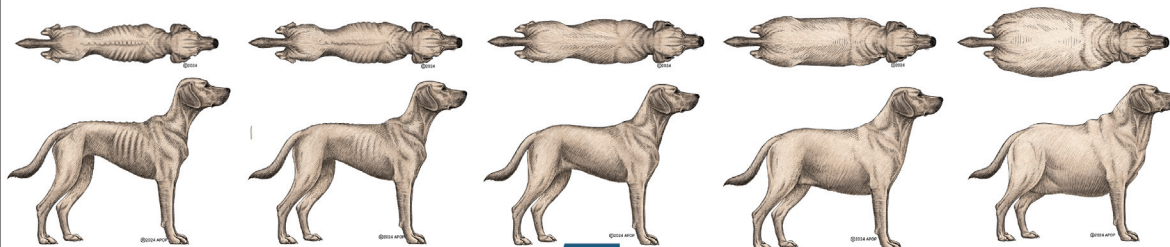
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Weight loss in dogs (and humans) typically boils down to two factors: diet and exercise.

Body Condition scores—these were prepared by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention—are easy-to-use guides for determining whether a cat or dog is obese. A number of studies agree that half or more cats and dogs are overweight and obese.



Body Condition Score (BCS) for Dogs



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Very Thin

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily visible (coat may interfere with observation)
- Fat can not be seen or felt under the skin
- Obvious loss of muscle mass
- Extreme waist and abdominal tuck

Thin

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are easy to feel and visible
- Fat can not be seen or felt under the skin, especially around the ribs and lower back
- Obvious waist and abdominal tuck
- Some muscle loss

Ideal

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are easily felt and may be visible (coat may interfere with visibility)
- A waist and abdominal tuck are seen when viewed from above and side
- Fat can be felt around ribs, spine and hip bones

Overweight

- Ribs, spine and hip bones are not visible and difficult to feel
- Excess fat is felt around ribs, spine and hip bones
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A good cat who's had bad luck

She's done nothing to warrant her return to the shelter, just the misfortune of having nonchalant owners. Linda is four years old, friendly, and would love to be in a home again. She'd love to meet you. Visit her at APL's shelter.

"In just over a year, we've fostered nearly 100 cats through our café. Every single one teaches us something new. While the café may feel lively at times, we work hard to provide the right balance of stimulation and sanctuary, just like a real home. Our cats always have safe, quiet spaces where they can retreat and reset."

Facebook,
Cat's Pyjamas Cat Café,
July 27, 2025

Volunteers honored

Three APL volunteers—Cadence Crolley, Andrew Weitzel, and Chris Zaccari—were among twenty-four individuals honored in April 2025 with Good as Gold Awards. They were recognized for their service to the community in an annual ceremony sponsored by the University of Illinois-Springfield, Junior League of Springfield, and the United Way of Central Illinois.

All three promote the adoption of APL dogs, with Andrew and Cadence taking dogs to offsite events and Chris taking photos of our canines that are used for adoption listings and social media. In addition, Andrew assists with Saturday adoptions at PetSmart and Cadence with APL fundraisers. Chris, says APL volunteer coordinator Carmen, can be found almost every week walking dogs in her spare time.



Left to right: Andrew, Chris, Cadence, and APL volunteer coordinator Carmen

Congratulations and thank you for donating your time to enhance the welfare of dogs in APL's care.

APL cats available at the Cat Café

Don't forget that you can meet APL felines at the Cats' Pyjamas Café in downtown Springfield. Up to a dozen cats awaiting adoption reside at the café at any given time.

The café is an important addition to APL's efforts to adopt cats into new homes. It also offers cats that are stressed at our shelter the opportunity to relax and enjoy a free-roaming environment,

making them more likely to find homes in a shorter amount of time. And every cat at the cat café makes room in our shelter to rescue more of them.

You'll find more information about volunteering, nearby parking, and the current cat occupants on the Cats' Pyjamas' website, www.spicatpjs.com.

Cat Café a godsend for Raffi

Fearful cats that hide in their cages and avoid contact with potential adopters, not surprisingly, have a hard time finding new homes. Raffi was fortunate . . . at first. He was adopted in March 2020 after just ten days in our shelter. Unfortunately, he was returned by his owner two-and-a-half-years later citing "skittishness" as the reason.

Adjusting to shelter life was difficult for Raffi; it usually is for cats who have lived in a home. But he found an angel, Pat Roller, a

longtime APL foster caretaker. She fostered Raffi in her home for more than two years, from

December 9, 2022, to February 27, 2025, the day he went to the Cats' Pyjamas Café. There, he could continue to roam freely, as he had at Pat's. Still the transition was hard for him. Standoffish at first, slowly, he let his guard down with other cats and café guests.

Three-and-a-half-months later, Raffi said goodbye to the café when a family promised the orange tabby the blissful, permanent home he deserves.



It's nice to be noticed

APL was recognized in June 2025 by Best Friends Animal Society for operating a no-kill shelter. Of course, our shelter has been no-kill—euthanizing only for suffering or behavior that

threatens the safety people and other animals—for decades. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Best Friends to spread lifesaving practices throughout the United States



Lawn chemicals dangerous to pets



Americans are fond of green lawns, but the treatments used to make them green too often contain chemicals that are harmful to humans and pets.

Studies over the past two decades have linked the use of lawn chemicals, particularly ones containing 2,4-D, to lymphoma and bladder cancer in dogs. Significantly, the dogs didn't have to be in direct contact with a treated lawn to suffer the effects of exposure because the chemicals are carried on the wind to nearby areas.

2,4-D is used in many apply-it-yourself lawn treatments. Avoid those. And re-think your need for a weed-free lawn. Such chemicals are a danger to humans, and deadly to insects, including such important pollinators as bees and butterflies.

Source: <http://thinkabouthow.com/2017/06/studies-link-canine-cancers-to-lawn-chemicals/>



Curious cat left an impression.

While replacing the basement floor of the 100-year-old First Church of the Brethren-Springfield, workers found paw prints left in the concrete a century earlier.

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/adoptcat.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.

FOOD BANK

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



First-class forever postage stamps are especially needed.



We could really use . . . A commercial dishwasher



You might wonder why a spay/neuter clinic needs a new dishwasher. The smarty-pants answer is, "Because our old one broke." And though you may think that dishwashers belong in houses and not in veterinary facilities like APL's, let me assure you that they're a vital piece of equipment. That's why we're asking for donations.

Are we angling to get out of washing our own meal and snack dishes? Nope. A dishwasher is one of the ways our staff keeps cats and dogs in the clinic healthy. With as many as 50 overnight animal "guests" that come from other shelters and homes, preventing the spread of disease is uppermost in our minds. Any sponge used to clean dishes already has bacteria hiding in it and then picks up more with each dish. Commercial dishwashers heat water to a temperature that destroys pathogens and bacteria, reducing the opportunity for illness to pass from animal to animal via the dishes used for food and water.

Efficiency is important too. Loading a dishwasher takes less time than washing them by hand and, in most situations, operating one requires less water than handwashing. Not to mention that running very hot water from the tap makes handling metal dishes difficult, if not painful.

The bottom line, of course, is that a dishwasher is good for both our animals and our staff. Using a dishwasher leaves more time for our hands to comfort and care for cats and dogs, putting the importance of touch just behind our goal of keeping animals safe from disease.

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.



You heard us! Thanks for your ultrasonic cleaner donations!

We can't hear the high-frequency sound waves emanating from the clinic's new ultrasonic instrument cleaner, but donors sure heard our plea for funds to buy it. More than a dozen animal lovers pitched in with generous donations that have allowed us to replace our nearly twenty-year-old

machine. Perhaps we should have played "Taps" for that old warhorse, which had dislodged unseen contaminants from surgical instruments since the clinic's opening in 2006. Instead, we sing the praises of the following donors, who made the purchase possible:

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Help us get our paws on cat scratchers

Cats love the cardboard scratchers that we place in their cages and in the shelter's open rooms. And, because we send the scratchers home with them at adoption (we'd otherwise discard them to prevent cross-contamination), we go through a lot of them.

Scratchers are both practical and therapeutic, providing opportunities to stretch and to learn that scratchers are better than furniture. Scratchers also help alleviate stress and anxiety, which is important

in an environment that is sometimes hectic.

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

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

Thank you for enriching the lives of cats in our shelter awaiting adoption. You *do* make a difference!



Donate monthly to help cats and dogs



Monthly donors provide APL with a steady source of income that ensures every sick or injured dog and cat that comes through our doors gets a chance at life and health.

Donate through a credit card or checking account. To get started, complete the form, or download it from our website—www.apl-shelter.org/monthly-giving—and send it to APL at the address on the form. Thanks!



Thanks to our monthly donors

through May 31, 2025

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Yes! I want to donate to APL using automatic withdrawal



Please clip or copy this form and return it to address on this form.

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Please make a monthly deduction from my checking account

\$100 \$50 \$25 \$10

Other _____ (please, not less than \$5)

On the 1st 10th 25th of each month

I am enclosing a blank check marked VOID. APL cannot process your donation without it.

Signature _____

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\$100 \$50 \$25 \$10

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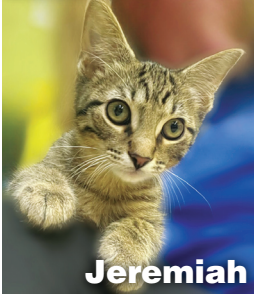
One of the benefits of fostering . . . Cute kittens like these



Shelly



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Foster homes essential to lifesaving

We're deep into kitten season, and the vulnerable furballs that come to us as strays and from animal controls need you. They need safe, loving temporary caretakers, sometimes just for a week or two. And if you have a heart for dogs, take one of our larger dogs needing rest while being treated for heartworms, recovering from illness or injury, or feeling stressed in the shelter.

How long and how often you foster is up to you. Even a week away from the shelter can do wonders for a dog who needs a break from the normal noises of living in a doggy dorm. And kittens grow so quickly that in just a few weeks you can watch them transform from dependent fluff balls to fearless little tigers ready to take on the world.

Don't forget. When you take a foster animal into your home, you make it possible for APL to save more cats and dogs than we can in our shelter alone. And should you take a dog or cat that needs a place to rest and recuperate, you are making room for the shelter to save another one that might otherwise languish at an animal-control facility at risk for euthanasia.

A week of your life can make a life-saving difference for a cat or dog! You may complete an application online at www.apl-shelter.org/foster-a-pet or contact the foster care coordinator at aplfoster@apl-shelter.org.



Do us *and yourself* a favor . . . Volunteer!

Did you know that volunteering is good for your health? Studies have shown that volunteering has physical and mental health benefits, including decreased depression and lower blood pressure.

As an APL volunteer you can interact with animals, people, or both! You can choose to help with such everyday tasks at the shelter as doing laundry, cleaning, and walking dogs, or assist with events off-site, including fundraisers and adoptions at area businesses. If you're not a hot weather person, take a look on APL's website for ways to help without leaving your home!

For your convenience, volunteer orientation is now online. View a 26-minute that introduces APL's mission and goals. Those who wish to walk dogs undergo an additional hour of training to ensure the safety of both dogs and handlers.

Check out what opportunities await you, and sign up for orientation at www.apl-shelter.org/volunteer. The link to the video will be sent to you.

If you require an in-person orientation, contact our volunteer coordinator, Carmen, by email at volunteer@apl-shelter.org or phone 217.544.7387 ext. 227.

Don't wait to feel better!



You don't have to leave home to help animals. These cage curtains, which offer a sense of security for frightened cats, were sewn by volunteers.

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.



STAFFSPOTLIGHT

Gabbi's still learning after five years with APL

In her five years at APL's shelter, Gabbi has worked everywhere but the front office. She has been a kennel attendant, a "float" who provided another set of hands when needed in any area of the shelter, and a caretaker decked out in protective gear in isolation areas housing cats and dogs with such communicable ailments as ringworm, panleukopenia, and parvo. Those experiences, Gabbi says, prepared her for the role of veterinary assistant—serving as the right hand of shelter veterinarian Dr. Cathy Best.

Gabbi's everyday work as vet assistant includes holding animals for exams and injections, keeping treatment records, assisting in surgery, and performing dental cleanings on cats and dogs. And then there are the emergencies—injured strays (usually hit by a vehicle), pyometra (bacterial infection of the womb) and "blocked" cats and dogs who are unable to urinate, the latter two requiring prompt, lifesaving surgery. While animals are in surgery, Gabbi monitors their vitals, administers fluids, draws up drugs, and provides an extra hand when Dr. Best says, "Hold this."

Does Gabbi find assisting in surgery difficult? She reports "almost passing out" while assisting with a leg amputation for the first time. Now, she says, she tolerates surgical procedures "as long as there's not a lot of blood."

A high school service-learning opportunity first brought Gabbi to APL, in July 2020. At the time, when she and other Springfield students were taking online classes to avoid the spread of Covid, Gabbi was happy to spend time in the shelter taking photographs of cats and dogs to promote them on APL's website. Despite allergies, she adopted the first cat she photographed! After graduation, Gabbi was hired as a kennel attendant, caring for and walking dogs. As she became more familiar with shelter work, Gabbi was cross-trained in other areas.

Just four months into her position of veterinary assistant at the time of her April interview, Gabbi still has a lot to learn. She's in no hurry to move on, and despite her experience and love for cats and dogs, she doesn't intend to enter veterinary school. So, for her now, spending five days a week working with animals is just right.



Veterinary assistant Gabbi comforts two-year-old Toast, who arrived at the shelter with wounds on his legs in late July.

Thinking about your legacy?

Make it one that helps cats and dogs with a planned gift to the Animal Protective League



Your planned gift is a promise to help the most vulnerable cats and dogs. Ones that have been abandoned, neglected, and abused . . . are sick and injured . . . or surrendered to animal-control facilities where they may face euthanasia.

Your support will help ensure that funds will be available in the future to ensure the welfare of cats and dogs.

Give the gift of life and love to the neediest animals in the following ways:

Make an estate gift—either a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate—to APL.

Designate APL as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, annuity, trust, or retirement plan assets.

Talk to us about defining your legacy of love for animals, and then consult an attorney or financial planner for guidance in making a planned gift. For additional information, email ahaven@apl-shelter.org or phone 217.544.7387.



UPCOMINGEVENTS

Mobile Adoption Unit at Petco, 2721 Veterans Pkwy
first Saturday of every month
 Adoptions at PetSmart, 3183 Veterans Pkwy
Saturdays & Sundays
 APL Get Your Licks on Route 66 at PetSmart,
 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
September 18
 Adopt Joy Adoption at PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy
September 27
 APL Blessing of the Animals at APL shelter, 3 p.m.
October 5

Boo Bark Howloween at APL.....October 18
 APL Chili Supper & Paw Paw Patch Bazaar at Columbian
 Grand Hall, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
October 26
 Pictures with Santa, time/location TBA.....November 8
 Fall "Addams Family" Trivia Night at Columbian
 Grand Hall, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd., 7 to 10 p.m.
November 14
 Giving Tree Donation Drive at multiple local participating
 businessesNovember 23 to December 31

Pen Pal donations acknowledged with plate or plaque

This special donation program recognizes donors with a plaque or an engraved metal plate that is displayed for one year. The plate (size is approximately 4-by-1-inch) is affixed to a cat cage (\$100), outdoor dog run (\$100), or indoor kennel (\$250). Room sponsors (\$1,000) are acknowledged with a 5-by-7-inch plaque. Brief messages, typically beginning "In honor of" or "In memory of" typically may be included.

To order, use the form here (or copy it), or find it on our website: www.apl-shelter.org. Questions? Contact info@apl-shelter.org, or call 217.544.7387.

Current Cage & Kennel Sponsors

In memory of Peggy Dean (cat cage)
 Ronald Dean

In memory of Moonbeam, our cat (cat cage)
 Thomas & Ellen Robinson

Thank you to sponsor (cat cage)
 Linda Kauffman

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Miss and love you Zaty, always and forever (dog run)
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In memory of Margie, our sweet little APL adoptee (cat cage)
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Current Room Sponsors through July 31, 2025

In honor of APL animals, staff and volunteers
 F. Lucille Foster

Thank you to room sponsor
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In honor of our Newbury Neighbors
 Royce & Linda Reed

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through July 31, 2025

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I want to be a Pen Pal and help APL animals! Here's my order:

I want to sponsor the following:

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

Pen Pal donors help APL care for adult dogs like Bryce.



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

Your name (please print) _____

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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.



APL'S VALUABLE DONORS

Donations February 1 — May 31, 2025

Bequests from wills/estates received by APL

The Animal Protective League was the grateful recipient of special bequests from wills/estates of the following people. APL is honored to have earned the trust of these donors, and will use the funds to protect and provide for needy animals as was their wish.

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February 1 — May 31, 2025

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Cammie used her talents to help APL. She made hoodies, sold them at school, and used the money to purchase supplies for our cats and dogs.



Amelia posed with the donations for APL that she requested in lieu of birthday gifts. We thank her for her generosity.

APL thanks everyone who supported the Annual Upscale Collectible Sale and made it a successful fundraiser: **Stuff It Storage** for Sponsoring the event, **Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill, Taco Gringo, Scoop Du Jour, George Ranks, The Stadium Smokehouse Bar and Grill, The Curve Inn, and Silver 7's Gaming Pub and Parlor** for sponsoring lunches for APL Volunteers. **Krispy Kreme (Monroe St.)** for daily

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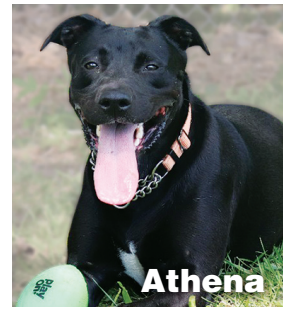
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Available for adoption



Athena

She loves toys and human company, a great combination for her favorite game of fetch! Three-year-old Athena has done well in playgroups, although she prefers to watch if she has a place to settle next to a human



Boone

Four-year-old Boone is an outdoorsy dog. He loves going for walks, basking in the sun, and generally hanging out in the sunshine. Take him on adventures with you!

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For additional information, call APL at 217.544.7387.



Jagger

He’s a distinguished senior dog who enjoys a balance of action and leisure. Jagger is a charmer who thrives with a human nearby and, when alone, does best in a crate surrounded by toys.





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Visit animals by appointment noon-5 p.m. every day

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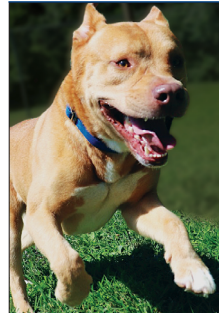
BUTTERCUP This black-and-white charmer was saved from life as a stray, and after many months in our shelter she could use another break. At nearly four-years-old, Buttercup knows what she likes (sometimes it's attention, sometimes solitude) and doesn't like (a lot of activity). Come meet her at the shelter, talk to her, and consider taking her home. She'd love a quiet place with you.



PEP The aptly named Pep is a fun-loving three-year-old who is always ready to play. Whether he's romping around in playgroups with other dogs or showing off his impressive tricks—sit, shake, and drop it—Pep is always the life of the party. This goofy and active boy would thrive with an adopter who will take him on plenty of walks and engage in lots of play.



PHILOMENA Five-year-old Philomena is a delightful mix of affection, curiosity, and playfulness. She loves to curl up on a person's lap but is also content to lounge nearby. Philomena likes to take stock of her surroundings by sniffing every corner and crack. When not exploring, you can find her batting around small toys until she's ready for rest.



SLIM Looking for a gentle, loyal companion with just the right balance of independence and affection? Meet Slim, a sweet two-year-old lab mix who has won the hearts of shelter staff with his easygoing personality and big smile. Slim loves being around people—he'll happily sit by your side for some quiet company. Whether it's a game of fetch, a sniff-filled walk, or just a peaceful afternoon lounging in the yard, Slim is content doing it all.

ARIE Arie is a gentle eight-year-old who would flourish in the comfort of a loving home. Moving from a home to the shelter has been stressful for her. A bit shy, she'd love a quiet home with a patient owner to give her time to relax. She lived with other cats before she was surrendered to APL, and we think she'd like to have a feline companion again.



PETAL Petal is a playful, smart, and spunky two-year-old who packs a lot of personality into her forty-pound frame. Petal lives for playtime. She's independent, athletic, and always up for a game but is especially fond of toys. Her absolute favorite thing in the world? Tug-of-war with her beloved stuffed toys. She already knows how to sit and is eager to learn more. Petal is in a foster home. Call APL to set up an appointment to meet her.



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.