


# TAILS FROM THE FURSIDE

HOLIDAY 2021

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## Fulfilling our mission

# Providing healing, health, and home

By Evelyn Taylor

Did you know that APL is the oldest animal-welfare organization in Sangamon County? Founded in 1956, APL has grown from an all-volunteer group that cared for animals in their homes to one with a paid staff that oversees the health of cats and dogs in a shelter and spay/neuter clinic.

The purchase in 1995 of our 4.5 acre property, made possible by a bequest, ushered in a period of expansion that included quickly converting a campground building into a shelter and later (in 2006), the opening of our high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic. The addition of part-time, then later full-time veterinarians gave us the expertise to greatly expand our care for sick and injured cats and dogs.

Along the way, APL developed life-saving initiatives by transferring to our shelter animals at risk for euthanasia at county animal-control facilities. Friendly, adoptable cats and dogs arrive at APL through our New Hope program, while the Barn Cat program rescues unsocialized, feral cats that otherwise would be

## Lots of Adorable Animals Adopted!

*James with adopted cat Galadriel*



*Miso and his three siblings were found as strays in September and adopted into new homes after they were neutered.*



*Deborah and her adopted dog Macie*

euthanized at animal controls because they cannot be adopted into indoor homes. After being fixed, vaccinated, and micro-chipped, barn cats are placed in safe outdoor homes.

Still, much of our focus is on the shelter, where sick, injured, and abandoned cats and dogs are treated, housed, and placed for adoption. Most days, our staff cares for as many animals as the shelter can accommodate, as many as 120 cats and 18 dogs. (The number is variable because littermates may be housed together).

But not all the animals APL rescues are in our shelter. Thanks to foster caretakers, APL can take in far more animals than can be cared for in the shelter alone. Very young kittens and puppies, whose immature immune systems make them susceptible to disease, typically go immediately to one of our 175 cat fosters or 50 dog fosters. Dogs and cats needing special care, either because they are healing from injuries or need the serenity of a home, also are taken in by foster caretakers until they can be placed for adoption. *Continued on page 3*





#### Holiday 2021

**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.

An annual membership is \$25.

To join or make a tax-deductible donation, send your check to Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, Springfield IL 62702-1766.

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



*Dr. Richard Speck*

Some people become so much a positive part of an organization that they find a way to contribute even after they leave. Such is the case with Dr. Kathy Ritzmann.

Dr. Ritzmann worked as an APL shelter veterinarian from 2008 until she and her family moved to Nebraska in 2017. During her time here, she developed quite a following based on her devotion to animals, innovations she developed for the organization, and strong friendships she made.

No one wanted this valuable relationship to end. Happily, it did not end but rather transitioned.

You have read about the national shortage of veterinarians in these pages before. Luckily, even with the hands-on practice of veterinary medicine, there still are essential services that can be performed from a distance. Dr. Ritzmann was well aware of APL's needs and set about to fill as many as she could.

She wrote the treatment, cleaning, and isolation protocols for the shelter while she was here. This is no small task, but absolutely essential for efficient and accountable shelter operation. She continues to help update protocols and write new ones as needed. She researches and consults with existing veterinarians on treatment recommendations for the organization based on up-to-date industry standards. She schedules special surgical procedures, other than routine spays and neuters.

She operates and updates APL's website and Facebook page. She writes press releases for adoptions



*Dr. Kathy Ritzmann is still helping shelter animals. She now assists at a Nebraska shelter, and is shown with shelter manager Lisa.*

and special events, and designs special adoption flyers. She is instrumental in arranging transports of animals from APL to the shelter with which she is affiliated in Nebraska, thereby helping a lot of animals find loving, forever homes.

She has made

my life much easier and more productive by relieving me of time-consuming tasks that used to take me away from direct animal care. On a lighter note, during the height of the pandemic, she sewed masks from colorful animal-themed and holiday fabric and gave them to hundreds of people.

Anything that makes an animal care facility more efficient allows us to serve more animals in need, which is the reason we are here. Dr. Ritzmann is tireless in her devotion to animals and in her innovative assistance. We are fortunate to have her continuing help and friendship.

*Richard L. Speck DVM*

Richard L. Speck, DVM  
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*We requested dog food donations on Facebook for our pet food bank on September 1. The post was shared more than one hundred times! The first donor showed up at the shelter within the hour, and then two days later delivery orders began arriving. This photo is of just one day's delivery! Thank you!*

### 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.



Many of the stories we share are of dramatic turnarounds, which has led some to believe that APL only has vulnerable cats and dogs available for adoption. Far from it! Many of the cats and dogs, kittens, and puppies we take in are healthy or just need a boost. That's true for hundreds of kittens we take in, more than one thousand between January and November of this year. Some need to be bottle-fed, others need nutritious food and a safe place to grow into lively tiny felines. Dogs that arrive as strays may be under-nourished, shy, and wary of people after being on their own. Some—especially pit bull terriers—have been rescued from animal controls where they are at higher risk for euthanasia than any other breed.

Healing isn't always just physical. Animals that have been neglected or abused need time to trust people. Dogs that were not properly trained as puppies may need consistent handling before being adopted into loving homes, and cats that have been traumatized when losing their long-time homes may need a quiet place to decompress before their endearing personalities emerge. Our new behavior coordinator (see page 9) is finding new ways to engage our temporary residents both physically and mentally.

Now ending our sixty-fifth year, APL continues our efforts to help the cats and dogs who need us most—the ones that are sick and injured, those that have been left to fend for themselves, and others abandoned at animal-control facilities.

We don't do this work alone. Volunteers—lots of them—join us in our life-saving mission. And all of our work is supported by generous donors who value animals and the role they have in our lives as companions and family members. It is no overstatement to say that we can't do it without you.

### Foster homes

How important are foster homes? In September, nearly one-half of APL animals were in foster: 272



*Just a month old when he came to APL, adorable Taft was raised by one of our many foster caretakers who declared him "the Gerber baby of kittens."*

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## What a difference a month made

Kevin came to APL as a transfer from Sangamon County Animal Control after its Friends group had secured veterinary treatment for the wounds to his head and right ear that had required more than one hundred sutures. Kevin arrived at our shelter on October 7. While he healed, Kevin got lots of attention, including trips off-site as part of our Doggy Day Out program. The happy dog went home with his new owner on November 5.



*Kevin's ear was wrapped to protect the more than the one hundred sutures needed to close his head wounds.*



*Kevin enjoyed a french fry (maybe a few) on his trip away from the shelter on His Doggy Day Out.*



*With his wounds healed, cone-less Kevin enjoyed playtime at the shelter.*



*Kevin wore a soft cone to keep him from scratching his healing ear.*



*Adopted! Kevin went to his new home on November 5, a month after his arrival at APL*

of 568 adult cats and dogs, kittens, and puppies. Some are too young for adoption and need a place to thrive until they're ready to go to new homes, others are recovering from illness or injury, and some need the calm of a quieter home. APL provides everything a foster caretaker needs to tend to an animal—food, bedding, crates, any medications, other supplies, and veterinary care.

Many of the hundreds of kittens APL rescues are cared for in foster homes. Little Taft was only a month old when he was found alone and brought to our shelter. Then it was off to a foster home with Ashley, who on October 22, 2021, posted on the APL Foster Families Facebook page that “Taft looks like the Gerber baby of kittens.”



*These two puppies (Rebel left, Dizzy right) were rescued from different animal-control facilities and transferred to APL in September. After Rebel was spayed and Dizzy neutered, they were ready for permanent homes, with their adoptions completed in October.*



## Barn cat program rescues 1,500th cat

That's 1,500 cats identified at animal controls as unadoptable that would have been euthanized without APL. It turns out that some identified as feral are freaked-out housecats, and they are diverted to our shelter for adoption into new indoor homes. The feral ones are fixed, vaccinated, microchipped, and sent to homes with barns or outbuildings and owners who promise to provide them food and water.



*The 1,500th barn cat arrived in this crate with two others. Could we have gotten a better photo? No, says Sarah, the manager of our spay/neuter clinic. “If I open this, they’ll shoot out of here.”*

## Puppies!

With their undeveloped immune systems, puppies and kittens are at risk for disease in crowded animal-control facilities. In the first nine months of 2021, APL rescued 156 puppies and 1,002 kittens.

## Watch for APL Giving Trees at area businesses

You can help APL cats and dogs when you shop this holiday season by picking up much-needed items from local shops and businesses.

Giving Trees will be in stores from Thanksgiving until the first week of January. Shoppers are encouraged to take one or more ornaments off the tree, purchase items, and then place them in the accom-

panying bin or bring them directly to APL.

Donations of food and supplies make it possible for us to shift our spending toward urgently needed medical and surgical care, as we endeavor to save the most vulnerable cats and dogs in the community.

Look for APL

*Giving Trees in businesses near you this holiday season. Trees will display ornaments like this one, with an APL dog or cat on one side and a needed item on the reverse.*



## UPCOMINGEVENTS

**Giving Trees** . . . . . November 26 through December 31  
**Wreath Pick Up at the Shelter** . . . . . December 4 & 5, noon - 5 pm  
**Tree of Lights at the Shelter** . . . . . December 11, 5:30 pm  
**Have a Heart for Animals** . . . . . February 2022

*Gus Gus was transferred to APL from an animal-control facility because he had an abnormal eye. APL veterinarians removed the eye the same day the sweet one-year-old was neutered. Three weeks later he went off to his new home.*





## Pen Pals recognize loved ones and help animals

Our Pen Pals don't write letters, they sponsor cages, kennels, and rooms at our shelter! Every Pen Pal donation helps APL help dogs and cats who need us. Donors may choose a short message for the engraved plates that are affixed to kennels and cages (\$100 or \$250 donation) or for the 5-by-7-inch plaques that indicate a room sponsorship (\$1,000). Plates and plaques are displayed for one year.

You'll find the order form on our website—[www.apl-shelter.org](http://www.apl-shelter.org). Click on "Donate," then "Pen Pal." Questions? Contact Evelyn Taylor at [etaylor@apl-shelter.org](mailto:etaylor@apl-shelter.org) or 217.685.1610.

### Current Room Sponsors through October 31, 2021

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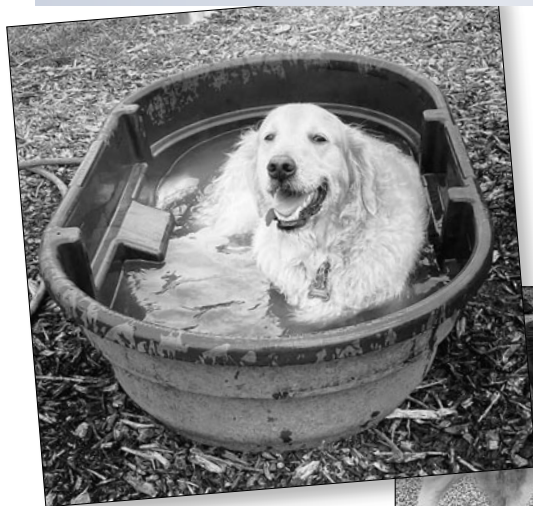
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(cat cage)

*In memory of Wiley* (dog kennel)  
Karen Curtis

*In memory of Dan Malensky* (cat cage)  
R.K. Rees

## APL's Halloween party for dogs



Dogs had a howling good time at Boo Bark in the Park on October 2. Springfield's only Halloween party for dogs brought out canines and their humans for games, demonstrations, fun activities, and a costume contest.



## Attention Amazon shoppers!

If you are buying from Amazon, a simple change to shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) means additional funds for APL. Sign up is easy. Just name the Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County as your charity. When you buy at Amazon

Smile, APL receives a small percentage of the purchase price as a donation. The most recent quarterly check to APL was for more than \$800! Since the program's start, APL has received more than \$9,000.

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Deana Corbin  
and Lovey

## Reflections of the **EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR**

**O**f the many ways the pandemic has affected our lives, not being able to get together has been hardest on people.

During the most restrictive part of the lockdown, APL strove to balance human safety, animal welfare, and the need for an income stream. This resulted in online events and creative ways to support APL virtually. You sustained us beyond what we could

you profusely, this time for coming back to our events. We have heard many, many positive comments about both our recent Upscale Collectible Sale and the Chili Supper & Paw Paw Patch Bazaar. There is no substitute for seeing first-hand the huge array of goods that were available at the Upscale Sale. There also is no substitute for checking out APL's fall clothing and other seasonal treasures at the Chili Supper.

We have experienced a growing increase in attendance at our other events as well, from smaller fundraisers such as our recent Barkender event to large events like our Chili Supper. For a list of Upcoming Events, please see page 4.

All readers of this newsletter know that our supporters are the lifeblood of APL. Our dogs and cats, puppies and kittens didn't know that a pandemic was raging, nor are they aware that things are slowly returning to normal. They needed food and

water, medical care, shelter, exercise and attention before and during the pandemic, and will after the crisis has passed.

You kept us going, and APL is coming back bigger and better than ever. You make caring for the animals we all love possible and offer encouragement to the humans.

This note was received from an APL supporter. She warmed our hearts for taking the time to convey her kind thoughts:

*To APL Volunteers — Thank you for putting on the rummage sale this year. You had so many beautiful things. I really appreciated it.*

*Best regards,  
Greta*

Thank you Greta, and thanks everyone for coming back and for never having left. We can't do it without each and every one of you!



*So many of you supported APL by participating in virtual events, but there is no substitute for seeing you in person! Our annual Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar brought out a crowd in October.*

have expected, for which we are deeply grateful.

Now in-person events are reemerging. APL still has safety as its uppermost concern, yet nothing beats actually getting together with people and animals. We again are in a position to thank



### Create a lasting legacy of your love for cats and dogs

Make a  
planned  
gift to the  
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**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, contact Evelyn Taylor at [etaylor@apl-shelter.org](mailto:etaylor@apl-shelter.org), or by phone at 217.685.1610.



# Monthly donation easy and so helpful

Donations to APL fluctuate from month to month, but the cost of keeping our doors open doesn't. Please consider helping APL by making a vital, monthly pledge we can count on.

Automatic donations allow you to incorporate your tax-deductible giving into your monthly budget. And you can choose what date each month that the donation is withdrawn from your

checking account. Credit card donations are processed by APL in the last half of each month.

Getting started is easy. Just copy or clip the form below, complete it, and send it to APL. Or go to our website—[www.apl-shelter.org](http://www.apl-shelter.org)—and click on “Donate” to get started helping animals every month.

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On the ☐ 1st ☐ 10th ☐ 25th of each month

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## TNRs! Trap- Neuter- Returns

Community cats—unowned and owned, wild or tame—can live long, healthy lives, content in their outdoor homes with a little help. APL encourages trap-neuter-return (TNR) of outdoor cats. Spaying/ neutering prevents unwanted litters, and vaccinations curb the spread of disease.

APL's spay/neuter clinic offers reduced-cost surgeries and vaccinations for feral, stray, and free-roaming cats. Cats are ear-tipped at the time of surgery to indicate that they have been fixed. After an overnight stay, the cats are returned to their caretakers for release to their neighborhood homes or colonies.

Want to help outdoor cats? APL will guide caretakers through the trapping process and loan traps. Call the clinic at 217.789.7729. The cost is just \$25 per cat, with financial assistance available. We're eager to help. Just ask!

APL veterinarians perform hundreds of surgeries on outdoor cats each month.

**August 2021**  
totals: spay/neuter  
259

**September 2021**  
totals: spay/neuter  
151

**October 2021**  
totals: spay/neuter  
217

**Total May  
through  
July 2021**  
627

**Total since  
November 2000**  
53,487

## Meet APL's new shelter vet, Dr. Steven Arnold

How did someone who Googled “vet schools in the mountains” wind up on the flat lands of Illinois as APL's shelter vet? For Dr. Steven Arnold, it is a return home and to a job where “it feels like I am making a difference.”

Dr. Arnold was born in Switzerland—his Swiss father met his mother in Jacksonville as an exchange student working on his host's farm in nearby Concord—and she relocated to Switzerland with him and started a family. The couple returned to Illinois when Dr. Arnold was four years old, settling on a farm at Bluff Springs, about forty miles west of Springfield. His first pets were a Great Pyrenees named Rocky and a Holstein heifer known as Fonda, who wandered around the yard and occasionally to the neighbors.

After earning a degree in agriculture at Western Illinois University and living in Wyoming for a year, Dr. Arnold's Google search led him to Colorado State University, located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. He graduated from CSU's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 2016.

Dr. Arnold first worked for a small-animal clinic and later ran a large-animal practice of his own while doing “relief work,” filling in for vets away from their own practices. While working as a relief vet at a

Pueblo, Colorado, animal shelter, he found his niche: “I liked doing surgery, and I liked shelter work.”

Luckily for APL, Dr. Arnold and his veterinarian wife were looking to relocate with their two boys closer

to their families, his at Bluff Springs and hers in Michigan. They've since settled on a small farm outside Springfield with two dogs, four sheep, two pigs, several chickens, and some Guinea fowl that came with the property, as well as three APL cats—two ferals to patrol his barn, and another to live indoors with his cat-loving boys.

Just a few weeks into his work at APL, Dr. Arnold is confident that he's where he wants to be, with everyone “working toward the same goal together.” Now, he says, “I don't see myself doing anything else.” And APL is so fortunate that he's doing it here.



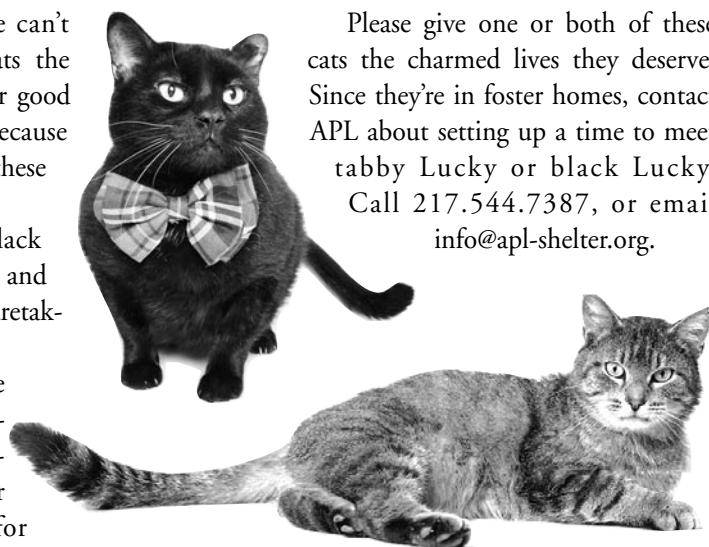
*Dr. Steven Arnold with partner Dr. Jessica Carie (who also is a veterinarian) and sons Sepp (left) and Hawthorne (right)*

## Lucky, Lucky, not lucky

We don't believe in curses, but we can't help feeling that giving two cats the name Lucky somehow cancelled out their good fortunes. Well, it hasn't been all bad because both are living with foster caretakers. But these two guys need permanent, forever homes.

These fellows are people-ready. Black Lucky's profile describes him as “friendly and affectionate,” while tabby Lucky's foster caretaker says “he has never met a stranger.”

You might recognize yourself in one of these middle-aged cats, whose preferences include snuggly blankets, short periods of energetic activity followed by longer periods of downtime, and a desire for perhaps a few too many treats.



Please give one or both of these cats the charmed lives they deserve. Since they're in foster homes, contact APL about setting up a time to meet tabby Lucky or black Lucky. Call 217.544.7387, or email [info@apl-shelter.org](mailto:info@apl-shelter.org).



# More fun and games in store for shelter dogs and cats

By Evelyn Taylor

**APL's** shelter is a great temporary home for dogs and cats who need us to heal their injuries, cure them of sickness, and give them safe harbor until they can be adopted. Still, the shelter can be stressful for animals unaccustomed to confinement, fearful of strangers, and anxious in new settings. And while we work every day to improve the lives of our temporary residents, we now have a staff member whose sole job is making them healthier and happier, with the added benefit of making them more adoptable. Rose, who has been a kennel attendant for six years, is now APL's full-time behavior coordinator. In just a few short weeks, she is seeing the difference the extra attention makes.

Take Bowser, a lab mix rescued from an area animal-control facility when he was an unruly eight-month-old pup. He's "always been a behavior dog," says Rose, and he's been returned twice by adopters. But the now-two-and-a-half-year-old is blossoming with the extra attention he's getting with Rose. "Everything has improved" in a very short time, says Rose. With additional training, much of it in the guise of fun and games, he's walking well on a leash, eating better, learning commands, and appears to be a much happier dog. Surely, Bowser's permanent adoption is at hand.

And that's the ultimate goal: more adoptions. Because the more dogs and cats we adopt—and the faster we do it—the more we can take into our shelter. It's a life-changing and life-saving cycle that Rose is more than happy to be part of. "I love what I do," she declares, followed by a brief "That's my job" dance.

Rose is also working with the staff. She is providing "defensive handling" training to the kennel staff to increase safety when handling dogs, and also basic dog-walk training should non-kennel personnel need to fill in. The handling of dogs at intake is changing, too, with the staff moving to a restraint-free practice of talking quietly to a new dog and giving it canned food for distraction from vaccine injections.

Happily, there are new opportunities for volunteers too. Rose now has time to organize playgroups for dogs, which allows those who play well with others to spend time together in APL's fenced dog yard. Playgroups can be held "as often as I can get enough volunteers to do them," says Rose.

Training volunteers is part of Rose's new job, with newer ones providing on-site training for dogs, and more experienced handlers taking dogs to more intensive training off-site. There's a role for dog-loving readers too! Just sitting with a dog while reading silently or aloud is a big comfort to frightened dogs.

Don't think that cats are being ignored. They are benefiting from a changing array of toys and treats made by volunteers who gather on Saturdays. Simple toys made with such easily attainable items as the cardboard rolls from toilet paper, and canned food frozen into bottle caps provide important enrichment for felines.

Rose has big plans to make life even better for dogs and cats awaiting adoption. She wants to expand playgroups for dogs, increase opportunities for dogs to be taken off-site for new experiences, and engage more volunteers in helping dogs (and cats) be more comfortable and confident in meeting potential adopters.

There's no question that animal sheltering is hard work, with animals to medicate, cages and kennels to clean, and dogs to walk. But at APL, we're all about making it easier for dogs and cats awaiting adoption.



*Rose and Bowser, one of the dogs in our shelter that is benefiting from the extra attention he's receiving. Bowser is "super smart," says Rose, loves walks in the woods, and puzzle games. Providing opportunities to engage dogs mentally and physically is good for dogs' overall health.*



*Playgroups provide dogs important opportunities to socialize and run off energy. Volunteers help make playgroups possible, so be sure to contact APL if you want to be part of the group.*



*The UIS softball team gathered at the shelter in early November to make enrichment items—some featuring dry and canned dog food—for our shelter dogs.*

**Volunteer!**  
Want to take advantage of these new opportunities? Contact APL's volunteer coordinator, Mary, at [volunteer@apl-shelter.org](mailto:volunteer@apl-shelter.org) or at 217.544.7387



*Have you met a friendlier greeter? That's six-year-old Phiona, who spent some time in our front office this summer prior to her adoption.*

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If you are a federal employee, you can support APL through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Civilian, military, postal workers, and federal retirees may, until January 15, 2022, designate APL as their charity of choice for donations.

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If you have questions, please see your workplace coordinator. Set up an account and complete the pledge form online at [www.cfcgiving.opm.gov](http://www.cfcgiving.opm.gov). APL's code is 15269.



## Donations keep us sharp

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## A new sink in our isolation area

It's not Area 51, but most people don't see the isolation areas in our shelter because, well, the animals there are in isolation. Most of the time it's because they are sick or injured and need special care. Treating wounds and illness, preventing infection, and avoiding the spread of such ailments is of utmost concern. Rest assured we are not performing alien autopsies there.

It's no secret that soap and water are critical to maintaining the health of animals (and people). Every day, APL's staff gives the sink and faucet in the isolation area a workout, refreshing drink dishes or filling buckets with cleaner for cages, or washing dishes. And now, after years of heavy use, the sink is

beginning to rust. For sure, there are no alien life forms growing in it, but it doesn't take a scientist to tell us we need a new one!

Would you consider donating toward the estimated cost of \$2,000 to purchase a commercial stainless-steel sink and faucet, as well as to pay a plumber to install them? Since this is not a classified operation, in a future issue we will publish the names of donors who help us maintain our enduring goal of providing safe, efficient care for the animals who need us most.



## Help us get our paws on these

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. They provide opportunities for our felines in residence to stretch and to learn that scratchers are better than furniture. Scratchers also help alleviate stress

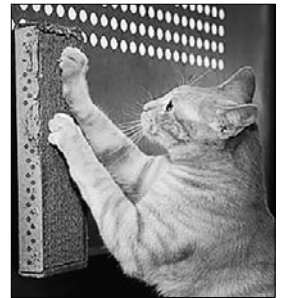
and anxiety, which is important in an environment that is sometimes hectic.

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

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



*Shelter cats love scratchers! Would you order some for them?*

### 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](http://www.stretchandscratch.com) or [www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat.php](http://www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat.php))
- Clay kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Resealable sandwich bags (ex. Ziploc)
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### GIFT CARDS

- Walmart
- Amazon
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### CLEANING SUPPLIES

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

### OFFICE SUPPLIES

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- Letter-sized manila file folders
- Sticky tack
- 9-by-12-inch heat laminating pouches
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**For the link to APL's Amazon wish list, go to our homepage at [www.apl-shelter.org](http://www.apl-shelter.org) and click on the "amazon wishlist" icon at the top of the page. You can order items and have them shipped directly to us.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

**APL gladly accepts the following gently used items with no holes, rips, tears, or frayed edges.** However, for sanitation purposes, we **cannot** accept pillows and used cat towers.

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

### 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.

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<i>Shawn Gibbs</i>	In memory of Donna Schechter	In memory of Ronald Tennant	In memory of beloved pets Duchess, Carter & Toby	<i>Laura Kinney</i>	In memory of beloved pet Heidi
<i>Iren Warren</i>	<i>Gary Schechter</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Beitel</i>	<i>Dale Voss</i>	In memory of beloved cats Uncle Billy, Jay Gatsby, Sir William Cecil, and Emily Dickinson, all stray cats we have loved and lost this past year	<i>Glenna Kniss</i>
<i>Gary &amp; Paula Borah</i>	In memory of Carolyn Scott	In memory of Joretta Thompson	In memory of beloved pet Izzy	<i>Richard Schachtsiek</i>	In memory of our beloved pets Keira & Winston
<i>Lynn E. Meyer</i>	<i>Emily Abbott</i>	<i>Kelly Sheppard</i>	<i>Gina L. Richardson</i>	In memory of beloved Kenny Cat	<i>Dorothy &amp; Jason Gross</i>
<i>Roger &amp; Jan Sables</i>	In memory of Joyce Sharer	<i>Dave &amp; Donna Robinson</i>	In memory of Shanna, much-loved kitty of Evelyn & Dick Taylor	<i>Samual &amp; Rozanne Knappmeyer</i>	In memory of beloved pet Ryan
<i>Douglas &amp; Martha Sutton</i>	<i>A. Louise Smith</i>	<i>Keli Fulgenzi</i>	<i>Becky &amp; Scott Weber</i>	In memory of my beloved cat Petey, and Jody's dog Teddy at Flea Market to Fabulous	<i>Byran Rives</i>
<i>Donna Brittin</i>	In memory of Gary Simms	<i>Tracy Gordon</i>	<i>APL Family</i>	<i>Nancy Minnick</i>	In memory of beloved cat Olivia
<i>Genanne Giuffre</i>	<i>Bernice Catron</i>	<i>Rose Mari &amp; George Ruzic</i>	In memory of Debi Cunningham's beloved pet BW	In memory of Jody's beloved dog Teddy at Flea Market to Fabulous	<i>Sharon McMullen</i>
<i>Sables</i>	<i>Beulah Allison</i>	<i>Growmark, Inc.</i>	<i>Carol Bean</i>	<i>Jeanette M. Ryan</i>	In memory of beloved pet Diesel
<i>Bradley &amp; Julie Zara</i>	<i>Mary Moss</i>	<i>Candice Lemp</i>	In memory of all my beloved pets	In memory of Blaze, beloved dog of John & Linda Frintz	<i>Abby &amp; Audie Prange</i>
<i>Gary &amp; Kathy Brown</i>	In memory of John W. Skertich	<i>Annette Fulgenzi</i>	<i>Mike Drury</i>	<i>Mark &amp; Amy Kluemke</i>	In memory of beloved pets Jude, Bently, & Lamar
In memory of Bernadine Mikels	<i>Sharon Duke</i>	<i>Everett Lingleo</i>	In memory of beloved APL dog Sparky; his passing broke my heart	In memory of Smitty, beloved pet of Jeff Standerfer	<i>Cathy Powell</i>
<i>Croatian Fraternal Union of America</i>	In memory of Betty Smalley	<i>Christina Robinson</i>	<i>Michele Lashmet</i>	<i>Courtney &amp; Michael Voigts</i>	In memory of beloved pet Cassidy
In memory of E.J. Miley	<i>Lynn Whalen</i>	<i>Friends of Candice Long at the Ill. Dept. of Public Health</i>	In memory of Michele Lashmet's deeply loved dog Sparky	<i>Robert &amp; Karen Pary</i>	In memory of my beloved dog
<i>Virginia A. Van Pelt</i>	In memory of Karen Smith	<i>Shirley Musgrave</i>	<i>Lisa Huson</i>	In memory of our beloved kitty Versace	<i>Danielle Harmes</i>
In memory of Rick Molnar	<i>Beverly Doughty</i>	In memory of Russell Thornton	In memory of Sue & Tom Doubet's much-loved, 21-year-old cat, Jellybean	<i>Kevin &amp; Louann Boto</i>	In memory of beloved pet Leo
<i>Rodney &amp; Vicki Molnar</i>	In memory of Dana Sue Smith	<i>Gary &amp; Cindy Bartolozzi</i>	<i>Judi Mier</i>	In memory of Janet Headen's beloved pet Calico	<i>Ben Kervin</i>
In memory of Marsha Rector Moore	<i>Mike &amp; Misty Buscher</i>	<i>Drew &amp; Debbie Bartolozzi</i>	In memory of Harriet, beloved dog of Eileen Houston & Jack	<i>Mary Headen</i>	In memory of beloved pet Kitty
<i>Sheila &amp; Matthew Sloan</i>	<i>Sandra Wilham</i>	<i>Jeff Bartolozzi &amp; Diane Bradbury</i>	<i>Judi Mier</i>	In memory of beloved pet Kitty	In memory of beloved pets Zeke & Zach
<i>Georgeann Chalcraft</i>	In memory of Paul James Smith	<i>Tammie Milburn</i>	In memory of Bianca, beloved dog of Patty Hagner & Val	<i>Michelle Roach</i>	In memory of beloved cat Rhubarb
<i>Marilyn &amp; Robert Bergschneider</i>	<i>Kim Nolan</i>	<i>Shelly &amp; Lance Craigmiles</i>	<i>Lisa Henn</i>	In memory of our dear Hogan on his birthday. He was dearly loved, very spoiled and is deeply missed	<i>Brenda Glahn</i>
<i>William J. Volk</i>	In memory of Helene Smock	In memory of Keary Voegtle	In memory of Percy Ohnen, beloved dog of Amy Byers	<i>John &amp; Tamara Chrisler</i>	In memory of beloved pet Jordi
<i>Steve &amp; Karen Reveal</i>	<i>William &amp; Carol Smock</i>	<i>Linda Baker</i>	<i>Ann C. Thoele</i>	In memory of my beloved pets Ethan & Savannah	<i>Julie Gebhardt</i>
<i>James &amp; Irma Speeks</i>	In memory of Josephine Sneckus	In memory of Marjorie Walker	In memory of beloved pet Punkin	<i>Donna J. Gard</i>	In memory of beloved dog Bolt
<i>Jim &amp; Jo Klein Schmidt</i>	<i>Scott &amp; Nancy Memenga</i>	<i>Graham &amp; Hyde Architects Inc</i>	<i>Ann C. Thoele</i>	In memory of beloved pet Delaney	<i>Dianne Arms</i>
<i>Ed &amp; Shari Cantrell</i>	<i>Sandy Baksys</i>	<i>Jan Siebert Horton</i>	In memory of Percy Ohnen, beloved dog of Amy Byers	<i>Donna J. Gard</i>	In memory of beloved pet Zoe Rose
<i>Craig &amp; Susan Hall</i>	<i>Dina Carr</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Jan Hyde</i>	<i>Lisa Henn</i>	In memory of our dear Hogan on his birthday. He was dearly loved, very spoiled and is deeply missed	<i>Mary Ellen Wells</i>
<i>Michelle &amp; Dennis Whalen</i>	<i>Amy Bianco</i>	<i>Terry &amp; Wendy Call</i>	In memory of Franci, beloved dog of Mary Lane	<i>John &amp; Tamara Chrisler</i>	In memory of beloved pets Gus & Rosy
<i>Rose Mary Reveal</i>	<i>Dennis &amp; Kimberly Larson</i>	<i>Sandra Frank</i>	<i>Judith A. Mohler</i>	In memory of my beloved pets Ethan & Savannah	<i>Sarah Butcher</i>
<i>Logan &amp; Cindy Elliott</i>	<i>Hilda Masica-Szabo</i>	<i>Shirley Sigley</i>	In memory of Lil Bit, Penney, & Buttons; they were my lifeline	<i>Michele Rohrig</i>	In memory of beloved dog Coco
<i>Elliot</i>	<i>Prairie State Polish Club</i>	<i>Donna Johnson</i>	<i>Georgiann C. Bredehoff</i>	In memory of beloved pet Clyde	<i>Scott Rotschke</i>
<i>Roland Love</i>	<i>Larry &amp; Gayle Beck</i>	<i>Harold &amp; Joyce Wade</i>	In memory of Bruno, beloved dog of my late brother Roger Wells		
In memory of Hilda Oltman	<i>Matthew &amp; Julia Peterson</i>	<i>Montgomery County Fair</i>	<i>Carol M. Farley</i>		
<i>LuAnn Oltman</i>	<i>Kendal Hoselton</i>	<i>Carolyn &amp; Wilbur Eyre</i>	In memory of Kelly Cassidy		
In memory of Jeremy Parrish	<i>Janice Kalaskie Batty</i>	<i>Wilson Family</i>			
<i>Connie Dilley</i>	<i>Christopher Nelson</i>	<i>Carolyn Graham</i>			
In memory of Michael Pioletti	<i>Annellen Jakowsky</i>	<i>Serati Family</i>			
<i>Andrew Dawson</i>	In memory of Shirley Snodgrass	In memory of Roger Wills & his dog Bruno			
<i>Jeremy Bault &amp; John Bault</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Carol Gorden</i>	<i>Carol M. Farley</i>			
<i>Terri &amp; Andy Noel</i>	In memory of Donna "Donnie" Strode	<i>Kelly Cassidy</i>			
<i>Joe &amp; Nancy Moore</i>	<i>Richard &amp; Janet Steinhour</i>				
<i>Charles &amp; Barbara Damery</i>	<i>Jan Medley</i>				
<i>George &amp; Sherri Rauch</i>	<i>Terri E. Gustafson</i>				
<i>Sue &amp; Bill Kessler</i>	<i>Lois Adams</i>				
In memory of Don Piper & their family dog Tina	In memory of Mr. Suzuki				
<i>Bill Piper &amp; Adriana Roman Muniz</i>	<i>Ann Comerford</i>				

#### PET MEMORIALS

In memory of Hazel, my sweet, deeply loved cat who is sorely missed  
*Kim Link*



## Cold weather checklist

# What you need to know

By Diane M. Cape

After months of warm weather, it's good to take a refresher course on cold-weather care for our dogs and cats.

If you provide for any animals that live outside, it is essential that they have sturdy, wind-proof houses to go to, with the opening facing away from wind. Keep clean straw for them to curl up in. Make sure that they have a ready supply of fresh, non-frozen water to drink as well as fresh food. Be certain that dog houses are very well constructed and that barns, or other structures that house cats, are the same. Animals need protection from wind, rain, snow, ice, and bitter cold. When extreme cold spells or blizzards hit, *bring your animal inside*. If weather is so severe that it is dangerous to you, it is dangerous to them, too.

Never leave your pet alone a car. In addition to the danger of theft, just as a car can become an oven in hot weather, it can become a freezer in cold.

When walking your dog in cold months, pay special attention to his or her paws. Coat them with petroleum jelly, wipe them off when you get back home, and be especially careful to remove any salt or anti-freezing agent. Use only pet-safe ice removal products and antifreeze.

During holiday festivities, make sure your pet has a calm, safe place to go if the noise and frenetic activity become too much for them. Make sure children and everyone else respect safe boundaries for your dog or cat. If you bring a new animal into your family during the holidays, double your efforts to protect the newcomer who may easily be overwhelmed.

Just as you guard against indulging too much in holiday fare, be very careful to not feed your pet too much food and especially not "people" food. What is fine for humans may be harmful for your furry companion.

Be sure that tempting ornaments are out of reach of inquisitive paws of cats and puppies. Christmas tree tinsel, when ingested, can be extremely harmful. Live wires chewed by curious puppies can be deadly. The leaves of some holiday plants are poisonous to cats.

Approach your holiday celebrations as though you were safeguarding human two-year-olds, because that essentially is what your pets are.

It often is overlooked that, as we enter a new season, it is a good idea to make sure your pets' inoculations are up-to-date. Do your dogs receive heart worm preventative regularly? Has their blood been checked recently? Has your dog or cat had a wellness visit to their veterinarian recently? Are they up-to-date with recommended shots? Make sure that visit includes a dental exam. Unchecked teeth and gum problems can lead not only to loss of teeth and discomfort for your animals, but potentially to lethal infections.

While this overview is by no means all-encompassing, you may find more detailed recommendations by consulting your veterinarian, and by checking reputable animal care sites online.

Our animals are our family. The last thing we want is to expose them to avoidable harm.



*Brrrrrrr. Or it would have been for Obsidian if he were an outdoor cat. (Top) His badly matted coat was carefully shaved after he arrived at the shelter in March. (Above) Obsidian's former fur.*

## Memorials — continued from page 14

In memory of beloved cat Abby

*Jill Robinson*

In memory of beloved pet Louie

*Katie & Colt  
McLeod and Family*

In memory of beloved pet Diamond

*John Ryan*

In memory of beloved cat Buster

*Robert Morris*

In memory of beloved pet Dexter

*Diana Harbour*

In memory of beloved dog Bosco

*Mindy McDonald*

In memory of beloved pets Raya, Milo & Chewy

*Janelle & Taylor Dee*

In memory of beloved dog Lexi

*Michael & Richard Landgrebe*

In memory of beloved dog Baylee

*Paul & Tina Todd*

In memory of beloved pet Sadie

*Stacy Atwell*

In memory of beloved pet Darci

*Debbie & Kiley Dix*

In memory of beloved pet Sparky

*Linda & Norman Nagy*

In memory of beloved pet Cleo

*Michelle Andryk*

In memory of beloved pet Stormy

*Cathy Mathias*

In memory of beloved pet Lola

*Alan Cetindag*

In memory of beloved pet Dakota

*Roger & Leslie Randolph*

In memory of beloved pet Charlie

*Melchoir Clark*

In memory of beloved dog Ric and beloved cat Baby

*Judy Crespy*

In memory of beloved pet Cherry

*Lisa Steiner*

In memory of beloved pet Pleiades

*Laura Drennan*

In memory of beloved pet Moe

*Sean Connelly*

In memory of beloved pet Pepper

*Sheryl Waters*

### SPECIAL NOTICES

In honor of Rocky, beloved cat of the Fricke Family

*Nancy Minnick*

In honor of Greyhounds Brandy and Coke

*Georgiann C. Bredehoft*

In honor of Meeko & Koda

*Dale Ross*

In honor of Ann Jakowsky's recent birthday

*Kathleen Stankoven*

In honor of Brandon Pivoney for helping Jim, Heather, Owen, Clio and Mom Carter with our recent move

*Kathleen Carter*

Congratulations to Flannery & Nick on their recent wedding

*John & Tess Carrigan*

In honor of Suzanne Traylor

*Karen Downey*

In honor of Sacheen Simeon who lovingly fostered cats Ebony & Melinda at the end of their lives

*Evelyn Taylor*

In honor of the two new beagle puppies, Dolce & Luna, of Sal Madonia & David Donner

*Cap & Mary O'Keefe*

In honor of my brother Kregg's recent birthday

*Kent Argenta*

In honor of Teresa Gregoire's recent birthday

*Beth Steagall*



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noon-5 p.m. every day

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

**SHELTER PHONE:** 217.544.7387

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\*For safety during the pandemic, APL is conducting adoptions and viewings of animals by appointment. Please call to make an appointment. To begin the adoption process, please complete the online adoption application. The office will follow up with an appointment time.

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## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

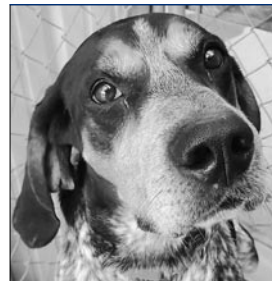
**JOSIE** Little Josie was accustomed to living in a home before she came to APL in July 2021. She yearns for someone to run their hand through her silky fur and maybe spoil her with a bit of canned cat food. Josie was declawed by a previous owner.



**HENDERSON** He's goofy, happy-go-lucky, and has the inquisitive nose of a hound. At just a bit over a year old, Henderson is a big puppy who wants to grow up with people who'll give him lots of love and attention.



**MADEA** Beautiful Madea is just two years old and has all the sedate qualities of an adult cat and the playfulness of an older kitten. She was rescued as a stray and is living the good life in our shelter, but she'd love a home of her own.

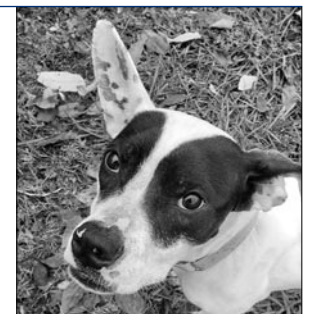


**TAHOE** Seven-year-old Tahoe is friendly and outgoing. He loves to ride in the car, walks well on a leash, and is an eager student learning basic commands with our trainer. Tahoe likes other dogs, but not cats.

**BUDDY** He's a big (21 pounds) handsome tabby who was spoiled by an owner before he turned up as a stray. If you can resist his beautiful green eyes when he silently asks for treats, you'll be doing him a healthy favor. He's just six years old, you can count on him to be your buddy for a long time.



**MARTHA** She's six years old and pretty happy with life, even at our shelter. Martha was transferred to APL from an area animal-control facility at the end of October. The forty-pound pit mix is friendly and eager to please. She also enjoys gentle play with other dogs.



*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.*