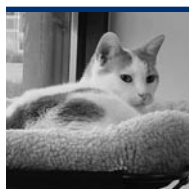


TAILS FROM THE FURSIDE

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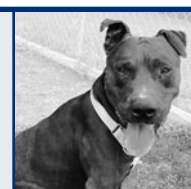


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APL piloting use of therapeutic sound app

By Evelyn Taylor

APL was one of seventy organizations selected by Adopt a Pet—a website that promotes adoptable cats and dogs, including ours—to participate in the Zoundz pilot, called the Harmony Project.

Isabella was clearly unhappy in her kennel, spending most of her days barking, upsetting nearby dogs and humans alike. In a rare moment of quiet on September 30, 2024, she stood next to her kennel door as the melodic sounds of a piano quietly drifted from a speaker above her head. By the fifth note, her ears stood erect as she gazed at the source of the sound. Then she began to wag her tail. A miracle? No. It was Zoundz, a music app that uses therapeutic sounds to ease anxiety and create a relaxing environment for pets.

Zoundz was developed several years ago for use in homes and veterinary offices. But its creator, Derrick Garrett, wanted to test its effectiveness in shelters. APL was one of seventy organizations selected by Adopt a Pet—a website that promotes adoptable cats and dogs, including ours—to participate in the pilot, called the Harmony Project. APL began testing Zoundz in our dog kennels in September.

The hearing of dogs is so keen that they can hear noises that we can't. Imagine, then, how the sounds in APL's kennels—barking, the clattering of metal dishes, and even human voices—add to the anxiety of dogs who already are living in an unfamiliar place. The barking of one dog often triggers it in another, compounding the noise. In APL's kennels, that time is "any time the leashes come out," says



Isabella was adopted when she was four months old, only to be returned to us six months later, on September 12. Her reaction to Zoundz was captured on September 30, two weeks before she was adopted again. APL



Mike, APL's Pathway and Services Manager, who is monitoring the use of Zoundz. Leashes, of course, are used for dog-walking. The excited barking of even well-behaved dogs can be deafening.

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Holiday 2024

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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

Cold weather is on its way. This is not breaking news in Illinois at this time of year. When you read this, it may already be here. My attention turns to the well-being of all animals who must weather the elements, not just dogs and cats although they are very important.

People often assume that wildlife are used to being outdoors, so they will do just fine on their own. This often is not the case, which results in suffering and even death in outdoor animals.

Consider birds. They need a source for clean, unfrozen water. If you have a receptacle that will not be damaged when the temperature drops below freezing, keep it filled with clean water. Break the ice when it forms. Educate yourself on which birds winter in your area and put out appropriate seed. Make sure both food and water are placed so other animals cannot raid them.

Providing bird shelters is helpful as long as it, too, cannot be raided by predators.

If you live in an area where you can build a brush pile that will provide shelter for wild animals, create one with small branches, sturdy weeds, and other kinds of growth. Keep it away from your bird support station. Making clean water available for wild animals also will boost their survival rates. Be sure to break any ice that may form. If you have a pond, keep it clean.

Of course, never forget the welfare of dogs and cats. All dogs should be brought into a warm, dry place, preferably in your house as part of your family. If this is not possible, it should live in a warm, dry

enclosure such as a heated barn or other structure. Clean bedding (straw, not blankets) and fresh food and water are essential. Protect the paws of any dog that goes outside, even for short bouts, when the weather is frigid. Rubbing Vaseline into paw pads is beneficial.

Make sure your dog never licks or walks in antifreeze. It is poisonous unless it is specifically labeled as Dog Safe. Even then avoid letting a dog get into it. If your dog has short fur, consider getting a warm sweater for him.

If your cat is acclimated to living inside, make sure it stays there, especially in harsh weather. If any cat has access to your car, always check your engine before starting it. Cats sometimes seek the warmth and protection of a car engine, with disastrous results if a person is not vigilant about checking under the hood.

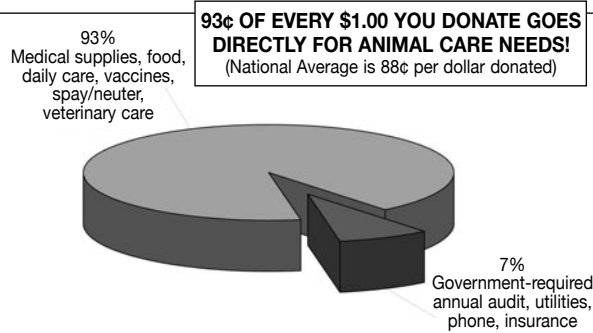
If you are housing outside cats, seek the advice of experts about their care. Basic rules of providing a warm structure, protection from wind, clean food, and fresh water apply. Make sure any cats acclimated to living outdoors are provided with consistent care, even if that has to be done at a distance.

The bottom line is, all animals need a little help, especially during harsh weather. Bring them inside whenever possible. Provide wild and feral animals with appropriate shelter, dry food, and clean, non-frozen water.

When animals are better off, we are, too.

Richard L. Speck, DVM
President

APL SPENDS YOUR MONEY WISELY



APL's Mission

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Zoundz provides a variety of sounds and original music that kennel attendants play over ten speakers (donated to APL as part of the pilot) at consistent times during the day. It's part of the conditioning of dogs to associate particular sounds with certain activities. Currently, the mel-low sounds of soft music are played as the staff prepares to take dogs out of their kennels for walks at 8:30 and 3:30, with the goal of calming their anxiety and frenzied excitement.

The kennels' use of Zoundz doesn't stop there. Kennel attendants choose a soothing selection of sounds to be played overnight. The app, though, offers other calming sounds, such as the voices of people reading books aloud. There's even a joint human-canine meditation "channel!" We've yet to test "Scary Sounds," which is used to condition dogs to remain calm when experiencing the distressing sounds of a baby crying, vacuuming, and thunderstorms.

Not every dog responds to Zoundz, says Mike. Nor is it a one-size-fits-all strategy for calming a dog's environment. Rather, says Jessica Garret, community manager for Harmony, Zoundz is one of many ways to be used alongside such enrichment as toys, puzzles, and playtime.

Although Zoundz was developed with the knowledge from scientific research on the impact of sound in soothing animal behavior, its initial success is being measured by our staff,

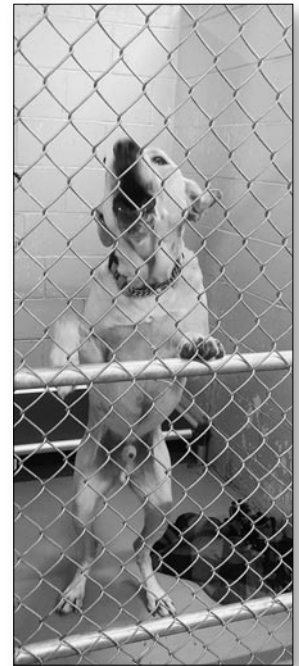


who observe the dogs when the app is active and when it's not. Ultimately, though, Adopt a Pet will analyze the real-world use of Zoundz by examining two things: how long dogs stay in the shelter prior to their adoption and whether they were less likely to be returned to the shelter for

behavioral reasons. For certain, the expectation is that length-of-stay will be shortened and the number of returns decreased.

So how is Zoundz working for APL's shelter dogs? The kennel environment is "better, not perfect," says Mike, but "I'm feeling pretty hopeful." Zounds has helped reduce the overall noise level. That's been good for staff, who are stressed by the barking. But readers want to know if it's helping dogs! Has there been a general improvement in dog behavior? "Definitely," although it's clear, Mike says "that some dogs don't respond to Zoundz at all."

Has Zounds made a difference in behavior that has led to a dog's adoption? There's no way to know this early. What about Isabella, who responded so quickly to its initial broadcast? The short answer is, We don't know. But Isabella did have a lot of changes in her life in 2024. She arrived as a stray on



The dogs rarely are more excited than when others are going in and out of their kennels for walks. Barking and jumping seems to be infectious. The pilot project will test whether consistent use of Zoundz will help settle dogs during such times of high excitement.



Banshee (a misnomer), lies quietly while Zoundz plays overhead. Interestingly, she occupies the same kennel as Isabella did when she was observed reacting to Zoundz. Perhaps the location of the speaker above makes a difference?

February 15 and was adopted a month later. Then, through no fault of her own, she was returned on September 12. A month later—and two weeks after her initial exposure to Zoundz—she was adopted. Was it good luck or did Isabella's behavior change for the better?

Mike says that he expects to use Zoundz more often in the kennels this winter when our dogs spend more time indoors. The app is also currently being used in our spay/neuter clinic, with soothing music played overnight in the dog recovery room. There's a customized app for cats that we'll try out in the future.

It sounds like a plan.



Like most of the dogs that come to APL, Penelope is something of a mystery, with little to nothing known about her previous life. Penelope had been in our shelter for two weeks when this photo was taken in November. She stood calmly while dogs around her raised a ruckus loud enough to block the sound of Zoundz to human ears. With her keen sense of hearing, a common dog trait, Penelope no doubt could hear the soothing sounds of a piano.



Deana Corbin and Ping



RIP Ping

Ping—the spay/neuter clinic’s cherished feline friend and desk warmer—died during the night of September 7. His health had declined over the summer, and plans had been made to humanely euthanize him the following day. Ping began his residence at APL as an outdoor cat, but eventually charmed his way into the clinic offices, where he had a warm bed and lots of people to spoil him. He still spent time outdoors lounging in the sun, greeting visitors, and waiting near the door to be let back inside. Ping is greatly missed.

Reflections of the EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR

APL’s impact extends beyond Springfield

It is easy to assume that APL’s range of activity pretty much starts and stops at the edges of Springfield. Nothing could be further from the truth.

While our primary function remains to care for and find good, forever homes for ill, injured, or abused homeless animals, we do much more. Springfield remains our base, but our work takes us to surrounding counties and beyond.

As our resources allow, we provide food for cats in some of our barn and feral cat locations. Many of these operations are in rural areas beyond Springfield. Our pet food bank gives dog and cat food to people who need help with feeding their animals, as our supplies allow. This is not limited to Springfield residents.

Our spay/neuter clinic is well-regarded not only in Springfield but in nearby counties. While the service is limited by our resources,



Thanks to donors who support our work, APL has such resources as cargo vans that are available to transport cats and dogs for spay/neuter and assist with boarding cases that overwhelm other animal-welfare organizations.

(this newsletter has addressed the problem of the nationwide shortage of veterinarians), we still provide this essential service to private owners and several nearby shelters. Animal welfare operations nation-wide contact us about our successful clinic.

In fact, we are in constant

communication with other shelters and animal care professionals all over the country to share tips about what is working and which new programs we might institute. We cast a wide net to identify innovative ways to help animals in need. We work with nationally recognized organizations such as Best Friends Animal Society in Utah. APL’s network of interaction has grown from local to regional to country-wide.

This newsletter that you are reading reaches supporters in 23 states. We get feedback from people far beyond our home boundaries who thank us for the information we provide in it.

So while our focus is Springfield and the surrounding area, our communication, influence, and assistance beyond this immediate area is growing . . . as always, thanks to our supporters.

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.

APL named in ‘Best of Springfield’

The Animal Protective League was voted “Best in Springfield” by *Illinois Times* readers in two categories: Nonprofit and Place to Volunteer. It takes lots of people—staff



and volunteers—to care for thousands of cats and dogs each year. Thank you to all who nominated and voted for APL. We are honored.

It's the Cats' Pyjamas!

Café featuring APL felines reopens

Once again, the Cats' Pyjamas Cat Café is hosting APL felines awaiting adoption. It's a great place to relax, enjoy a cup of coffee or a snack, and visit with friends and felines.

The first business of its kind in Springfield, the café opened on March 2 with limited hours, but that didn't delay the adoption of Hazel on March 11. Ten cats had gone home with their adopters before a June 19 fire destroyed the building occupied by the café and other businesses. Fortunately, all the feline occupants that day were quickly moved to safety.

Two months later, the husband-and-wife team of Samantha Enz and Tom Raymond opened the café at its present location, 524 East Capitol Ave., in downtown Springfield. Since then, two dozen APL cats have found homes.

We are grateful to Samantha and Tom for opening a business that benefits APL cats in multiple ways. First, it provides an offsite location for potential adopters to meet cats. Second, the café is a space that gives cats a free-roaming environment, which is especially important for those who are stressed in our shelter. And third, keeping cats in the café leaves room in our shelter to rescue more of them from area animal controls.

The Cats' Pajamas currently is open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with occasional evening hours for special events. Guests may walk in during business hours, although reservations in advance guarantee that you can get in without waiting. The fee is \$6 for 45 minutes. Guests are asked to sign a waiver and familiarize themselves with rules made to ensure the comfort, safety, and health of the cats.

You'll find more information about volunteering, nearby parking, and the current cat occupants on their website, www.spicatpjs.com. The café can be reached by phone at 217.836.7120.



The colorful exterior of the Cats' Pyjamas Cat Café at 524 East Capitol Ave, in downtown Springfield



APL cats at the Cats' Pyjamas Cat Café have a variety of places to rest and relax, with some hammocks attached to the streetside windows and others. Nearby are cat trees and homey furniture where cats and guests may relax.



**Your aluminum
and scrap is
life-saving!**



Cats and dogs benefit when you take your recyclables to Lake Area Recycling and donate the proceeds to APL. You've raised \$1,000 in the first ten months of the year! Lake Area accepts aluminum cans, scrap aluminum, brass, copper, and old radiators at 2742 South 6th St., Springfield. Thanks!

Fostering is fun and rewarding



Sometimes ya just gotta laugh!

Did Sue's foster kitten see a poltergeist? Smell an enormous catnip-filled toy? Nope. Just enjoying playtime in a cardboard box. You've seen that look before, one that leaves no doubt that it's just a bout of the "kitten crazies."

Imagine the fun you'd have watching healthy kittens play or the satisfaction of helping a cat or dog recover from illness or injury. Those are among the benefits of opening your home to an animal in need of a foster caretaker.

Hundreds of kittens, puppies, and adult cats and dogs are raised, healed, and socialized in foster homes each year. In the first ten months of 2024, nearly 1,000 animals—half of that number kittens—spent time in APL foster homes.

APL provides everything needed—food, bedding, crates, any medications, other supplies, and veterinary care. The commitment can be short or long. Even a week can make a difference! Just tell us that you're available.

Fostering is lifesaving. Not only do these special volunteers provide care and comfort to their furry housemates, they make it possible for APL to rescue more animals.

Find out more at www.apl-shelter.org/foster-appet. There's an application form there to get you started, or pick up the form at the shelter. If you have questions, text or call Leah at 217.801.3298.



Catherine cuddles kittens (and adult cats sometimes too) as a foster caretaker for APL. Catherine cared for Stella and her two-week-old kittens after they were transferred to APL from an area animal control in March 2024. The kittens have gone to new homes, while Stella awaits adoption.

When a dog is dogs' best friend

Mocha saves the day!

By Jamie Richno

I am so proud of Mocha, an APL dog that is available for adoption at the shelter. I took him for an outing to a chili cookoff and APL fundraiser on November 16. Afterward, we stopped at Lincoln Park for a walk before returning to the shelter.

Unknown to us, two Huskies were loose and running in the area. Right after we got out of the car and started exploring, the Huskies ran past us and disappeared into the trees. My youngest lives just south of Lincoln Park. She came out to find them, fearing that the pair would wander as far as busy North Grand Avenue or Veterans Parkway. She and her husband did track them down and kept getting close, but each time, the Huskies darted away at the last moment.

As Mocha and I were walking, the Huskies appeared again and spotted us. They came at us at a run. Mocha stayed completely calm, even when the Huskies started running circles around us inviting Mocha to join in their fun. Since the two seemed so good-natured and Mocha was handling the situation so well, it seemed possible that they could be led to my daughter's fenced back yard. Mocha calmly walked with me to my daughter's house, while the Huskies darted back and forth playing but always

returning to their new friend.

The Huskies ran into the alley behind the house, and my daughter opened the back gate to her yard for Mocha and me. We stepped into the alley again to get the Huskies' attention. Cautious at first, the pair found Mocha irresistible, and they soon followed us into the yard. My daughter quickly closed the gate behind them. Mission accomplished! Mocha and I departed through the front gate, and he got a ton of pets and treats for being such a good boy. He was the hero of the day!

My daughter took the Huskies to APL to get scanned for chips. Unfortunately, they were not chipped. She was offered kennels to house the dogs until Monday when Sangamon County Animal Control opened.

We got back to my daughter's house, posted on area lost-and-found Facebook sites, and set up the kennels. Just as we prepared to kennel them, a car came down the road. It was the owner! He and several family members had been searching for quite a while for his escape artists. The Huskies and their owner were reunited, thanks to Mocha's calm demeanor and irresistible charm.



Like all APL dogs and cats, Mocha is microchipped. Microchipped dogs are returned to their owners at more than twice the rate of ones without chips.

'Tis the season to adopt a cat

Myths die hard. No, black cats aren't at greater risk for harm at Halloween. No, cats don't always land on their feet when they fall. And contrary to long-held opinions, the holiday season is not a bad time to adopt a cat. Just be as considerate of your new feline roommate as you would be at any other time of the year.

Think about it. Many adults take off extra time from work around the holidays, and children are out of school for a couple of weeks. That's time that can be used to help your cat become accustomed to the people, sights, and sounds that she'll encounter in her new home. Some cats will adjust very quickly, some will not. Just give the ones who need it a quiet place to relax.

Don't let having a new cat keep you from enjoying an afternoon, evening, or even a day out of the house. In fact, you're doing her a favor. That's time that a cat can leisurely explore the house without distraction or fear of being unwillingly picked up. Can you have a party at your own house? Sure! Just make sure your cat has a comfortable place to retreat to.

For certain, you'll want to make sure your door-darter doesn't dash off with the carolers on your porch. Shield your new cat from the loud ho-ho-ho-ing that accompanies the swilling of too many spirits. And, no, it's not a good time to forcefully kiss your cat (or anyone else, for that matter) under the mistletoe.

Take it from us, there's no bad time to adopt a cat so long as you are prepared to keep her safe and healthy. All the cats here would love to move to a new home this holiday season.



Poor Buttercup. The spayed, chubby calico was abandoned by her caretaker. At more than eleven pounds, she clearly had been nurtured by someone who kept her well-fed. Buttercup is still adjusting to shelter life, but when she's comfortable she will seek attention. The two-year-old appreciates human company, savors pets, and loves cuddles when it's her idea. But make no mistake, she will be close by, making her a great companion whether you're sedentary or moving around the house.



He's about the color of eggnog, but there will be no mistaking this fuzzy fellow for festive food when he waves his fabulous tail! Bryce is awaiting adoption at the Cat Café in downtown Springfield where he is learning to be comfortable around multiple people. He sought the company of his foster caretaker when he first was taken in by APL. Now, if Santa sticks around long enough, Bryce is sure to find a place on the jolly man's lap. If you aren't the real Santa, though, he's likely to rub that fake beard off with his enthusiastic head butts.



How about a serving of Yam? We'd love to get her onto someone's (metaphoric) plate for Christmas. She's an active ginger cat who craves attention from older children and adults. If you've got empty boxes, a home devoid of other cats, and a place where she can retire to when there's a lot of noise, Yam is the feline dish you've been looking for.



With his charm and good looks, Socks is likely to enchant guests during the holiday season, so make sure no one steals him away from you! Give him a warm place in the sun and a high perch where he can observe your unusual holiday goings on. At two years old, he's already seen a bit of the world, and we promise that he won't judge you for over-indulging in alcohol or food. Meet Socks at the shelter.



Abuela is an introvert, so she won't be attending any holiday parties. But she'll be there for you when you come home. A mature cat at seven years old, Abuela is gentle; her quiet demeanor belies a deep capacity for love and affection. When things get a bit hectic in your household, just give Abuela a place where she can relax away from loud music, loud in-laws, and those loud pants Uncle Bob favors. You'll find Abuela comfortably housed in the Purrs & Grrrs store at the shelter.



Franklin relaxing at Gabby's home.

It doesn't get any better than this!

Veteran foster cat caretaker Gabby asked APL's foster coordinator two years ago for "a challenge." Were there feisty kittens that "needed to be tamed down a bit." She got Franklin, a nine-month-old tabby who had spent six unhappy months at APL after being transferred to our shelter's care from Sangamon County Animal Control. How unhappy? His file was labeled: *Fearful. Bite History. Crabby Tabby. Needs slow transition.*

How did things go? Here's what Gabby posted on the APL Foster Facebook page earlier this year:

I decided to accept him and help him navigate himself and learn how to be a CAT. He was in the shelter from 3 months old to 9 months old, so he never really had a childhood. (He has one now!) Franklin has gotten to love me like I do him, and he has been through some of my major life successes with me. December 15, 2022, is when I got him, and I will always cherish that day as my own holiday. Franklin is my best friend and we're inseparable.

Combined Federal Campaign ends January 15, 2025

Support APL through workplace giving

Attention Federal Employees and Retirees: The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for 2024 closes on January 15, 2025, and you still have the chance to choose APL as the recipient of your donations.

Now through January 15 you can sign up for payroll deductions that are automatically drawn from your pay-

check and go straight to the lifesaving work being done at APL! You get to choose how much is deducted and for how many paychecks. Make your pledge today by scanning the QR code, or visit www.givecfc.org.

APL's CFC number is 15269



Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Nearly two hundred players enjoyed a night of trivia benefiting APL on November 8. Attendees were invited to wear costumes and decorate their tables devoted to the "Beetlejuice" theme. They did not disappoint! The winning team (below) for best-decorated table was fully decked out in costumes as well.

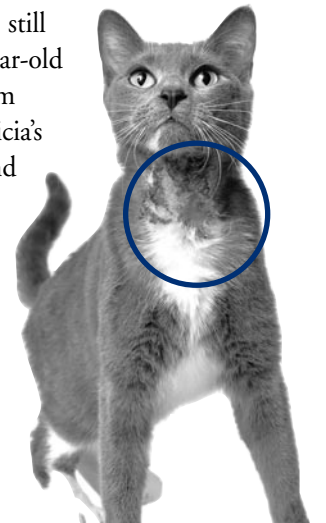


One of the Beetlejuice-themed tables at the November trivia night.



Bye, Felicia (in a good way)

Can you imagine how itchy Felicia's neck was when she came to APL earlier this year? It was still winter, and the one-year-old stray was suffering from allergic dermatitis. Felicia's neck was bright red and raw—a distressing sight. Steroids relieved Felicia's condition, and she was mostly healed a month later when she went to a new home.





Nearly 725 diners enjoyed chili at APL's annual Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar on October 27, and another 25 chili lovers ordered quarts to go. The bazaar tables were full of such reasonably priced items as holiday décor, trinkets, Waterford crystal, and toys for cats and dogs. Sweatshirts and jackets emblazoned with APL's logo were popular items. Shoppers found it hard to resist the many homemade treats offered for sale. Proceeds from the event support the cats and dogs who need APL's care.

**We'll take
that vehicle
off your
hands!**



Got a car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or RV that you don't use anymore? APL will take the vehicle off your hands and use the money to support our shelter operations. Donors will need to provide a clear title and car keys. There is no cost to you—even for vehicles that are no longer serviceable. For additional information, call APL at 217.544.7387.

Please donate cat scratchers

Cardboard scratchers contribute to the well-being of cats, especially those in shelters. Scratchers are therapeutic, helping to alleviate stress and anxiety. And cats who learn to use cardboard scratchers are more likely to turn to them instead of furniture when the urge to stretch and flex their paws strikes.

Scratchers are available from two vendors in differing styles. Stretch and Scratch sells the kind of scratcher that we fasten to cages. Those are sold in quantities of 50 for \$99.95 (plus \$4.99 for shipping). Imperial Cat offers a case of 20 assorted scratch-

ers—most of which rest on the floor—for \$25.00 (no shipping charge).

Both companies will send scratchers directly to APL. However, if you wish to simply donate to the

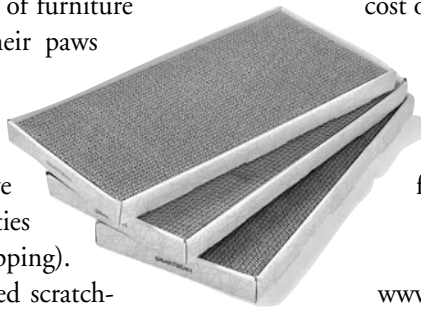
cost of scratchers, just send a check or donate online at www.apl-shelter.org/wish-list. Our cats will be grateful to you.

Ordering online is easy from these two vendors:

www.stretchandscratch.com

and

www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat



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.

Make your will online at no cost

Check out a free online resource that guides users through the creation of an estate plan. FreeWill is available no matter who you wish to name as a beneficiary. Please consider naming the Animal Protective League as a recipient of estate funds.

Users of FreeWill can create their estate plan in as few as twenty minutes. And FreeWill really is free! Start today at www.freewill.com/apl.

Play group pals

A trio of young dogs—(left to right) —Bruno, Brody, and Theo— romp during one of the playgroups that supports the happiness and health of dogs in our shelter. Group play gives dogs a chance to relax, socialize, and burn off energy. The result: Dogs tend to behave better in their kennels when prospective adopters come to visit. By observing the dogs at play, shelter staff can gain insights into their personalities, which can make finding an appropriate adopter easier. All three of the dogs here came to APL from



Sangamon County Animal Control, and all were adopted within a ten-day timeframe in August.

Sink update

In the fall issue of this newsletter, we requested donations toward the purchase of a new sink in

the shelter’s kennels. We’ll post an update and a list of donors in the Spring 2025 issue.

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.

APL held a successful **Beetlejuice Trivia Night** thanks to the following: **Vancil Murphy Funeral Homes** for Title Sponsorship, **Tito’s Handmade Vodka** and **Bank of Springfield** for Co-Sponsorships, **Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers**, **Bank of Springfield**, **Gyros Stop**, **Scoop Du Jour**, **Die Hard Games**, **R. Watts Electric**, **Tails to Remember Pet Services**, **Curry’s Family Pharmacy**, **Heartland Credit Union**, and **First Church of the Brethren** for Trivia Round Sponsorships. A special thank you to our in-kind sponsor, **Pease’s at Bunn Gourmet** for donating Special Prize Round gift baskets of candies to each member of the winning team. Celebrity judges were **Big Steve Michaels**, **Sarah Smerz** from **WYMG**, and **Alex Mahnich** of **Peoria Chiefs Baseball**. Thanks also to **Linda Gudgel** and the **Columbian Grand Hall staff** for helping with setup and service

Curious about monthly donations?



What do these donors know that you don't know? They know that monthly giving is easy. Monthly donors—through a credit card or checking account—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.

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 November 15, 2024

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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 _____

Please make a monthly charge to my credit card

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

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

Name on card _____

Visa Discover MasterCard

Exp. Date _____

Card number _____

Security code (3-digit code on back of card) _____

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1001 Taintor Road
Springfield, IL 62702-1766

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A winner every day.
It could be you!

Win Multiple Times A Year!



365 chances to win!

\$20 Each

Each ticket is just \$20. Not bad for 365 chances to win! **EVERY DAY** a winning ticket is drawn for a \$10 prize, and on eight special days, win \$50! **Winning tickets are returned to the barrel**, meaning you could **WIN MULTIPLE TIMES!** The raffle drawings will occur every day from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Enter early for the most chances to win!

And the winner is . . .
You and APL cats and dogs!

Your support of homeless animals is truly the gift that keeps on giving. Donate your winnings to the animals and help even more!

These raffle tickets make great gifts for—

- Myself
- Cats & dogs
- Friends
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Retirements
- Special Occasions
- Graduations
- The Love of Animals



PRIZE SCHEDULE

Special Drawings of \$50

- July 31, 2024
National Mutt Day
- August 29, 2024
Birthday of Henry Bergh, Founder of ASPCA
- October 4, 2024
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals
- January 1, 2025
Happy New Year
- February 25, 2025
World Spay Day
- April 1, 2025
Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Month
- May 4, 2025
Be Kind To Animals Week
- June 1, 2025
Adopt A Shelter Cat Month

ALL OTHER DAYS
\$10

HELP US SAVE A LIFE TODAY!

Please use my winnings to help APL animals!



WIN-ALL-THE-TIME APL RAFFLE

\$20 per ticket — form may be duplicated

10-2024

FOR OFFICE USE

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Mail completed form with check payable to Animal Protective League to:

Animal Protective League
c/o Win All The Time
1001 Taintor Road
Springfield, IL 62702

Please use my winnings to help APL animals!



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UPCOMINGEVENTS

Shelter closed.....January 1
 Have a Heart at participating businesses February 1–28
 Dueling Pianos, Prairie View
 Reception Center, Chatham..... March 7

Upscale Collectible Sale,
 2425 S. MacArthur Blvd.April 10–13
 Mobile Adoption Unit (MAU),
 Petco first Saturday of every month

Honor someone this holiday season with a Pen Pal donation

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

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

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

Current Room Sponsors through November 15, 2024

In honor of APL animals, staff and volunteers
 F. Lucille Foster
Thank you to room sponsor
 Kathy Giannangelo
In memory of Ronald & Barbara Coleman
 Ron Coleman Jr.
In memory of Glinnis and Charles (Bud) Holler
 Their family

Current Cage & Kennel Sponsors

through November 15, 2024

Meredith & the Mahoney Cat Team
 (cat cage)
In memory of Dan Malensky (cat cage)
 R.K. Rees
To Toonces & PB, the best loaner cats ever! (cat cage)
 Mike & Lori Roate
In memory of Jim Doyle (dog run)
 Marti Doyle
In memory of Little Bun (cat cage)
 Sue & Steve Arnish

Current Cage & Kennel Sponsors through November 15, 2024

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| <i>Thank you to sponsor</i> (cat cage) Charmaine Black | <i>In memory of Jack-Jack</i> (dog run) Jean Scherer |
| <i>In memory of Jill Schuele</i> (dog run) Connie Hess | <i>In memory of Kevin J. Cox</i> (cat cage) Linda Cox |
| <i>Honoring Sambo</i> (cat cage) Beverly Evans | <i>In memory of Peggy Dean</i> (cat cage) Ronald Dean |
| <i>In honor of Mary West & Jean Northrup</i> (cat cage) Katherine McGuire | <i>Rex, Enjoy long runs again</i> (dog run) Scottie & Diane Bevill |
| <i>Thank you to sponsor</i> (dog run) Paula Ferrier | <i>In memory of Moonbeam, our cat</i> (cat cage) Thomas & Ellen Robinson |
| <i>Thank you to sponsor</i> (cat cage) Sharon Wunder | <i>Thank you to sponsor</i> (cat cage) Linda Kauffman |
| <i>In loving memory of Aunt Jan</i> (dog kennel) Christie Hovey | <i>In memory of Mattie & Sasha</i> (dog run) William & Pamela Andrew |
| <i>In memory of Mini & Abby</i> (dog kennel) Joseph & Marla Pisarek | <i>In memory of Margie, our sweet little</i> (cat cage) Larry & Linda Smith |
| <i>In memory of Hershey & Duffy</i> (dog kennel) Christie Hovey | <i>Sandy White, who loves furbabies</i> (cat cage) Sandy White |

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 donations help us care for dogs like Hanna, an elderly dog still waiting for a permanent home.



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

Your name (please print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

APL thanks everyone who helped at the **APL Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar: Bank of Springfield** for Beverage Sponsorship, **Heartland Credit Union, R. Watts Electric, Tails to Remember Pet Services, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, Peaceful Tails End of Life Veterinary Care, and Green Family Stores** for Placemat Sponsorships. Thank you to **Springfield Pepsi Co.** for roadside banners and soda donations and **Prairie Farms Dairy** for milk donations. A special thank you to **Linda Gudgel** and **Columbian Grand Hall staff** for helping with setup and service.

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.

Wills/Estates

Estate of Deborah Poynter

Donations \$1000+

AA Harvey Foundation
Nancy Bahre & John Langfelder
Best Friends Animal Society

Fifth Generation DBA Tito's
F. Lucille Foster
Randall & Katherine Germeraad
Impact Life

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*Omitted from Fall 2024 list

Donations \$500 – \$999

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MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL NOTICES

Donations October 1 — November 15, 2024

In memory of Aunt Norma
William & Carol Smock

In memory of Dave Ayres
Cathy Powell

In memory of Carolyn Barris
Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen & Cochran

*Christie Hovey
Dwight & Mary O'Keefe
Beverly Collins
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Lawrence & Sarah Bates

In memory of Tommy Boastick
Deana Corbin

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Alan Brinkoetter

In memory of Frances Burke
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In memory of Carolyn Schnirring Dungan
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Carl & Yvonne Defrates

In memory of Tom O'Connor
*Vicki Rapier
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In memory of Tim Peecher
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In memory of Scott Poole
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In memory of Brenda Poston
Tom & Natalie Marantz

In memory of Honora Rieth
Lawrence E. Rieth

In memory of Ronald Rudolph
*Care-O-Sel Child
Care & Education*

Memorials — continued from page 14

In memory of Rick Sarff
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Jill Grove
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In memory of Denise Schwabacher
Beverly Izzard-Wilcoxson
Glenda Bequette
Mary Conwill
Edwin Kach
Howard Wolff
Tad Huskey & Kids
HSHS St. John's Anesthesia Department

In memory of Chelsie Marie Sonneborn
Russell Naugle & Family

In memory of Richard Thrasher
John & Darlene Moore
 In memory of Janice Whited
Patricia & Joseph Charles
Karen Tish

SPECIAL NOTICES

In honor of Lindsey Oswald's recent birthday
Beth Szillagyi

In honor of Kris Stricker's recent birthday
Mary C. & James Daugherty
 In honor of Bluto, beloved pet of Cathy & Bryan Padget
Amy & Christopher Perrin
 In honor of Sandra Warnick's recent birthday
Jane Cox
 In honor of making sure as many animals as possible find forever homes
Deborah Cooper

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the death of Ed Budds, a faithful volunteer who spent many hours assisting at offsite adoptions and cleaning the cages of APL cats awaiting adoption at PetSmart. Ed died on November 5, 2024. We will miss his good humor and affection for cats. Our condolences to Ed's wife Diana, son Edward Budds III, and extended family.

Gifts to APL in memory of beloved pets

Zou Zou, treasured pet of David & Lisa Holley
Chip Piper
 Callie, beloved pet
Beverly Izzard
 Tippy, Missy Rose & Zoe Rose, our beloved cats
Mary Ellen & David Wells

Jackson, dearly loved Collie of Cleta Lovekamp
Robin Mahnken
 Charlie, our cherished pet
Gerald & Virginia Gibson, Jr.
 Sadie, beloved dog of Joan Bray & Carl Hoagland
Jan Droegkamp

Muffin & Precious, my deeply loved cats
Carmen Koches
 Ping, treasured APL office cat of Deana Corbin
Cassie Hysler
 Buddy, beloved dog of Helen Tom
 Sadie, beloved dog of Julie, Brian & Braden Barton
Christie Hovey

Lego, our cherished dog
Rose & Jessica Baker
 Gabby, beloved pet of Kristen Cecil
Christopher Bejcek
 Pepper, beloved dog of Thom & Jeanine Erte
Judy Mohler

Clover, beloved dog of Lewis Crenshaw & Joe Marody
 Ellie, beloved dog of Christine Risdal & Bill McHargue
Kathy & Steve Rothenberg
 Lola, my beloved cat
Dorothy B. Sames

Atticus, cherished pet of Mike Maras
Debbie Maras
 Raya, our deeply loved cat
Richard & Robyn Gilman-Opalsky
 Misha, treasured dog of Paulette George
Amy Kluemke

SPECIAL THANKSTO...

Nancy Bahre and John Langfelder for a generous grant through Schwab Charitable
Edie Family Charitable Fund and Deborah Edie for recurring grants through Schwab Charitable
Foxwynd Foundation for a very generous grant representing a partnership between Foxwynd Foundation and APL in pursuit of common goals
Pets for The Elderly for generous, ongoing support
Springfield Supportive Living for a generous donation
Best Friends Animal Society for generous, ongoing support
AFSCME Retiree Sub-Chapter #86, Junior League of Springfield, Pride Link, and Age Link for inviting APL's Development Director Alexis Haven to speak to them

Impact Life for a generous donation
Sean at Nothing Bundt Cakes for donating treats for APL staff
Lori Roate for helping us get new computers up and running and for general technical support
Anonymous Giving Tuesday Matching Donors
Battery Specialist and Golf Carts of Taylorville for fixing the lights on our golf cart
Orangetheory Fitness for hosting a month-long donation drive in September
WICS Newschannel 20 production staff and Mid-day anchors **Alexandria Rayford, Mark Hesperen, and Nick Patrick** for hosting APL's Pet of the week segment
Rocki of The Morning Show for featuring APL's Pet of the Week on **WNNS Radio**

Sarah Smerz of WYMG for hosting APL's Events and Pet of the Week features on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
Jane Cochran and Capitol Radio Group for hosting APL's Pet of the Week on their website
Big Steve Michaels for promoting APL events on WYMG radio
The Cat's Pyjamas Cat Cafe for partnering with us to foster and adopt cats
Greg & Susan Sims of Fido Friendly magazine for making Springfield a stop on the Get Your Licks on Route 66 pet adoption tour and for donating to us the money from the prize wheel
Ann and Tony Libri for inviting APL to the Antique and Artisans Festival
Petco on Veterans Parkway for hosting first Saturday of the month adoptions

PetSmart on Veterans Parkway for hosting weekly adoptions
Joe Blankenship of Dog Class Professional Training for his hard work and support of APL dogs
Nate Shephard of Rediscover Your Dog for supporting the training of APL dogs
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RX Comedy for hosting a Comedy Night fundraiser
Don Patterson and VFW Post 10302 for hosting a pet adoption and fundraiser
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Joe Ward for playing **Santa Claus** at Green on Dirksen's pet adoption
Green Subaru for hosting a pet adoption

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of our annual **Boo Bark in the Park: Bank of Springfield** for Title Sponsorship, **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers for Kids** Zone Sponsorship, **Tails to Remember Pet Services** for Media Sponsorship, **R. Watts Electric for Costume Contest** Sponsorship, and **Wolf Creek Farms** for donating paintable pumpkins. Thanks also to the vendors: **Tails to Remember Pet Services, Moxie Massage, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, Lifetime Leashes, Kashia's Sweets, Hipstress Hailey's Color Portal, Jasmine Drake**-holistic wellness coach, and **Big Jake's Dog Treats** for costume contest prize baskets.



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Interested in adopting? To begin the adoption process, please complete the online adoption application. The office will follow up with an appointment time.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

BRUISER Through no fault of his own, Bruiser was returned to APL after four years with an owner who loved him. Bruiser has had a hard time adjusting to shelter life, and it's only when he's out of his dog run that his great personality shines. Then he is laid-back and playful. Visit Bruiser at the shelter. Take him for a walk. Then take him home.



CAKE POP Cake Pop thrives on cuddles, pets, and quality time with her human companions. This sweet-natured eleven year old prefers to be the sole focus of attention. She will thrive in a home where she can be an only "child." Focus your affection on Cake Pop, and she will respond in kind.



KNUCKS Knucks is an affectionate eight-year-old terrier pit mix who embodies the perfect blend of playfulness and charm. This well-mannered gentleman loves nothing more than chasing his favorite toys and engaging in a good game of fetch. Knucks is also clever; he knows such commands as sit, down, and shake, and he's a pro at catching treats mid-air!



BUZZY Four-year-old Buzzy was dearly loved by her late owner. More suited for home-life than shelter-life, the sweet-tempered gal is living at the Cat Café in downtown Springfield until she's adopted. Buzzy likes quiet places to sleep, a good tall shelf to relax on, and soft strokes of her fur.

MOCHA He's a strong and spirited three-year-old tan pit bull terrier mix with a heart full of love! This charming boy is known for his affectionate nature and his delightful habit of jumping up for hugs. Mocha is eager to learn, and he already knows how to sit and shake. His adopter will have fun continuing to train this great dog.



WIGGLES He's a sweetheart of a thirteen-year-old tabby. Wiggles is an energetic fellow who enjoys playing with wand toys. His next favorite thing is burrowing into blankets for a quiet snooze. Since Wiggles has been declawed, he will need to be kept indoors at all times, giving you lots of opportunities for snuggles.



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.