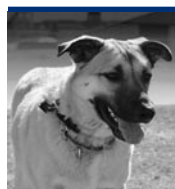


# TAILS FROM THE FURSIDE

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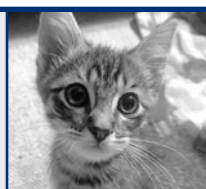


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## Fostering for life TALES OF ONE DOG AND TWO CATS

By Evelyn Taylor

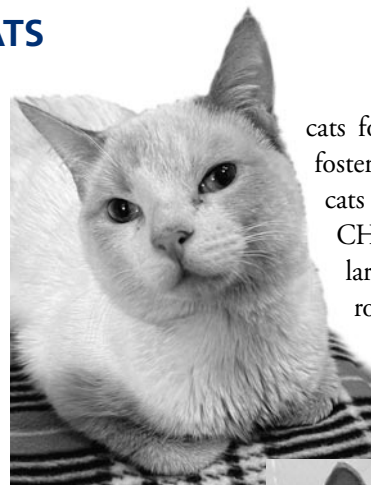
Foster caretakers—men and women who provide temporary homes for APL dogs and cats—make such a difference in an animal’s quality of life. Those special volunteers save hundreds of lives each year by bottle-feeding unweaned kittens, by giving young puppies a good start on socialization, and by caring for cats and dogs at every stage of life who need a safe place to heal or just decompress away from the bustle of the shelter.

Sometimes, though, when an animal does not thrive in our shelter due to age, behaviors, or medical issues, he or she may spend considerable time in a foster home. Some stay permanently, though APL maintains ownership and provides their veterinary care, just as we do with temporary placements.

Currently among those animals in foster homes for medical reasons are a pair of young cats (Cattywampus and Captain Wobbleton) awaiting adoption and an extraordinary dog (Wigs) who became a permanent part of the family. The two stories offer insight into the motivations of foster caretakers and the satisfaction they get in seeing their APL housemates flourish.

### Worth the effort

When the last of their three black cats died earlier this year, Jennifer and her family felt “a hole in their lives.” They chose to fill it by fostering



*Captain Wobbleton was one of two one-year-old male cats found as strays and brought to APL’s shelter in August 2024. A week later the pair went to foster caretaker Jennifer.*

cats for APL. Their first fosters? A pair of loving cats born with CH.

CH is short for cerebellar hypoplasia, a neurological disorder that leaves cats with an uncoordinated gait characterized



*Cattywampus and his feline friend Captain Wobbleton, both born with CH, have gotten steadier on their feet in their time at a foster home.*

by wobbling and oftentimes head tremors. CH kittens are born to mothers who suffered from panleukopenia—a serious virus—during the kittens’ gestation, delaying the development of their cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls movement.

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*There’s no question that Captain Wobbleton and Cattywampus are a bonded pair who must be adopted together.*





# PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

## Fall 2024

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

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

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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.



Dr. Richard Speck

The world of animal care is changing. These changes affect APL as well as the outside world. I'm sure you have experienced it. There are fewer veterinarians to care for an increasing population of companion animals, and probably will be for years to come until vet schools produce more vets.

Fewer vets mean higher costs for medical care. Pet food prices have gone up, too. Large corporations compete to hire veterinarians which results in still fewer vets who are available to work at not-for-profit animal welfare organizations such as APL.

Lest you think this is a doom-and-gloom column, it is not. We are committed to caring for animals and for the people who love them through thick and thin. See Executive Director Deana Corbin's column on page 4. APL staff, our animal-loving volunteers, and supporters continue to find new ways to serve needy animals. We stretch dollars. Explore innovative ideas to improve the lives of animals in our care. Our pet food bank is a source of food for dogs and cats whose owners are struggling to feed them. We often are able to provide behavior training which keeps pet parents and their pets together.

We know animal welfare challenges are not going away, at least not any time soon. It is true that some services may have to be adjusted from time to time. But our core values will never change. We find loving homes for two thousand animals each year. This dramatically improves the lives of both people and the pets they love. We spay or neuter hundreds more, preventing thousands of unwanted dogs and cats from being born only to suffer from homelessness and neglect.

Without our partnership, many needy companion animals would lead short, unloved lives. Yes, market forces in the outside world affect us as they do everyone who loves and cares for animals. They always will. But APL will continue to assist animals in innovative ways and with

methods we've used for years. The important thing is that with your help, we are more committed than ever to finding ways to help animals and the people who love them.

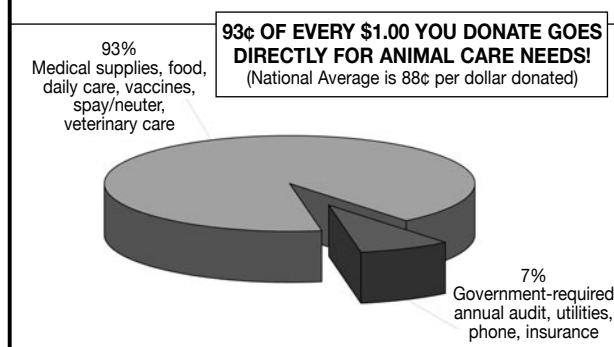
It is in our blood.

Richard L. Speck, DVM  
President



*APL took in these pups from an area animal control in 2024. Thanks to donors, APL has the resources—including many foster caretakers—to nurture animals until they are ready for adoption.*

## APL SPENDS YOUR MONEY WISELY



## APL's Mission

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The severity of symptoms varies from cat to cat, and often some extra effort is needed for their care. Fortunately, cats with CH are not in pain. They have the same needs as other cats, are affectionate—some owners say more so than unaffected cats—and make loving companions. Just ask Jennifer's son, who cuddles and plays with the one-year-old cats named Cattywampus and Captain Wobbleton.

In the short time in their foster home, the littermates have gotten less wobbly with exercise, says Jennifer. And although the cats have an area of their own in the house, strategically placed rugs provide the grip they need to reach the living room where the sweet cats bask in attention in exchange for pets and purrs.

There is no denying, though, that Cattywampus and Captain Wobbleton are different from other cats. In fact, that was their appeal to Jennifer, who herself has a neuromuscular disorder. The cats' special condition, she says, "captured my heart."

Just ten days into fostering the handsome pair of male cats, Jennifer has made no decision about how long they will remain in the family's home. For now, the cats remain available for adoption. In the meantime, Cattywampus and Captain Wobbleton are living their best lives with a family providing steady and loving care.

## Wiggles turned into walking

Two veterinarians told Beth that her APL foster dog—Wiggle Worm—would never walk. But miraculously . . . unexpectedly . . . and against all odds he did, almost a year after Beth took him in.

Beth took home the dog that she calls Wigs in October 2022, after he had been transferred to



*Miraculously, Wigs began walking in late summer 2023. Walking soon turned to running, and he is so eager to run that it's hard to get a photo of him, says Beth. Wigs strains at his leash when Beth photographed him in September 2024.*

APL from Sangamon County Animal Control.

Unable to walk, the three-year-old moved around by scooting himself side to side, at least when he wasn't

in the wagon that carried him around the grounds for time in the sun and grass.

Officially, Wigs is considered a permanent foster, with APL retaining ownership and providing veterinary care. But there's no doubt about who owns his heart. Beth's "ultimate goal" in taking Wigs in was for him "to know love and what a family is." He's had that in spades while living in a household with adults, another dog, and a cat.

It was Labor Day weekend 2023 that Wigs took his first tentative steps. But he quickly assumed the waddling gait that makes it possible to chase toys and run with other dogs. Although Wigs struggles sometimes, says Beth, she quickly learned that she would need to leash the once-sedentary dog.

"I don't get it," says Beth of the dog's miraculous turnaround. Beth is making the most of the time she has with him. His two favorite things, she says, are camping and eating—before describing his shameless appetite for squeaker toys of every shape and size.

Now, in late September 2024, Beth knows that Wigs's time with her will come to an end in the not-too-distant future. His joints are deteriorated, and he is on medicine to dull his pain. Wigs also has a disease that will eventually spread to his brain. It weighs on Beth knowing that she will be the one who decides when the bad days outnumber the good.

In the meantime, Wigs cuddles on the couch as he always has. He barks at people in the alley, runs and plays, and enjoys a life that was once unimaginable. In short, says Beth, "He's gotten to be a dog. That's all we ever wanted."

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*Wigs found a home with Beth and her family, where he has thrived indoors and out. He loves camping, eating, and playing with squeaker toys.*



*No one thought that Wigs—his named shortened from Wiggle Worm—would ever walk. For months the young dog was taken outdoors in a wagon.*



Deana Corbin  
and Ping

## Reflections of the **EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR**

### APL working to keep animals in their homes

Every animal shelter is unique, with challenges and triumphs related to their location, funding, and mission. But a recent study\* reminds us that APL deals with many of the same issues shelters are experiencing nationwide, especially when it comes to keeping pets with their owners. Fortunately, thanks to donor support, we have programs to address those challenges.

The return of animals to shelters typically is due to a change in owner circumstances or because the dog or cat is experiencing behavioral issues. Some owners, for instance, are in financial straits and, sadly, would give up their pet to make sure it is fed. We've even had reports of pet owners endangering their own welfare by sharing their own meals with their animal companions. It's enough to break your heart. Thankfully, APL's pet food bank, which is stocked by animal-loving donors, local stores, and recently, with grant funds, provides the food that keeps pets and owners together.

Free pet food isn't the only assistance we offer. APL's current pet retention services include providing limited medical care, dog training, and strategies for dealing with behavioral issues. Grants funds from the following organizations have made those possible: Butler Community Endowment Fund, Dave Clinard & Dana Shanholtzer Fund and Anonymous at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, Springfield Rotary Foundation, King's Daughters Foundation, and Foxwynd Foundation.

In my time with APL, I've heard numerous complaints that

people who can't afford pets shouldn't own them. Of course, there are folks who do not exercise good judgment or prioritize needs over wants. But the fact is, lots of the pet owners we assist did not seek out their beloved pet, rather the dog or cat found them. Their desire to care for a homeless animal keeps it out of a shelter, whether it's a government-funded animal control or a not-for-profit like APL's, leaving room for ones that have been abandoned and receiving no care. Likewise, when a dog needs shelter from the summer sun or winter cold, APL often can provide a doghouse previously donated to us.

What happens when an owner can't afford pet care or qualify for CareCredit? Imagine the owner's feelings of helplessness. When there's nowhere else to

turn, APL may be able to treat some—but not all—cats and dogs with funds from the aforementioned granting organizations.

APL provides as much information as we can about an animal's background, likes/dislikes, and personality quirks at the time of adoption. But should a pet's behavior put him at risk for return to the shelter, our staff can offer advice and support to cat and dog owners. We may recommend a few lessons with a dog trainer and, if the owner is motivated, a free Good Pup scholarship that puts them in touch with a professional trainer.

APL's focus has always been on the welfare of cats and dogs in our care. Just as important, though is providing care and support for their owners. Keeping cats and dogs in their homes is good for all involved.

*\*Hill's Pet Nutrition 2024 State of Shelter Pet Adoption Report*



*Through no fault of their own Coral (dog) and Linda (cat) were returned to APL's shelter in recent weeks. Coral was adopted as a puppy and is now a bit over one year old. The owner of three-year-old Linda cited moving as the reason for the cat's return. At this writing, both are available for adoption.*



### Scratchers needed!

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

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

<http://www.stretchandscratch.com>

and

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



## A Tale of Two Sissys

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,” begins Charles Dickens’s *A Tale of Two Cities*, published in 1859. The same may be said of the lives of two animals currently in APL’s care: Sissy the dog and Sissy the cat.

Both gals have spent time at an animal-control facility and, each of them has, at one time, lived for three years in an adopter’s home. Sadly, canine Sissy was returned to us in January of this year, feline Sissy in September.

Their return to APL’s shelter has been especially hard for them, particularly for the cat, who is having digestive issues, most likely from stress. The dog, who needs time to adjust to new faces and experiences, has taken a few months to settle in. Staff report that canine Sissy has grown more confident and affectionate in recent months, while Sissy’s caretakers in Cat Nook describe her as “friendly and affectionate.”

Based on their behaviors in the shelter, both Sissys will do best in homes where there are no dogs or children. Sissy the cat would appreciate an adopter who understands that her playful nibbles are not bites.

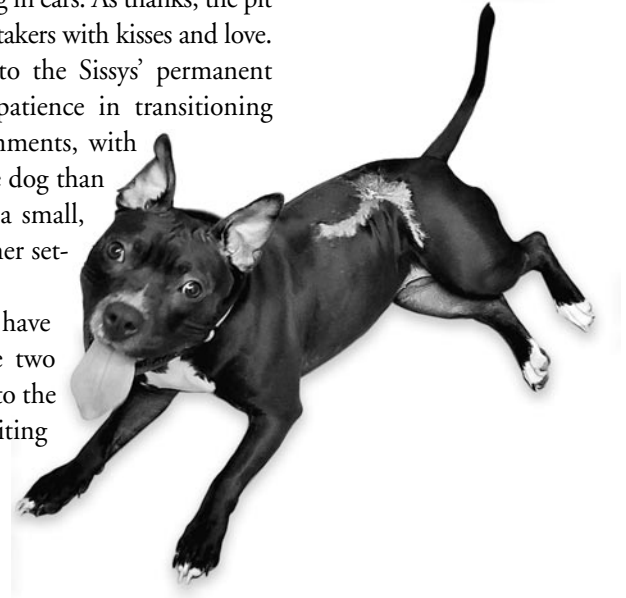
Though both animals are now middle-aged (the dog was born in October 2019, the cat in February 2016), they have plenty of time for an adopter to



love and be loved by them. Sissy the dog is playful and energetic. She delights in playing in water, taking leashed walks, and riding in cars. As thanks, the pit bull terrier showers her caretakers with kisses and love.

Especially important to the Sissys’ permanent happiness in a home is patience in transitioning them to their new environments, with far less time needed for the dog than the cat. Keeping her in a small, quiet room will be key to her settling in.

Rest assured that you have the power to return these two deserving shelter residents to the best of times. Start by visiting either or both—one in Cat Nook, the other in a shelter dog run.



## Everybody loves Hanna

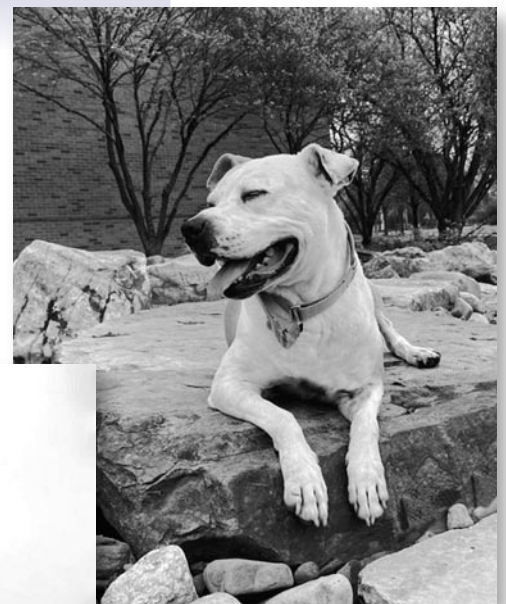
Everyone loves Hanna, yet no one adopts her. She’s currently the dog who has been in APL’s care the longest—two-and-a-half years—and it’s just not right that she’s spent one-third of her life without a permanent home. Now nine years old, Hanna deserves to spend every day of her golden years with human companions to love and care for her.

Not that Hanna hasn’t been well-loved during her time at APL. Staff members can’t say enough good things about her. And the dog has a devoted foster caretaker who, for the past nineteen months, has regularly taken her home for two weeks at a time to give her a break from shelter life.

Hanna has so much fun and is so well-behaved in the car and on a leash that she is a favorite in our Doggy Day Out program. Those times out of the shelter give her the attention she craves and the peace she needs to totally relax. No need to change your lifestyle if you enjoy leisurely walks and quiet evenings at home. And if you are

more active, you can confidently leave Hanna home knowing that she is thoroughly housebroken.

It would be heaven for Hanna to live every day in a quiet home with an adult or family with no small children. She desperately needs an angel. It could be you.



*We love Hanna so much that all we want for her is a home of her own. She is well-behaved indoors and outdoors, and especially loves trips out of the shelter.*

You can support our mission to care for sick, injured, and abused homeless animals today by making your SECA or CFC pledge today!

## State, federal, and university employees

# Support APL through workplace giving

You can support APL's mission of caring for sick, injured, and abused homeless animals through easy payroll deductions. State and university employees participate through SECA, federal employees through CFC.

**SECA (State Employee Combined Appeal).** State and University Employees, the deadline to participate in SECA is November 13. SECA is an easy, accessible, and impactful way to support APL's lifesaving work. Complete the pledge form at <https://give.illinoiscomptroller.gov/index.cfm>. APL is listed as Animal Protective League—903-0050—Community Shares of IL. (APL is part of Community Share's network of not-for-profit organizations).

APL's SECA number is 903-0050



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APL's CFC number is 15269



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- Dog toys and cat toys
- Other pet supplies (collars, leashes, beds, etc.)

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

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# Help APL get free kitty litter

**APL** is all about maximizing our budget to care for cats and dogs. That's why we keep asking readers to help our shelter get free kitty litter by signing up at [www.catspride.com/litterforgood](http://www.catspride.com/litterforgood).

In just two minutes you can join hundreds of others who want APL to spend every dollar possible on the care of cats and dogs. Just two minutes can make a world of difference in the life of a desperately sick cat or dog. Don't wait.



## Pen Pals help APL dogs and cats

Be a Pen Pal. It's easy. 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](http://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](mailto:info@apl-shelter.org) or phone 217.544.7387.

### Current Cage & Kennel Sponsors through September 15, 2024

*In memory of Little Bun (cat cage)*  
Sue & Steve Arnish

*Thank you to sponsor (cat cage)*  
Charmaine Black

*In memory of Margie, our sweet little APL adoptee (cat cage)*  
Larry & Linda Smith

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*Honoring Sambo (cat cage)*  
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*Thank you to sponsor (dog run)*  
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William & Pamela Andrew

*Thank you to sponsor (cat cage)*  
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*In memory of Peggy Dean (cat cage)*  
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*Rex, Enjoy long runs again (dog run)*  
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*In honor of APL animals, staff and volunteers*  
F. Lucille Foster

*Thank you to room sponsor*  
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*In memory of Glinnis and Charles (Bud) Holler*  
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through September 15, 2024

*Thank you to sponsor (cat cage)*  
Meredith & the Mahoney Cat Team

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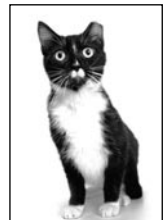
### I want to be a Pen Pal and help APL animals!

#### Here's my order:

#### I want to sponsor the following:

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

*Pen Pal donors help APL care for senior cats like Bowtie.*



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

Your name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.apl-shelter.org).**

## Need a speaker?

The Animal Protective League would love to send a speaker to your meeting or event to talk about the services and programs we provide to cats and dogs and the people who love them. Contact APL's Development Director, Alexis Haven at [ahaven@apl-shelter.org](mailto:ahaven@apl-shelter.org) or at 618.225.0809.

## Help yourself and animals with QCDs

**A**re you 70.5 years of age or older? If so, you are eligible to take advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) and donate up to \$100,000 per year to one or more charities like Animal Protective League and save yourself the hassle of being pushed into a higher tax bracket caused by required minimum distributions (RMDs).

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), when you turn 73, you'll be required to start taking out RMDs each year even if you don't need the money! This extra income can put you at risk of losing or limiting your tax deductions, it can trigger phaseouts and higher taxes on Social Security income, and more.

QCDs could be the solution you've been waiting for! Since QCDs don't raise your taxable income,

you can avoid the potential threats to your tax advantages that often come with RMDs, and instead, you can send that money to a charitable organization that you love.

A QCD can be made directly from any of the following IRAs to the charity of your choice: traditional IRAs, inherited IRAs, inactive Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plans, inactive Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) IRAs. The custodian of the IRA can send a check or an electronic transfer directly to the charity.

Make 2024 the year that you make your life easier and the lives of vulnerable dogs and cats happier and more comfortable. Questions? Email APL at [info@apl-shelter.org](mailto:info@apl-shelter.org) or call 217.544.7387.

## It's a sink-ing feeling We could really use . . .

**W**e've had this sink-ing feeling before, triggered by the failings of a faucet and basin, this time in the dog kennels. Mind you, it's not on the level of the *Titantic* disaster, because we've experienced no casualties. Still, with cleanliness such an important part of maintaining the health of dogs in our care, a new, larger sink is pretty important.

The current sink gets a workout every day. The faucet, which no longer functions properly, is used to draw water to refresh drinking bowls, fill buckets for cleaning, and wash dog dishes and toys. Staff have found the existing sink too small to efficiently clean the large dishes our dogs eat and drink from,

which are washed and sanitized every day. The resulting chaos of too-large dishes in a too-small basin, does leave the sink looking like it's been struck by an iceberg.

We don't want or need a luxury model suited for captains of industry: just a serviceable, commercial sink and faucet that will stand up to intense use. Would you consider donating toward the estimated cost of \$2,000 for purchase and installation?

The names of donors will be published in the next newsletter. Should donations exceed the cost, the money will be used for the purchase of other needed equipment. Thank you!



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

Make 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](mailto:ahaven@apl-shelter.org), or phone 217.544.7387.



# Meet Carmen, APL's Volunteer Coordinator

Carmen has been APL's volunteer coordinator since June, yet she's hardly a new employee. Hired first in July 2022 as an office attendant in the shelter, she moved on to assistant volunteer coordinator for a year before assuming her present role.

As the typical first point of contact with new volunteers, Carmen is responsible for familiarizing them with the shelter, providing training, and helping them find their niche. She leads half-hour tours of the shelter for newcomers every other Saturday, before teaching Shelter 101, an hour-long session on the behavior of cats and dogs, as well as their safe handling. Additional training is then arranged to suit a volunteer's interests.

With so many events supporting APL's lifesaving work, Carmen spends significant time recruiting and scheduling volunteers to staff fundraisers and weekly pet adoptions. (Volunteers who only work events such as the rummage sale and chili supper are not required to undergo training).

Carmen has nothing but praise for APL volunteers. "They take time out of their lives to help"

in so many ways, and they are generous toward the shelter staff, who appreciate the snacks and good will. And, she says, volunteers often ask, "How are you doing?" offering support that Carmen says should more likely be asked of them.

The favorite part of the job for Carmen is working alongside volunteers. Although she likes being in the office, special events provide opportunities to get to know volunteers personally, to observe their strengths, and to offer a listening ear for ideas and concerns.

Finding time to relax can be a challenge for Carmen, who has a ten-month-old son. Relaxing with a crossword puzzle is a treat.

What about the future? When hired more than two years ago, Carmen admits, "I didn't know how long I would stay." But now, she says, "I can't imagine when I wouldn't be here."



## Volunteer from home!

We've added a new tab to our website: Volunteer from home. Not everyone who wants to help cats and dogs is available to volunteer in our shelter. But there are lots of opportunities to contribute your time and talents. You have the power to make dogs and cats more comfortable, find them new homes, and stem the overpopulation of cats.

**We goofed!** Our last newsletter said we had sewing patterns on our website. We didn't then. Now we do! Look for them under the tab "Volunteer," then "Volunteer from home" on our website.

## A prince of a dog needs a home

Lucas doesn't mind being treated like royalty, but what he most wants is a welcoming home. The wagon that carries the not-yet-three-year-old dog around APL's grounds is hardly Cleopatra's barge, but it does let people know that he's very special. And our staff loves him so much that what they most want is for Lucas to leave.

Saying good-bye to Lucas would be sweet sorrow for those at the shelter who shower him with attention. He's an easy dog to love, greeting his favorite people with a smile or nose nudge and tail wags. At the Illinois State Fair this past August he could be found basking in the attention of drivers who chose to park in our lot.

It's only when Lucas is outside his wagon that he needs assistance to help him live his best life. Because of injuries to a front leg and his spine sustained as a puppy, three-year-old Lucas can support himself for only very short periods of time—not long enough to get outdoors to relieve himself. But here's what he can do: hold it until he is taken outside, just twice a day, say the people who care for him.

Here's what else he can do: offer unconditional love. You'll see it in his bright, adoring eyes and as he wiggles (and sometimes takes a couple of steps) toward you when you enter a room.

Lucas doesn't need a servant—just someone who is willing and able to give him all the love and support he deserves. And though a permanent home in your kingdom would be ideal, we know that Lucas would adore whoever takes him in for even a couple of months. Call or email APL with questions.



*Lucas is special, both because he has a loving personality and needs extra attention. He's an easy dog to love, and he'll reward his caretaker—whether temporary or permanent—with unconditional love. Call APL's foster coordinator at 217.801.3298, or email us at [info@apl-shelter.org](mailto:info@apl-shelter.org), for additional information on this great dog*

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



This is a good time to round up the cost of your purchases to the next dollar, with the difference going to a charity. When you round up with your credit and debit card purchases, please make APL the beneficiary.

Rounding up is an easy way to donate, 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—[www.apl-shelter.org](http://www.apl-shelter.org)—and set up your account with the secure, third-party vendor. You can link multiple cards!

Receipts are provided for tax purposes, and participants can 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.

Get started on our website: [www.apl-shelter.org/round-up-for-rescues](http://www.apl-shelter.org/round-up-for-rescues). Thanks!

### Thank you, Chromebook donors

Thanks to these donors, we received all the funds needed to purchase three much-needed Chromebooks that make off-site adoptions more efficient and help us get cats and dogs into new homes faster than ever:

Paul & Mary Ann Kotcher  
Monica & Matthew Henninger  
Todd & Michelle Donley  
Paul & Mary Ann Kotcher  
Tim & Mary Blanco  
Dennis & Susan Belk  
Janet Foster

## Kitten and the people who love him are breathing much easier

He appeared perfectly normal at first glance. Outwardly, he looked fine, but his insides were jumbled in a way that spelled trouble.

Little Foot, a six-week-old tabby, was suffering from a diaphragmatic hernia—a life-threatening hole in the diaphragm that allows organs from the abdominal cavity to leak into the chest. Little Foot's lungs were being compressed, making it difficult to breathe. His condition would only worsen, and surgery was the only option to save his life.

We knew that the cost of the surgery was beyond what we could afford without jeopardizing the care of other animals in our shelter. And Little Foot would need a surgeon experienced with the delicate operation. In late August, APL turned to social media to raise money needed to cover surgical costs at the University of Illinois' Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Donations were accepted at our shelter as well as the Cat Café and Coble Sangamon (both in Springfield). Half of the funds were raised in just days, and by mid-September the surgery was fully funded!

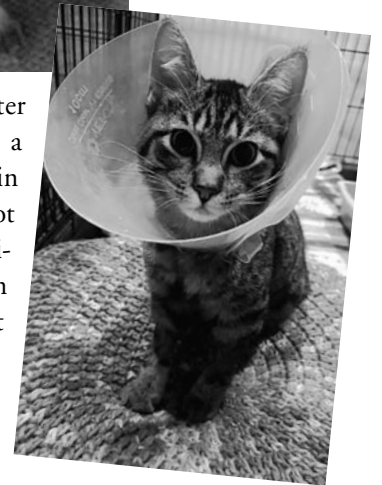
Little Foot's surgery on September 26 was more extensive than expected. The surgeon found a larger-than-expected hole in the kitten's diaphragm as well as an unexpected second hole stretching from the diaphragm to his heart. Occupying the space that normally would surround a healthy lung (Little Foot's had collapsed) was his entire stomach and small intestine, spleen, and liver.

The surgery was successful, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief, especially Brooke,



*APL kitten Little Foot was born with a life-threatening diaphragmatic hernia. Generous donors provided the funds for his surgery in September 2024. He wasn't wild about the cone he needed following surgery to keep him from tampering with his stitches.*

Little Foot's foster caretaker. After a short struggle in recovery Little Foot was breathing easier too! After an overnight stay at the hospital, the kitten returned to Springfield with Brooke, who plans



to adopt him. Healing is now the number one priority. Sedatives were prescribed to keep him calm for a couple of weeks and a cone to keep him from bothering his stitches. Typically, full recovery takes about six weeks.

Six weeks is a long time for a kitten that young, but it's nothing compared to the years of good health that lie ahead. Generous people have made that possible.

## Bequests from wills/estates received by APL

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

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Estate of Nancy Heider  
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**Karen LeSeure** for generous donations of calming pads for dogs and cats

**Jerry Winters and Ray's Plumbing and Sewer Service** for help with APL's water line break

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**American Business Club** for allowing APL's Development Director to make a presentation

**The Knife Guy and Galaxy Hair Designs**, Chatham, for ongoing support

**Monica Henninger and her Family** for donating two Chromebooks with very nice cases

**Desirae Johnson and June Stark** for proceeds from a homemade bracelet sale

**Ryan and the IBEW Local 193 Renew program participants** for running cable and installing new wireless access points in our shelter and clinic; and to **Synergy** for donating needed cable

**Janelle Bartletti, Laura Bartman, Troy & Chris Gorda, David & Wanda Keil, Tom & Lynn Puls, Mary Riseling, and Val Sommer** for purchase of kennel fans

## Recycle And Support APL

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

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*Sharon Zook*

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*Judith Everson  
Deborah Allen  
Richard & Nora  
Redfern  
Karen Wood  
Sue McNaught  
Chester & Janice  
Jones  
Sue Leka  
Mary Stewart  
Stephanie Churchill  
Judith & Norman  
Knous  
Steve & Sherry  
Hofing  
Carole Knous  
John Davis Jr.  
The Thomas Family  
Gale & Linda  
Vaughn  
Gary & Donna  
Ebken*

In memory of  
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*Deana Bradley  
Rebecca & John  
Glazier  
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Frank & Judith  
Blahofski  
Fyfe Family  
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Landgrebe  
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*Kristine Daugherty*

In memory of  
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*Theresa & Dale  
Phillips  
Kasey Angeloni  
Brenda Stamer  
Maureen Ryan  
Andrea Mlacnik  
Marilyn & Jerry  
Stone  
Kathleen Hayes  
Judy Craves  
Dawn Denny*

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*Wendi Agans  
Dennis & Lynn Neff  
Stan & Kris Croenne  
Jackie Cooper  
Elaine & Fred  
Nessler  
David Jacob*

In memory of  
Donna McCracken  
*Bobby Berry*

In memory of  
Joan Miller  
*Anita Walters  
James & Rita Altman  
Carol Jackson  
Shiryl & Albert  
Stevens  
Julie Johnson  
Julie Hatten  
Glen & Judy Evans  
Mona Bentley  
Anita Walters  
Jerry & Jan Parris  
Barbara Miller*

In memory of  
Janice Moreland  
*Sharron LaFollette  
Carlyn Housh  
Margaret Gehlbach*

In memory of  
Thomas O'Connor  
*Marlene Burton*

In memory of  
Sandra Oldfield  
*Troy & Lori Wetter*

In memory of  
Jerry Olson  
*Village of Cantrall*

In memory of  
Thomas Paige  
*Dan Rodden*

In memory of  
Kay Peet  
*Hope Presbyterian  
Church  
Larry & Janice Webb*

In memory of  
Tim Peecher  
*Donald & Jilinda  
Larson  
Jodi Marr  
David & JoEllen  
Danenberger  
Jo Ellen Myers*

In memory of  
Debra Perschbacher  
*Gary & Gloria  
Tuxhorn  
Brandon Reichart  
Jeffrey & Kimberly  
Johnston  
Janet Frazee  
Rick & Lora  
Leskovisek  
Ryan Thomas  
Linda Irwin  
Kathleen Louder  
Darrel Berry  
Illinois Dept. of  
Human Services  
Brandon & June  
Stricker*

In memory of  
Tom Poston  
*Lisa Sax  
Ed Wollet  
Andrea Osborn  
George Smith  
Brent Borah  
Deborah Patton  
Paula Byers  
Paula Milling  
Anna Mae Handshy  
Jan Sorenson Hill  
Diana Weyhenmeyer  
Chip & Nance  
Woodward  
Lora & Roger  
Huebner  
Nancy Beagle  
Randy & Kathy  
Germeraad  
Robin Mahnken  
Laurie Farrell  
Business Processing  
Division  
Vernon & Carolyn  
Nelson  
Charlotte Blumle  
Lorraine Bivin  
Jennifer & Steven  
Rahn  
Dwight O'Keefe  
Peter & Deborah  
Murphy  
Darlene Weaver  
Brenda & Dennis  
Stroh  
James & Becky  
Schlouch  
Charles Adams  
Don & Susan Miskell  
Paul & Kelli  
Pachlhofer  
John Maxfield  
David & Helen  
Langston  
Denton-Merritt-  
Dycus Insurance  
Agency  
Jan Perone  
Bertha Hammer*

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James Rechner  
*Suzanne Rechner*  
In memory of  
Laura Jo Rhoades  
*Gregory Langdon  
Langdon Financial  
Mgmt. Inc.*  
In memory of  
Doris Robinson  
*Kathryn Robinson  
Linda Merschman  
Craig & Kim Meyer  
Nadine Nichols  
Jack Handy  
David & Doris  
Robinson*  
In memory of  
Vincent Romanotto Jr.  
*Jerry & Jan Parris  
David & Joyce Copp  
Mark & Mary  
Saladino*  
In memory of  
Carrie Ruth  
*Cara Pederson  
Kathleen Hughes*  
In memory of  
Frank Satlar  
*Ada Spencer  
Tina Patterson  
James & Toni  
Waggoner  
Mr. & Mrs. Speer*

In memory of  
Agnes Scheifinger  
*Ada Spencer  
Tina Patterson  
James & Toni  
Waggoner*  
In memory of  
Manny Schmidt  
*Yeagle Family*  
In memory of  
Matthew Schwartz  
*Dan Fellenbaum  
Roxhelle Cohn*  
In memory of  
Justin Seward  
*Stephanie McDuffee  
Karen Herndon  
Gale & Bob  
Pemberton  
Geno & Lynn Paoni  
Friday Lunch Group  
Judy Gotti  
Jim Edwards  
Jimmy Bonefeste  
Terry Young  
Larry & Diane  
Hughes  
Jim Powers*  
In memory of  
Emma Shafer  
*Kathleen Hughes*

In memory of  
Larry Slone  
*Dick & Jeana  
Pitchford & Family*  
In memory of  
David Smith  
*Mary Hofmann*  
In memory of  
Shirley Smith  
*Aqua Sport Club*  
In memory of  
Glenn Smith  
*Sarah Chase  
Sherry Bahr  
Jamie Bremerkamp  
Tennille Kendrick  
Erin Stamm  
Rob Richman  
Matt Curtis  
Tracy Clarke  
David Kearney  
Amber Dooley  
Dale & Mindy  
Boudreau*  
In memory of  
Glen Howard Smithy  
*Sherry Bahr*  
In memory of  
Melissa Southwick  
*Donald & Bonnie  
Wittenberg*  
In memory of  
Constance Stribling  
*Deborah Mathies*

In memory of  
Sondra Szillagyi  
*Mary Ann Egizio  
Beth Szillagyi  
Joseph & Sondra  
Szillagyi*  
In memory of Renee &  
Robert (Bob) Terry Jr.  
*Mary Taylor  
James & Amy Snyder*  
In memory of  
Susan Tharp  
*Anne Blyth  
Joyce Wanless  
Charles & Joyce  
Wahlman  
Philip Beers  
Bonnie Sandidge  
Joy Harris  
Karen Tish*  
In memory of  
Margaret Tinges  
*Strawn, Inc  
Baggerly Family*  
In memory of  
Rosemary Trader  
*Bernardine Patterson  
Mark Ritterbusch  
Karen Schnell  
Randi Maxfield  
Maggie & John  
Shoudel  
Fred & Michelle  
Lamkey*

In memory of  
Amy White  
*Jennifer Newell &  
Ron Hoehn  
Lori Franklin*  
In memory of  
Brenda Whiteman  
*Jeremy & Lindey  
Stuenkel*  
In memory of  
Janet Williamson  
*Deborah Chambers  
Martha Shearburn  
Jamie Williamson  
Patricia Schlobohm  
Judith Sokolis*  
In memory of  
Robert Wright  
*Paul Carlson*  
In memory of  
Barbara Young  
*Linda & Charles  
Sprinkel  
Gerald & Cynthia  
Powell  
Mary Welch  
Tom & Katie  
Madonia  
Carol Gallagher  
Richard Kaylor  
Karen & Dale  
Blankenship  
Thomas & Jane  
Niedzielski  
June Call*

**SPECIAL NOTICES**  
Congratulations on the recent wedding of Shawna & Jimmy Matthew  
*Jeanne Handy*  
In honor of John Freitas's 70th birthday  
*Thomas & Marilyn Kushak  
Jerry & Kay Taylor*  
In honor of Missy Wells, a terrier we adopted from APL  
*Sharon & Bob Wells*  
In honor of Carrie Pinasco's recent birthday  
*Carrie Pinasco*  
Congratulations to Brutus for getting adopted  
*Lilly Howard, age 8½, who loves all animals*  
In honor of AJ Held  
*Moreen Woolum & Ethan Lusk*  
In honor of Jodi McMahan  
*Blair, Van, Sherman, Walter, Hugo & Ted Bundy*  
In honor of Brock, who was adopted from APL  
*Patricia & Steven Gietl*

**Gifts to APL in memory of beloved pets**

Stewy, beloved pet of Wade Ebert  
*Benjamin Gines*  
Bernice, treasured cat of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mueller  
*Jean Townsend*  
Clover, cherished dog of Lewis Crenshaw & Joe Marody  
Ellie, beloved dog of Christine Risdal & Bill McHargue  
*Kathy and Steve Rothenberg*  
Cooper, beloved dog of Lori Maddox  
*Malinda Craig*

Lil Bit, dearest cat of Julia Chrisman  
*Dan Atteberry*  
Phoenix, our cherished dog  
*Lisa, Jourdan & Alex Rothschild and Debbie Crum*  
Louie, my treasured Corgi  
*Rhonda Dill*  
All my deeply loved kitties  
*Helen Graham*  
Roxi, my beloved pet  
*Ruth A. Lewis*

Ping, dear cat of Deana Corbin  
*Speck Family*  
Lula, Cherished pet of Sonya Hill  
*Mari Handy*  
Maggie, treasured member of the Fitzgerald Family  
*Chip Piper*  
Daisy, beloved pet of Cathy McGuire  
*Ed & Judy Wollet*  
Roger, our dear cat  
*Mark & Kathy Schwab*

Chester, beloved cat of Kerri Becker  
*Brenda Anderson*  
Munky, treasured pet of Ashley Gatons  
*Janet Headen*  
Cooper & Kota, my loving pets  
*Samatha Roesch*  
Garbanzo, beloved kitten of Crystal Sexton  
*APL Family*  
Clara Belle, cherished cat of Kamen Petkov  
*Judith Mohler*  
Blondie & Lucky, beloved pets  
*Patrick Iwanicki*

Mazie, my four-legged buddy  
*Mike Castelletti*  
All my beloved fur babies  
*Daniel J. Baker*  
Canis, our beloved pet  
*Danny & Judith Morres*  
Ellie Mae, our cherished pet  
*Joyce & David Beeler*  
Sheba & Sascha, my beloved Huskies  
*Joseph Mudra*  
Jocque, my dearest pet  
*Lorraine Simpson*

Lola, beloved cat  
*Dorothy Sames*  
Muffin & Precious, treasured pets  
*Carmen Koches*  
Callie, beloved dog of Paula & Bill Peterson  
*Mark & Mona Mounce*  
Micki, deeply loved pet  
*John & Kathy Chepulis*  
Sophie, beloved pet of Linda Bogan  
*James Snopko*  
Sadie, dear dog of Tammy & Tony Butcher  
*Sue Zaleski*

**UPCOMINGEVENTS**

APL Chili Supper at Columbian Grand Hall .... October 27  
Fall Trivia Night at Columbian Grand Hall  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. .... November 8  
APL Giving Trees ..... November 23 - Dec 31

First Sunday Midwest Bazaar at Orr Building  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... December 1  
Wreath Pickup at APL, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. .... December 6-7  
Tree of Lights at APL, 5:30 p.m. .... December 14



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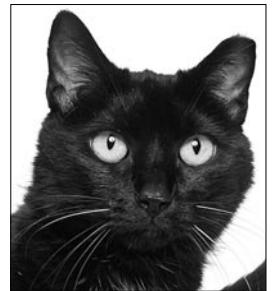
Interested in adopting? To begin the adoption process, please complete the online adoption application. The office will follow up with an appointment time.

# AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

**BRUISER** Sure he's big, but his name isn't intended to imply that he is a bully. APL took the Lab mix in from an area animal-control agency in February 2020, and within days he was adopted. Now, due to the health of his owner, Bruiser has returned to our shelter. He's now nearly six years old and would love to be in a home of his own again.



**CAKE POP** Cake Pop has a deep affection for humans; other animals, not so much. Cake Pop thrives on cuddles, pets, and quality time with her human companions. This sweet-natured eleven-year-old would thrive best in a home without other pets. Cake Pop has tested positive for FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus), giving her a weaker immune system than most cats, but she is likely to live a long and happy life.

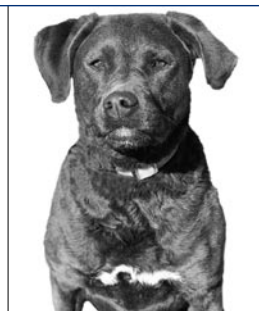


**FLASH** Four-year-old Flash has an insatiable appetite for adventure! Whether it's playing fetch, romping around with furry friends, or exploring new horizons, Flash is always up for the next thrilling escapade. While he may take a moment to warm up to new faces and other dogs, his love for play quickly forges connections, especially when a ball is involved. Fetch is his favorite game!



**HONEY** Just more than a year old, Honey is currently being fostered by the kind person who found her injured in May 2024. Her broken leg was repaired with surgery, and the brown tabby now is waiting for an adopter to take her to a new home so that she doesn't spend time in our shelter. Since she's in a foster home, please call our shelter to make an appointment to meet her.

**BLUE** Meet Blue, a lively six-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever mix overflowing with energy, affection, and friendliness. Blue's exuberant personality shines through in her playful nature, and yet she enjoys a good snuggle as well. Blue is housebroken and accustomed to being crated. She'll need a steady hand to walk her on a leash, and she prefers to be the only animal in the home.



**ABUELA** She's a gentle, reserved seven-year-old with a lot of love to give. Abuela may be shy, but her quiet demeanor belies a deep capacity for love and affection. She longs for a calm and tranquil home environment where she can feel safe and secure, away from the hustle and bustle of busy households. This sturdy gal has fully recovered from the injuries that first brought her to APL.



*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.*