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Shock and then awe-some turn-arounds for three neglected dogs

By Evelyn Taylor

Caring for dogs and cats most in need of life-saving intervention is APL's mission, and the three neglected dogs—Chrystal, Francine, and Mulan—needed us.

First there was shock and pity. Then quick, determined action to begin the healing process for three small dogs neglected for years by a self-styled breeder. Thirty-seven dogs were removed from hellish conditions in August 2017 by local animal control officers, with APL taking the three who suffered the most—from untreated injuries, poor nutrition, and passive abuse that showed in their severely matted coats.

Fast-forward six months, and the dogs—two Shih Tzu and one Yorkie—are healthy and loved like never before by their owners.

Getting the dogs ready for their new lives, though, was APL's job. Caring for the dogs and cats most in need of life-saving intervention—those suffering from injury or illness, those left to fend for themselves, and others who are spared from euthanasia when transferred to our shelter—is APL's mission. And the three



Chrystal looked unkempt and unhappy the day she came to APL (below right), but by the time Cindy adopted her (upper right) and renamed her Dot, the little dog was blossoming into a lovely, lively companion (above).

dogs—named Chrystal, Francine, and Mulan—needed us.

It appeared, said an APL staffer, that the "only thing they [owners] were doing was feeding them." The two Shih Tzu—Chrystal and Mulan—had untreated injuries; Chrystal was missing a back foot, and one of Mulan's toes had fallen off as the result of an untreated infection. Francine was suffering from



dental disease. Their matted coats told a story of neglect that likely had spanned most of their lives.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



Dr. Richard Speck

It's always good to take stock of where we've been because it helps determine where we should go. As I look back at what APL accomplished for animals in 2017, I am heartened. It energizes all of us to do even more in 2018.

First, let's take a victory lap:

- We treated 39 dogs for Parvo and 52 for heartworms. Ninety-one dogs' lives were saved by costly and time-intensive treatment for what should have been preventable illnesses.
- Our ambitious goal of 2,200 adoptions was exceeded by finding homes for 2,383 animals.
- We took in 1,404 kittens, 118 more than the previous year.
- Thirty-two cats with ringworm were transferred from Sangamon County Animal Control and treated at our facility.
- Thirty-one young people aged 12 to 15 took part in APL's Junior Volunteer program, an 11% increase from the year before.
- We totaled 15,980 volunteer hours, an amazing number! Our dedicated army of volunteers is the engine that keeps APL humming.
- Last year, the Spay/Neuter Clinic altered 13,746 animals, another noteworthy figure. Since its opening in 2006, a stunning 137,733 animals have been spayed or neutered.
- Four veterinary students from the University of Illinois and four assistant interns from Lincoln Land Community College completed their internships at APL.
- The APL Mobile Adoption Unit traveled to 23 off-site adoption locations to bring animals needing homes into the community.

- We started our Barn Cat Program which saved 175 cats from being euthanized at area animal control facilities by finding them barn homes where they can live happily.
- A butterfly garden on the shelter's west side was established to provide a habitat for Monarch butterflies, a native species that has dramatically declined in recent years.
- We performed dozens of special medical procedures including broken leg repair, tumor removal, leg and tail amputations, eye removals, laceration and wound closures, and even repair of a broken jaw.
- APL conducted its first Dog Food Distribution Day taking needed food to 92 separate households during the holiday season (see page 4).

You have every right to feel good about this partial list of accomplishments that helped our treasured companion animals. I know I do. But we cannot rest on our laurels until no animal remains homeless, hurt, frightened, or in need.

This year we already are immersed in work to bring more healing and homes to needy animals. APL's compassionate and energetic staff is always on the lookout not only for ways to improve what we already do, but for fresh initiatives to serve more animals even better.

You are an integral part of this journey. We could not do it without you!

Richard L. Speck DVM

President

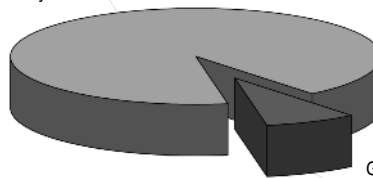
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98%
Medical supplies, food,
daily care, vaccines,
spay/neuter,
veterinary care

98¢ OF EVERY \$1.00 YOU DONATE GOES DIRECTLY FOR ANIMAL CARE NEEDS!
(National Average is 88¢ per dollar donated)



2%
Government-required
annual audit, utilities,
phone, insurance

Shock and then . . . *continued from cover*

The dogs are now unrecognizable as the ones who arrived last summer. Their coats have grown out, their bodies have healed—although not completely—and they’ve become loving companions to owners who provide the love and attention they deserve.

All three dogs first were cared for in APL foster homes where they were given time to acclimate to daily living with people in a home environment, and to be healthy enough to be spayed before adoption. Foster homes are an important part of APL’s sheltering program. Not only can we take in more dogs (and cats) than can be accommodated in the shelter, some do better in a home environment, especially ones like Chrystal, Francine, and Mulan, who have been traumatized in their previous homes.

Mulan limped, was “super skinny and you could see all of her ribs” when Kim stepped forward to foster her. “She was scared of me,” says Kim, but not of her dogs, who “seemed to know that she needed to be handled with care.” Mulan followed their lead, and soon “she was begging to climb in bed like all the other dogs.”

“Mom, we have to take one of these dogs,” is what Taylor told her mother Jenny when she saw a Facebook post seeking foster homes for Chrystal and the others. Fear of her new environment wore off quickly,” and the little dog, whose leg had been amputated before going off to her foster family, got along with their two dogs. And even though Chrystal was the latest in a line of “thirty or forty” dogs that Taylor and her family have fostered for APL, it was hard to let her go when her adoption was approved, says Taylor.

Francine’s foster, Beckie, couldn’t let her go and adopted her. Beckie admits that she “didn’t know what I was getting into” when she volunteered to foster Francine. Having Francine, whom Beckie renamed Tootsie, was “just like having a brand new baby in the house.” The little Yorkie could barely walk, peed in the house, and certainly couldn’t get down the single step to go outside to relieve herself. Beckie carried her outside multiple times a day and night. It turns out that Francine’s indiscretions were a symptom of Cushing’s disease, for which she’s being treated.

Shows of affection didn’t come naturally for Tootsie. For a long time the best she could do was lie next to Beckie’s chair. “Now she sleeps with us every night.” That’s because Beckie and her husband adopted the rescued dog in January as Beckie’s birthday gift.

And Tootsie’s personality has blossomed. She “loves people” and “thinks she runs the house,” says Beckie. Tootsie does suffer from separation anxiety, which Beckie remedies by simply taking the dog with her when she’s gone for the day.

Sally had her eye on a different dog when she came to the shelter last August. But that dog had been adopted. Would she be interested in a different dog, one that still bore the physical and social scars of her neglect? You know the answer.

Mulan, renamed Mumu, lives with Sally and her black lab, Scribble. Gaining Mumu’s trust, says

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Francine’s features were obscured by monstrous mats before she was shaved (above and center). It’s hard to believe the photo below is also Francine, renamed Tootsie by her foster caretaker-turned-adopter.



Mulan (left) was thin, matted, and timid when she arrived at APL. She, too, was shaved before going to a foster home where she joined Kim’s own dogs, who “seemed to know that she needed to be handled with care.” That’s Mulan in the foreground (right) enjoying some time in the sun with Kim’s dogs.



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APL's free food distribution was one of the ways we support compassionate pet owners of limited means.

Reflections of the **EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR**

APL conducted its first ever distribution of free dog food this past December (see below). The event was a resounding success, one which we hope to repeat.

Pets are sources of amazing joy, love, and fulfillment. But it is undeniable that they cost money to maintain. Food, toys, bedding, litter for cats, veterinary care, license fees, leashes and collars cost serious money. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) estimates that the annual cost of owning a dog, depending on its size, ranges from \$1,001 to \$1,448; the first year cost for a cat is \$1,035. These figures vary depending where a person lives and they don't include extraordinary expenses such as unexpected medical emergencies.

Some people say that any

person who cannot afford a pet should not have one. I ask that you reconsider.

Think of all the good-hearted people who take in a starving or abused dog or cat. These good Samaritans may not be rich as far as money goes, but they are rich in compassion. Do you think these animals would be better off roaming the streets where they might get hit by a car, abused by uncaring humans, or possibly maimed or killed by other animals? Would their lives be improved if no one loved them? Of course not. The births of how many unwanted kittens are prevented by cat lovers who take in non-feral strays?

Consider people who face unforeseen hardships of their own, such as medical emergencies or job losses that result in periods of financial hardship.

Some people love their animals so much that they go without food themselves rather than let their beloved pet go without necessities.

How many animals would live lives of loneliness and hardship, if they survived at all, if it were not for people of limited means who take them in and give them loving homes? The numbers would be huge.

That is why APL strives to support these animals and their humans when possible. Thanks to the generosity of you—animal lovers in our community—we are able to offer help with food and sometimes in other ways. So please understand that it is for the sake of needy animals and their human families that we help people who often are the most compassionate of pet owners.

Dog owners in need got an early Christmas present



Frank, wearing a Santa hat, was dressed for the holidays at APL's December dog food distribution. He was the first of nearly one hundred recipients of food that day.

Ninety-two grateful dog owners and three times as many dogs were the beneficiaries of APL's pre-Christmas distribution of free dog food. Thanks to the generosity of donors to APL's community pet food bank, nearly 4,000 pounds of food was distributed to owners who appreciated a little

help in caring for their dogs.

APL got the word out about the December 23 giveaway by issuing a press release, distributing flyers at public housing residences, and encouraging social-media posts. One recipient got word of the giveaway when her "husband's cousin in Arizona posted it on Facebook for her Springfield friends!"

Thirty people were in line when the first bags of food were given away at noon. It took only an hour to distribute 3,863 pounds of dog food that APL carried to the Salvation Army's Clear Lake location in two vans.

A wind-chill temperature of 28 degrees didn't deter the dozen volunteers and staff who registered recipients, carried bags of food to cars, and offered information on APL's year-round pet food bank and services to assist in the care of dogs and cats.

The day was warmed by the gratitude of recipients who appreciated the gift of food for beloved pets. And APL is grateful for those generous donors who made the distribution possible.

More good “mews” about our barn cat program

More than 275 cats have been placed in barn homes in the seven months since the program began in August 2017. That's more than the program projected it would handle in an entire year!

Thanks to Dr. Richard Speck and volunteer Paul Downs (with some assistance from Larry Ritzmann and APL's transport driver Buddy), there's a special enclosure to temporarily house

barn cats who are awaiting placement into new homes.

Donations from generous supporters provided the funds for the enclosure's construction and for needed supplies to start and sustain the program. Thanks to these donors:

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APL board president, Dr. Richard Speck (on the ladder) and volunteer Paul Downs did the lion's share of constructing the special enclosure to house feral cats while they await new barn homes.

Wild thing, you make my heart ...

APL receives lots of calls from people who have questions about how to deal with non-domestic animals whom they encounter, sometimes too up close and personal. These concerned callers want to do the right thing, but don't know what that is.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has answers.

1. Feeding bread to geese and ducks. The short answer is don't. Bread offers no nutritional value whatsoever. Hand feeding often leads to dependency, aggression among the birds, and sometimes to human-wildlife conflict.
2. “Orphaned” fawns. Mother deer often leave their babies in one place and return two to three times a day to avoid attracting predators. Until the fawn is four weeks old, it relies on camouflage and lying still for protection.
3. Touching a baby bird. Birds will not abandon their chicks if they are touched by a human. If a baby bird falls from its nest, the best thing you can do is put him right back. The parents will return.
4. Seeing a raccoon during the day. Raccoons will appear whenever food is around. Though normally nocturnal, it is not uncommon to see them during the day. But if the raccoon is acting sick or disoriented, contact an animal control officer.
5. Skunk encounters. It actually is difficult for a person to get sprayed by a skunk. Skunks only spray when they feel the need to defend themselves. Because they cannot “reload” quickly,

they don't waste their odiferous weapon. They will stamp their front feet to get you to back off.

6. Bats and hair. Bats use a complex, sonar-like navigation system. When trapped in confined spaces, such as houses, bats will fly in an arc, the lowest point of which is the middle of the room. This makes it seem that they are flying toward you, but they simply are trying to remain airborne.
7. Roaming cats and wildlife. When you let your cat out, you endanger not only the cat who may be hit by a car or harmed by another animal, but also other animals. Even well-fed cats spend time hunting wildlife such as ground-nesting baby rabbits, chipmunks, and baby birds who have not yet learned to fly.
8. Opossums' bluff. Opossums are resistant to rabies. When an opossum hisses, bares his teeth, or drools, he isn't sick, he is trying to scare off predators. If this doesn't work, this nearly defenseless creature will play dead.
9. Trapping and releasing. Releasing wild animals away from where you find them is far from kind. In a strange place, relocated animals will try to find their home and often are killed along the way. The trapped animal often is a mother, leaving her babies to starve. A far better solution is to solve the problem at its source by removing whatever is attracting the animal, such as food and denning sites.

So there you have it. Follow these tips so both you and wild things will coexist more peacefully, and they really will make your heart sing.

The Humane Society of the United States

NEWSBites

Want to live longer? More happily? Get a dog. According to a 12-year Swedish study, dog owners saw their risk of death fall by 33% vs. 11% for those who lived with other people. The longevity boost may come because dogs ease loneliness, produce feelings of well-being, and encourage exercise.

Scientific Reports, Nov. 17, 2017

They're still waiting for homes. . .

Spike and Mocha are our two longest shelter residents. It's time someone took them home for good.



Spike isn't even six years old, and he's spent half of it in our shelter. Darned if we know why he's been passed over for adoption.

If you're thinking he's some tough guy because of his ear, you'd be wrong. His left ear tip

was clipped because sometime before he arrived at APL, someone cared enough about him to have him neutered as a feral cat. But Spike is anything but feral.

The staff describes him as "spunky and playful." His favorite game is trying to find the source of the intriguing sound made when someone scratches the underside of the cat tower hammock he is sitting on. Spike has a hobby as well: bird-watching. You may well find him gazing out the window as birds fly by and land on the ground.

Spike is the perfect cat for someone who wants a companion who is sociable but not pushy. Now that we think of it,

maybe he's been passed over because he doesn't rush to the door when potential adopters visit.

That's a shame because he'd love to have an entire house to explore, multiple windows for his bird-watching hobby, and a person that he didn't have to share with numerous other cats. Spike is FIV-positive, which means he has a compromised immune system. If you are currently cat-less, we can't imagine anything more generous than adopting Spike and one of his buddies from Room 1 at the shelter.

Make this the year that Spike gets his forever home. He's waiting to meet you. Visit him any afternoon from noon to 5 p.m.

NEWSBites

When a vicious fire swept through parts of Sonoma County, CA., last October, many pet cats disappeared during the frantic evacuation. Jennifer Petruska and her team, Pet Rescue & Reunification, embarked on a mission to find and reunite these lost kitties with their owners. Through hard work, patience, and long hours, 70 cats and counting have been returned to their grateful owners.

*The New York Times,
January 8–14, 2018*

Who got a special birthday muffin and a birthday card in January from volunteers who love her? Mocha. That's the kind of impression this long-time shelter resident has made on those who walk her, play with her, and occasionally take her home for some extra attention.

Our volunteers and staff see that Mocha has everything she needs, except for one thing—a permanent home. Those closest to Mocha know that she needs some time to trust new people, but once she does, she's a great buddy. The big gal needs someone who will be patient and persistent in pursuing her friendship. After you've won her heart, she will want to be your one and only dog.

Clearly people failed Mocha early in life, and she is dealing with the effects of being poorly socialized. That has left her territorial of her favorite people and of her toys, so she needs to live with adults.

An active person who loves to walk, run, or hike would make Mocha so happy. Ask one of Mocha's friends at the shelter to introduce you. You may find your new best friend. You certainly will be hers.



Ask APL

There's a healthy-looking stray cat in my neighborhood. What should I do?

First, take it to a veterinary clinic (or to APL) to have him or her scanned for a microchip that can identify the owner. If the cat isn't microchipped, post "found cat" notices on your area's lost-and-found pets group on Facebook, ask your neighbors, and report it to area shelters. If you're creative, make a flyer, and be sure to include a picture of the cat.

So, what if no one steps forward to claim the cat? Turning it over to a shelter isn't the best solution for a healthy outdoor cat. Cats that are born outdoors may be unsuitable for indoor living. That means that APL's shelter isn't a good place for them, nor is an animal control facility, which is likely to consider the cat unadoptable and euthanize it.

Moreover, most outdoor cats have a place they call home—it's just an outdoor home. Though they may not be considered pets, outdoor cats live where they do because they know where to find food and

safety. When shelters are already overburdened with homeless cats, removing a cat from its outdoor home and placing it in a shelter isn't doing anyone any favors.

Helping a cat live its best life outdoors includes making sure it doesn't populate your neighborhood with its offspring. You'll want to determine if the cat, whether male or female, has been spayed/neutered. If it hasn't, "TNR" it. That is, trap it (you can borrow a trap from APL), have it neutered (or spayed) at our clinic for \$25, and return it to your neighborhood. This is essential to keeping cats and kittens out of shelters because stray and feral mamas are responsible for 70% of unwanted kittens.

Ask our spay/neuter clinic for help! Call 217.789.7729.



FERAL FIXES

APL supports trap/neuter/return (TNR) to reduce the number of stray and feral cats.

Our low-cost clinic offers reduced-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations of outdoor stray and unsocialized cats, who are then returned to their neighborhoods or colonies.

TNR stabilizes feral cat populations by eliminating new litters, and it reduces nuisance behaviors associated with unsterilized cats. TNR is the only humane method of reducing feral cat populations. TNR reduces the number of feral cats/kittens that enter municipal animal shelters, which in turn lowers euthanasia rates and increases adoption of shelter cats.

Want to help feral cats in your neighborhood? APL will guide caretakers through the trapping process and also loan traps for TNR. Call the clinic at 217-789-7729.

November 2017
totals: spay/neuter
402

December 2017
totals: spay/neuter
272

January 2018
totals: spay/neuter
257

Total
November 2017–
January 2018
931

Total since
November 2000
41,468

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Sally, "has been an uphill battle." Mumu is "a kind, loving little dog who is scared of everything" except for Scribble and Sally's elderly father. Scribble is Mumu's playmate and full-time "bodyguard" — Mumu hides under Scribble's legs when she's scared—and the little dog seems to know that Sally's father isn't a threat.

Does it bother Sally that Mumu is so timid? Not a bit. She loves Mumu "just the way she is." Besides, says Sally, "Dogs can't help that other people mistreated them."

Would Sally adopt another dog like Mumu? "Definitely. She laughs, 'I probably will do it again someday.'"

Cindy was still mourning the loss of her pug, Maggie, when she decided on the spur of the moment to check out the dogs in APL's kennels. Chrystal's photo was displayed on the wall along with those of other dogs living in APL foster homes. "I kept going back to her picture," says Cindy, and she decided to submit adoption paperwork for the three-year-old Shih Tzu.

When the two met the following week, "I knew from the start, she's mine."

The three-legged dog—her damaged rear leg was amputated after arriving at APL—renamed Dot, "runs like the wind" and is watched over by her housemate, a cat named Pumpkin that Cindy adopted from APL ten years ago. Loud noises will send Dot scampering to the next room, but she is not afraid of people, says Cindy.

The dog, who "looked like ET because of her long skinny neck" emphasized by a close shaving to remove her matted fur, has blossomed from six to fifteen pounds and has a beautiful coat. "Everything is an adventure" for the little dog, who loves to roll in the grass, something unavailable to her during her long years of confinement.

"We're a perfect little family," says Cindy. "We were meant for each other."

All three dogs found wonderful new homes, and each of their owners used the word *special* to describe

them. Everyone involved—human and canine—know they've found someone they need. How special is that?



Beckie stepped forward to foster Francine, but fell in love with her and decided to give the Yorkie a permanent home. Renamed Tootsie, the little dog "thinks she runs the house," says Beckie.



JVs participate in a team-building exercise during APL's summer 2017 volunteer program for teens.

Applications now available for summer kids program

Junior high students on summer break can see firsthand the importance of shelters like APL's by joining our Junior Volunteer (JV) program, which will run from June 12 through August 3. Kids aged 12 through 15 are eligible for the program. A fee of \$75 covers the cost of two t-shirts and supplies.

The JV program offers humane education, opportunities to develop empathy, and activities to encourage socialization among participants. Each day will begin with kids providing care for cats and dogs in our shelter before moving on to educational programs, presentations by special guests, and team-building games and exercises.

Mary expects to accept 40 to 50 participants into this summer's JV program, the eighth year it

has been offered. "JVs" will attend two sessions each week from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Applications are available now and must be submitted along with a required project (described in the application) by 5 p.m. on April 16. Pick up applications at the shelter office or request one from Mary, APL's volunteer coordinator, at volunteer@apl-shelter.org or at 217.544.7387 ext. 227.

Adult Shift Leaders needed

Are you 21 years old and have time this summer to lead a group of 6 kids in the JV program? Shift Leaders submit a volunteer application and attend an APL orientation. Contact Mary at the email and phone above if you are interested.

2017 Volunteer Award recipients



Volunteer of the Year DeeDee McCarty accepts her award from APL staffer Caitlin.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of APL, and their efforts in saving lives and supporting the programs that help animals and people were recognized at the annual volunteer awards presented following a potluck dinner at Laurel United Methodist Church on December 7.

The following awards were announced:

Volunteer of the Year,
DeeDee McCarty
Dynamic Duo, James Hamm
and Jamie Sprinkle
Sweet Treat Maker,
Donna Oltmanns
Cats' Best Friend, Angie Crespi
Right Paw, Rosemary Dawdy
Dirty Paw, Diane Lueders
Pawsitive Pawsitude,
Rylee Cook
Therapaws, Kathy Hannon,
Cindy Bartolozzi, and
Marilyn Jumper

Top Dog, Diana Gray
Dogs' Best Friend,
Chris Zaccari
Laundry Queen,
Melanie DeMaria
Garden Gnome,
Lynn Puhls
Spirit Award, Joe Ward
Furtastic Fosters:
Dogs, Margaret and
Ryan Melchin
Cats, Lisa Ulrich
Kittens, Evelyn Taylor

Volunteer!

Want to know more about ways you can help cats and dogs? Find out how you can benefit them directly (through socializing, cleaning, and assisting at adoption events) and indirectly (helping with fundraisers and outreach programs). Maybe you have a special skill you want to share?

Get started with an hour-long volunteer orientation. The sessions are held at APL's shelter, and attendees are required to register in advance either in the shelter's main

office or by emailing APL's volunteer coordinator at volunteer@apl-shelter.org. Questions? Call 217.544.7387 ext. 227.

Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

Tuesday March 13 6 p.m.
Saturday March 24 11 a.m.
Saturday March 31 11 a.m.

"Forever fostering" is life-altering for leukemia-positive cats

By Evelyn Taylor

"Are you sure they have the leukemia virus?" The two adult cats were so healthy at a check-up in late 2017 that APL's shelter veterinarian, Dr. Kat, wondered if there was a mistake. There was no mistake. The pair was thriving in the home where they have lived since July 2016 as "forever fosters."

Forever fosters Lebowski and Tchaikovsky—who now answer to Bob and Tchai—are among the beneficiaries of a unique relationship between their foster caretakers and APL, with APL



Bob (tabby) and Tchai keep each other company in the home of their "forever foster" family.

in the shelter are watched closely and meds started promptly when there's any sign of illness, but "there's no substitute for a real

It "just makes us want to love him and show him joy as long as we can."
Jenelle

maintaining legal ownership and providing for their veterinary care. It's an arrangement that has enriched—and likely extended—the lives of the two cats, who tested positive for the immune-system suppressing feline leukemia virus when they were admitted to the shelter nearly three years ago.

And APL's foster coordinator would love to make forever fosters of even more leukemia-positive cats and kittens. Right now nearly two dozen are awaiting caretakers who can give them normal homes, shower them with the love they crave, and bring them to the shelter for the no-cost veterinary treatment they may require.

Says foster coordinator Salena, the leukemia-positive cats

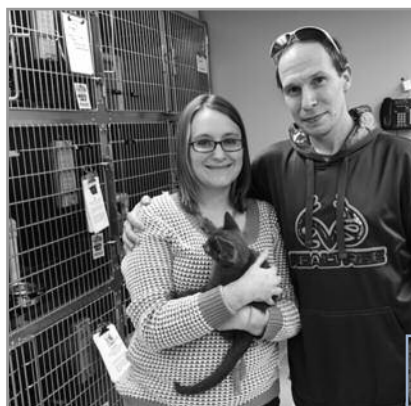


Avery was a tiny leukemia-positive kitten when Nancy took him home seven years ago.

home" for the cats who share a communal room on the shelter's second floor. Certainly having free run of an entire room is better than being confined to cages, but it is especially stressful for some cats, and "the less stressed they are, the better it is for them," says Salena.

Bob and Tchai's foster caretakers, Dawn and her family, chose "to give a home to cats who wouldn't get one otherwise." Leukemia-positive cats are too often passed over because of their shortened life expectancy. Cornell University's Feline Health Center reports that

the median survival time for cats after diagnosis is 2.5 years, but that "it is important to realize that cats with FeLV can live normal lives for prolonged periods of time." At APL, many are outliving that prognosis, with quick medical intervention forestalling serious illness.



Jenelle and Luke are fostering a leukemia-positive kitten, Kiwi, and are determined to "love him and show him joy as long as we can." It is possible that his life will be longer in a foster home than in the shelter.

And foster care is extending their lives even more. Take Avery. Nancy took him home in 2011 when he was just "palm-sized." He is now "a big boy" who weighs more than twenty pounds. Since June 2017, Nancy also has cared for TJ, "a bruiser" who had a tough life before arriving at APL a few months earlier, and he likely acquired the virus through fighting or grooming. Nancy's third leukemia-positive foster, Zoey, who joined the household when she was a few months old, is now a thriving two-year-old.

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"It's worth every minute you give them. It's a blessing to them and to us."

Dawn



TJ, one of Nancy's three "forever foster" cats keeps watch over things from the back of an easy chair.



Life in a home, away from the stress of shelter living, may well explain Avery's longevity. He is now seven years old and a hefty guy.



Life in a foster home gives leukemia-positive cats like Tchai the opportunity to live as normal house cats, and surely sleeping in a box is about as normal as it gets for a cat!

"Forever fostering" — continued from page 9

Kittens with the leukemia virus most likely acquired it from their mothers. Typically, the younger the cat when it acquires the leukemia virus, the shorter its lifespan, with kittens generally living only months after diagnosis. That not only didn't deter Jenelle and Luke from taking home Kiwi, a four-month-old kitten, it made them determined to take him.

"I have given them a new lease on life. And love. It's a happy thing."
Nancy

Jenelle, who faces health issues of her own, says that "I wouldn't want to be put to the side because of it. . . . He deserves a good life." The couple knows that Kiwi's life likely will be shortened, but Jenelle says that "just makes us want to love him and show him joy as long as we can."

"More people should foster," these cats, she says. "You might

not have much time with the cat, but the time you do is worth so much more."

Dawn, Jenelle, and Nancy are just some of the dozen or so devoted caretakers of APL's leukemia-positive cats. Because leukemia is spread to other cats (but not to people or to other species), no other cats live in their households. None of their cats require special care, only careful observation and timely veterinary intervention should the cats manifest symptoms of illness.

APL provides a lot of support to the cats and their caretakers, says Nancy. The staff knows her, and they inquire about her cats by name. And the staff provides emotional support, as well, she says. When she lost her beloved Jimmy to leukemia a year ago, Nancy was relieved that she did not have to make the decision to euthanize him when he reached the end of his life. APL's shelter veterinarian made

it. Dawn is also grateful knowing that she won't have to make end-of-life decisions for Bob and Tchai. "We aren't alone in this," she says.

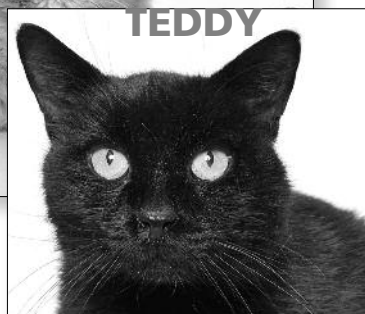
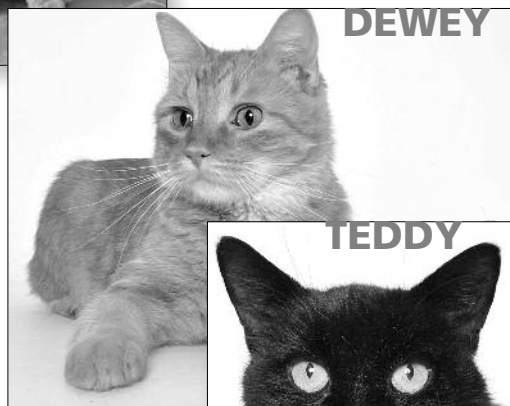
What about eventually losing their beloved forever fosters? Any fear or sadness is more than offset by the satisfaction of providing them a permanent home. "I have given them a new lease on life. And love. It's a happy thing," declares Nancy, who says she "never thinks" of not fostering cats like the ones she has.

But right now, these special caretakers are savoring the lives that their forever fosters cats are enjoying. Dawn's two cats "are as playful and as ornery as ornery can be," and Nancy says her cats have been so healthy that she hasn't been at the shelter enough to develop a relationship with shelter vet, Dr. Kat.

Says Dawn, "We have a life to offer them. . . . It's worth every minute."



Provide a "forever foster" home for one (or more) of these cats



Take just one—or even a pair—who enjoy each other's company. APL maintains ownership of those special cats but provides food, supplies, and veterinary care at no charge to those who will love and treat them like their own. Contact Salena, APL's foster care coordinator (aplfooster@apl-shelter.org, or call her at 217.801.3298) to get started!

APL Upscale Sale set for April 13 and 14

If you haven't already, start setting aside your donations of good-quality housewares, furnishings, decor, books, toys, and household items. Proceeds from the April 13 and 14 sale will support APL's life-saving mission of caring for cats and dogs.

We welcome your donations, but note that we cannot accept computers, monitors, televisions, mattresses, or appliances. Children's clothes are welcome, but please, no adult shoes or adult clothes unless new with tags attached.

The sale location is the old HHGregg location on the south side of White Oaks Mall. And be sure to shop the sale on Friday night and Saturday morning. Friday hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday morning hours are 8 to 11 a.m., followed by a bag sale

(everything you can fit in a bag for \$5) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to accept donations and set up the sale: Saturday, April 7, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 8, noon to 5 p.m.; Monday, April 9, noon to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 10, 3 to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, April 11, 3 to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, April 12, noon to 8 p.m.

Able-bodied workers are needed to carry heavy items for customers and to help break down the sale. Please contact APL volunteer coordinator Mary if you (or a service organization such as a group of older Scouts) would like to help. You can reach Mary at volunteer@apl-shelter.org or at 217.544.7387 ext. 227.

We could really use . . . Wire crates for adoption events

Forgive us for being picky, but we'd like to have a certain kind of crate: standard 36-by-24-inch wire crates. And lest you think that we are asking for something that isn't a big deal, let us acquaint you with our own trickle-down theory of volunteer happiness.

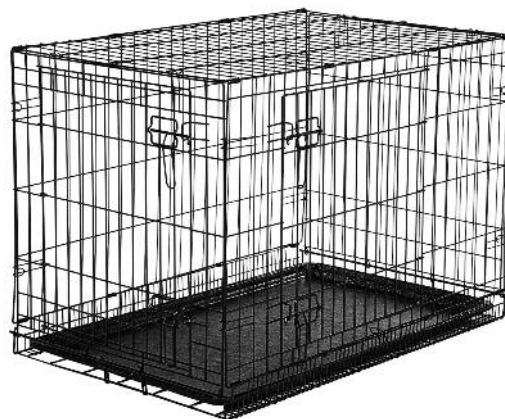
Here's why we're being so particular. We want crates that are both sizable enough for the comfort of cats at adoption events away from the shelter and yet manageable enough for the folks who set them up, take them down, and transport them.

We've hauled our wire crates around so much that they are bent and hard to set up, which makes the work of our hard-working volunteers who do much of the handling even harder. And need we say that a happy volunteer is, well, a happy volunteer!

And you know what happy volunteers do, don't you? They help find our cats and dogs homes where they don't

have to spend time in wire crates anymore!

We'd love to have 12 new crates—6 single-door, and 6 double-door—each costing a bit more than \$40. If you want to see this trickle-down theory at work, just order a crate from APL's wish list at www.amazon.com. So that you don't have to haul it, you can have it shipped directly to our shelter, or you may send a donation in any amount to help us purchase them. Please mark any monetary donations "wire crates." If donations exceed our need, we promise to use your gift wisely for other needs. Thanks!



ANIMAL CARE

- Canned cat food (paté style)
- Canned dog food (ground style)
- Karo light corn syrup
- Dry cat and dog food (any brand) for our Community Pet Food Bank
- Pet taxis – all sizes, new or gently used
- Heating pads that do not automatically shut off
- Dog and cat toys
- Corrugated cardboard cat scratchers (order through www.stretchandscratch.com or www.imperialcat.com/adoptacat)



CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Liquid laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Toilet paper
- Trash bags—39 gallon or larger
- Paper towels
- Dawn dish soap
- Liquid dishwasher detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips/cotton swabs
- Distilled water
- Zip ties (all sizes)

ALWAYS APPRECIATED

- 1st class postage stamps

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Dave Noll for creating and donating a beautiful wooden plaque in memory of Dudley, APL's beloved St. Bernard

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Malinda Craig for generously donating the tuition from her cooking school to APL on an ongoing basis

Springfield Ball Charter School staff for donating the proceeds of their jeans day event

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Sherman Elementary School 2nd grade class and **Lynn Vignali** for toys and money

Memorial Medical Center staff for toys and cleaning supplies

St. John's Hospital Quality Department employees for many needed supplies

Health Alliance employees for many needed supplies

Prairie State Bank and Connie Sommer for many needed supplies

Mason Vincent, age six, for items from APL's wish list

Parrothead Club of Lincoln Land for cash, food, treats & toys from their January fundraiser, and for choosing APL to be its 2018 charity

Paula Martel for a family community gift of supplies and cash for Christmas

Isaac Hnizdo for pet supplies from his 7th birthday party

Karen & Reagan Weichold for dog treats, toys, and cash

Reese Richart for supplies and cash for her 7th birthday

Margie Greco & Area Quilters for eight handmade dog beds

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Springfield Fire Department #11 and **David Harmony** for generous donations of pet food, toys, and money

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Girl Scout Troop 6636 and **Alexis Sturm** for a generous donation

Chris Withers Photography for donating a portion of the proceeds from sales

Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church for a very generous donation of coins

Timothy Forman for donating a large dog kennel for our Barn Cat program

IL Association of

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Cornerstone Title Group, LLC employees and **Meghan Neal** for donating the proceeds from their January Casual Days

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Hickory Point Bank & Trust, Springfield Branch, employees for donating the proceeds of their casual day

Sarah Dalby for her generous donation to help APL's animals

Recycle And Support APL



Take your aluminum cans, scrap aluminum, brass, copper, and old radiators to:

**Lake Area Recycling • 2742 South 6th Street
Springfield**

After your recyclables are weighed, take the slip to the window. Tell them you are donating your earnings to APL. **Thanks!**

Your recyclables help APL care for dogs like Dude, who is two years old but has the personality of a puppy. He'd love to have an owner who will see that he gets lots of play time. Meet Dude any afternoon from noon to 5 p.m.

Leave those kittens alone! At least for a while

If you find young kittens outdoors without their mother, don't assume that they've been abandoned. The mother may be off to find food and water, or could be in the process of moving the litter to a new location.

Leave the kittens alone, but check on them periodically from a distance to see if the mother returns. You can place food and water nearby, but don't disturb the kittens.

Every year during kitten season, litters of young kittens are brought to APL after having been found "abandoned." And although APL staff and foster caretakers can raise them, the kittens lose the important immunity and social benefits of being raised by their mothers. Plus, the survival rate for kittens is much lower without their mother.

Without their kittens, mother cats will quickly mate again, with more kittens to contend with.

If you are concerned about neighborhood cats, make plans to trap, neuter, and return (TNR) the adult cats to their neighborhood home. If the cats aren't tame, APL will loan traps to capture them so that they can be brought to our clinic for spay/neuter.

Any sociable kittens weighing at least two pounds can be spayed and neutered at our low-cost clinic, which will make it easier for you to find homes for them. APL may be able to assist you in placing the kittens if you are willing to keep them indoors and take them to adoption events.



Pen Pal gifts recognized for an entire year

The donation of every Pen Pal is recognized for an entire year with a plate or plaque. You can choose to support a single cage or kennel for as little as \$100 or an entire room for \$1,000.

Your Pen Pal donation helps provide care for cats and dogs in our shelter every day. And while animals in need are never in short supply, money is.

To get started, just send a check with a note telling us whether you wish to sponsor a room, a cat, or a dog. We'll send you a photo of your personalized plate when it's installed. Pen Pal donations are tax-deductible, and donors are recognized in this newsletter.

Contact the shelter at 217.544.7387 if you have questions. Send checks to APL, Attn: Pen Pals, 1001 Taintor Road, Springfield, IL 62702.

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I want to help APL cats and dogs by donating:

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Looking for a handsome older dog? Take a look at this forty-one-pound canine. You'll find eight-year-old Hunter at APL's shelter. Meet him any afternoon from noon to 5 p.m.

Why do they DO that! And how can I help?

My wonderful, indoor cat thinks she is a fierce mountain lion. All that stands between her and primal glory in the great outdoors are the barriers that her humans construct such as closed doors and watchful eyes. But hope springs eternal. Every chance she gets, she dashes for an unguarded door. I want to keep her safe. Help!

There are things you can do to help keep your furry escape artist inside. If she dashes toward the door if you even *think* of going out, consider these options:

1. Allow some outdoor time on a harness and leash with supervision. Designate one door only for outdoor freedom. Put her harness by that door and take her outside through it and no other. In time she should associate going out with only that door. Make sure she's getting a flea preventative before you take her outside.
2. Teach your cat to sit and stay, perhaps on his cat tower. Place treats on the designated place, pet him, and leave a few treats or toys for him to work on while you walk away. In time you should be able to take him to his reward place when you leave and be confident that he will remain there until you get out of the house.
3. Place a barrier or automatic spray near the door. Every time your boy gets near forbidden territory he will be sprayed.
4. Don't forget precautionary measures. Make sure your cat is spayed or neutered, microchipped, wearing a collar and tag with current contact information, and up-to-date on her shots.

Roslyn McKenna, PetSafe Web Content Specialist

My dog becomes a shivering, furry ball of fear at the hint of a loud sound, whether it be thunder, fireworks, or an explosion of unknown origin. As the spring storm season approaches and, after that, summer fireworks, what can I do to help him?

We sympathize. No one wants pups to suffer noise terror. What is thunder to us is the beginning of the end of the world to them. Consider these options to ease both your stress:

1. If your dog has a safe place, such as a crate or cubby hole in the back of a closet, make sure she has access to it as needed. Of course, never use her safe place for punishment.
2. Sometimes it is possible to distract your dog from frightening noises. If a storm is rolling in, try turning on music, TV, or a white sound machine. Find an audio recording of the sounds your dog fears. Play it to her over time at increasing volumes to desensitize her.
3. Some people have had success with such products as a body-hugging shirt which feels like a hug to some dogs. Special ear muffs help others block out frightening sounds. With any new product, acclimate your dog slowly. Don't try it out for the first time as fireworks are exploding over your house.
4. Talk to your veterinarian. She may suggest stress-relieving medication or other remedies to help your boy. You may need to work with a veterinary behaviorist who will help get to the root of what is causing the fear and prescribe medication if needed.
5. Do not baby her, punish her, or force her to gut it out. These approaches will only make things worse.

WebMD Veterinary Reference Reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM

NEWSBites

Jane Bruce, a donkey welfare advisor with The Donkey Sanctuary, Ireland, recently found a cold, distressed donkey foal stuck deep in a bog. After making quick phone calls, two Gardai (Irish police) arrived to use straps to lift the weakened animal from its trap. Today the little donkey, named Roma, lives happily and healthfully at The Donkey Sanctuary in Liscarroll, County Cork.

Nisha Kotecha,

Good News Shared

UPCOMINGEVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17
Vaccine clinic* March 17
APL Comedy Night March 22
Easter, Shelter & Clinic closed April 1
Upscale Sale April 13-14
Vaccine Clinic* April 21
Junior Volunteer applications due . . April 16
Mothers Day flower basket pick-up
. April 11 & 12

APL Trivia Night May 4
Vaccine Clinic* May 19
Memorial Day, Shelter closed May 28
JV Volunteer kick-off party June 9
Vaccine Clinic* June 16
Christmas in July July 7

* Vaccine Clinic times are 10am - 1pm



Show us your PAWs!

Planned automatic payments good for donor and APL

With many of us moving to automatic payments of utilities, credit cards bills, and mortgages, it's time to think about doing the same with a monthly donation to the Animal Protective League.

You already know the advantages of automatic payments from your checking account: it's easy, predictable, and on time. Your planned automatic withdrawal also has a benefit for APL: it gives us a source of steady income that helps us better plan for the thousands of cats and dogs we help every year.

Monthly donations by credit card are just as welcome, offering similar benefits to both the donor and APL. Donors may choose the date that funds are withdrawn from their checking accounts. Credit card donations are processed by APL in the last half of each month.

Getting started is easy. Just copy or clip the form below and mail it to APL. Thank you!

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

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beloved kitty of Sari &
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of Jeanne Handley &
Vanessa Horsman
Sonnie Botwinski &
Heather Moore
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beloved pet of Dave
& Tracy Moore
David & Shirley
Primeau
In memory of beloved
cats Darla & Nick
Evelyn Taylor
In memory of Evelyn
Taylor's beloved cats
Darla & Nick
Dave & Renee
Newman
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In memory of beloved
pet Lucy
Jodie Jones
In memory of beloved
beagle Lucy
Carol Belford
In memory of Kevin
Booton's beloved
cat Myra
Jim Snopko
In memory of beloved
pet Dutch Hollow Czar

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Mickey McAtee
Bill Buzard
Tess & Nattie
 In memory of beloved
 pet Moses
Gerald Dalsin
 In memory of beloved
 pet Susie
Kim Villanueva
 In memory of Max,
 beloved rescue
 Persian cat
Babs McMakin
 In memory of beloved
 pet Athena
Joseph & Melaney
Arnold
 In memory of beloved
 pet Ace
Jenny Keys
 In memory of beloved
 pet Milo
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 by that we do not
 think of them
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Wheeler &
Lee Wheeler
 In memory of beloved
 dog Sophie
Sara Gaffney
 In memory of beloved
 dog Lily
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 In memory of beloved
 pet Sadie
Matt, Val & Ben
Caldwell
 In memory of beloved
 cat Scotty
Thomas Record
 In memory of beloved
 cats Callie & Prissy
Barbara Greer
 In memory of beloved
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 Mattie, & Guido
Tracy & Mike
Scaduto
 In memory of an
 employee's beloved
 cat Halle
Amber King
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 beloved pet of
 Sally Andrews
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 In memory of Louise

Donaldson's beloved
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 beloved dog Emma
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 pets Buddy, Sissy &
 Mollie
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 Wood's beloved pet
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 In memory of beloved
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 In memory of beloved
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 beloved dogs
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 In memory of beloved
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Linda Dugger
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 beloved and desperately
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 In memory of beloved
 pet M&M
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 In memory of beloved
 pets Bach & Chance,
 and all the dogs we've
 had
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 In memory of our pre-
 cious little princess
 Chloe, a wonderful lit-
 tle dog and member of

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 In honor of Jenny
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 daughter and in lieu of
 Christmas gifts for
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 In honor of Reese
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Jamie Richart
 In lieu of Christmas
 gifts to our two nieces,
 Christopher & Lori
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 In honor of the
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 APL's Feral Cat
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 In honor of the Dalsin
 Family in lieu of
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William & Marcia
Franklin
 In honor of beloved
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 & Izzy
David & Stephanie
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 Daphne & Smokey
Crystal Corley-Shoger
 In appreciation of my
 APL cat Jenny
Susan Hack
 In lieu of a Christmas
 gift for Chris
Katherine, Kim,
Marcy & Rhonda
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 In honor of my won-
 derful adopted brother
 & sister Muig & Yoshi
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 Crespi for her service
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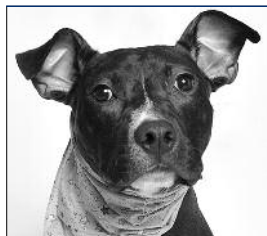
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AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



GERRY He's big and handsome and doesn't know his own strength. Long walks, some love, and a bit of training will make this guy a perfect housemate. He came to APL through our New Hope program, which rescues dogs and cats at risk for euthanasia. APL treated him for heartworms, and he's now healthy and ready for a new home.

SASSY Dear little Sassy was rescued—heartworm positive and with mammary tumors—from a county animal control center. The nine-year-old weighs just fifteen pounds, and you'll love every ounce of her. She's living in a foster home, so contact our shelter to arrange a time to meet this sweet gal.



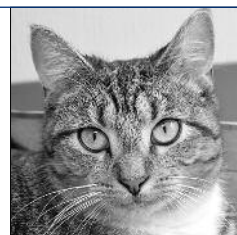
MAURY Maury's twin brother Franklin was adopted in February, and now it's Maury's turn. He'll need a devoted caretaker because his immune system is compromised by systemic lupus, and he needs daily meds. If you are someone who prefers the comforts

of home, invite Maury into yours. He is living in a foster home, so contact our shelter to meet this cute one-and-a-half-year-old pit mix.



DOVE Dear little Dove has been at APL far too long, with potential adopters discouraged by her chronic "cold," which is treatable with occasional antibiotics. She has happily lived with kids and other cats. If you want to be rewarded for your conscientious care, you will find no cat more grateful than Dove. She's living in a foster home, so contact our shelter when you're ready to meet her.

SCOOTER This adorable little tabby came to us as a stray in 2016, and she is more than ready for a new home. She's not yet three years old, so you can expect to spend many happy years together. Meet her at our shelter any afternoon from noon to 5 p.m.



HUMMINGBIRD She looks stern in this photo, but lovely Hummingbird is anything but. She lived in a home for several years, but her owner couldn't care for her anymore. Hummingbird is now a healthy ten-year-old who would love to have her own home where she can play and cuddle. She likes other cats, so if you are looking to add to your family, check her out at our shelter.

*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.*