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Humane Society of McDonough County

# Waggin' Tales



## Brix Challenge 2017

For the fourth year in a row Chris Brix is challenging this community in another fundraising event for the Humane Society of McDonough County. He has once again generously promised to match \$1,000.00 in donations to the HSMC that are received between now and October 31, 2017.

*Any amount you may choose to donate toward this challenge will be greatly appreciated. All money received will directly help animals in need in McDonough County. We are looking at renovation options to enhance adoption promotion and the housing of cats and kittens at the Shelter.*

Please send your tax-deductible donations to:

***The Brix Challenge***  
**Humane Society of McDonough County**  
**PO Box 7**  
**Macomb IL 61455**

You may also use the PayPal option on the Humane Society website at  
[www.hsmcil.org](http://www.hsmcil.org)

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the "Brix Challenge" 2017  
For more information visit [www.hsmcil.org](http://www.hsmcil.org)

## YOUR 2017 HSMC EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Bonnie Skripps
Vice President	Bill Johnson
Treasurer	Terri Hare
Secretary	Cecilia Benelli
Membership	Kate Shattuck
Education	Amy Betz
Shelter Liaison	Max Kreps
Director	Dave Monninger
Director	Kathy Chambers
Director	Linda Andrews
Director	JB Biernbaum
Director	Karen Proulx

### HSMC Board Meeting Schedule

Second Monday of the  
month  
(unless otherwise noted)

5:30 P.M.

Wesley Village  
Dining Room

October 9

November 13

December 11



## Your Donations at Work ...



In late July, two young Coon Hound brothers were released to the McDonough County Animal Shelter. Once there, Bam Bam was diagnosed as having heart worm. He and Bandit loved playing together in the pen and were lost if one was out without the other. The HSMC agreed to assist with Bam Bam's heartworm treatment so he could be advertised for adoption.

A young family from Roseville was searching for a dog and saw the Facebook posts of the shelter dogs. During their visit, Bam Bam and Bandit played with the children; all had a great time. The family ultimately decided they could not separate the brothers, so they adopted both. They live on a farm and are so excited to have these two new family members. They are appreciative of our assistance, and will stay in touch. The Roseville Veterinary Clinic is providing Bam Bam's treatment. It's a happy ending for all!

Your donations make it possible  
to support the welfare of ani-  
mals in our county like Bam Bam  
and Bandit.







The 9th annual Gimme Shelter Kris Moore Memorial golf outing was another success!



Volunteers Jeff Moore and HSMC board member Max Kreps load donated supplies

As part of the fundraiser, golfers donated supplies for the McDonough County Animal Shelter. A total of 117 lbs. of dog food, 80 lbs. of cat food, 322 lbs. of cat litter, and 3 cat beds were donated!

Special thanks to Lee Trotter, Don Hubner, Jeff Moore, Max and Shelley Kreps, Sarah Etter, Danny Torrance, Shoe Sensation, and the many businesses who donated prizes!



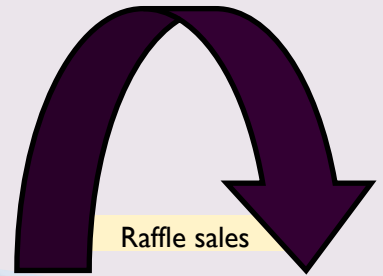
Lee Trotter, golf organizer



The Moore family



HSMC Board member Terri Hare (2nd from left) and friends



Raffle sales



Max & Shelley Kreps



Shoe Sensation sponsored a hole.



## Our Programs

The HSMC Executive Board works hard to coordinate programs that assist pets and their families in McDonough County. All proceeds from donations, memorials, memberships, and fundraisers go directly to these programs:

- ◆ Pet Food Pantry through Loaves and Fishes
- ◆ Subsidize spay/neuters for shelter adoptions
- ◆ Cat vaccines for shelter felines
- ◆ Low cost/spay neuter subsidy and transports
- ◆ Rescue/foster expenses
- ◆ Shelter special promotion sponsorship
- ◆ Angel Fund with McDonough county veterinarians



## Business Members

All Pets Veterinary Clinic  
 Animal Medical Center  
 Black Nugget, LLC  
 Bushnell Veterinary Service, PC  
 Captured Moments Photography  
 Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home  
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 Sweet Briar Corner Nursery  
 Wesley Village  
 The Wine Sellers

**Proud supporters of the HSMC!**

The HSMC offers three business membership levels:

- \$100 Protector
- \$250 Guardian
- \$500 Defender



Memberships include:

- Certificate of membership
- 2 copies of Waggin' Tales (more available upon request)
- HSMC business card
- Knowledge that your business is a core supporter of the HSMC mission to protect and improve the lives of animals living in our community.



## MCDONOUGH COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

101 Tower Road  
Macomb, IL 61455  
Phone: 309-837-2989

The McDonough County Animal Shelter is a county-run facility staffed by county employees. The HSMC does not have independent access to the shelter, nor the authority to arrange adoptions. The HSMC works diligently to promote adoption of the animals available at the McDonough County Animal Shelter.

Animal Control Officers:  
Kelsey Havens  
Bonnie Billhymer  
Billy Ruple  
Email: [mcas@macomb.com](mailto:mcas@macomb.com)



### Hours of Operation

**Open to the Public:**  
Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sat: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED to the Public  
Holidays: CLOSED to the Public



## Waggin' Tales

HSMC board members and McDonough County Animal Shelter staff participated in the annual WIU CUPP (Community-University Partnership Program) party this month.



L to R: HSMC board member Dave Monninger, HSMC President Bonnie Skripps, Asst. Animal Control Officer (ACO) Billy Ruple, HSMC board member Max Kreps, and Shelley Kreps.



L to R: Billy Ruple, Asst. ACO Bonnie Billhymer, Dave Monninger, Bonnie Skripps, HSMC board member Bill Johnson, Max Kreps, and ACO Kelsey Havens, as well as Missy and Gunnar, both of whom have been adopted!

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The HSMC Executive Board strives to promote animal welfare and education in our county, but we're spread pretty thin. To expand our community involvement, we need volunteers for:

- Brainstorming and helping with fundraising events
- Manning a table at community events
- Helping with the monthly spay/neuter transport to the Quincy Humane Society
- Working with the web coordinator to keep our website updated
- Producing the quarterly HSMC newsletter
- Collecting food for the Pet Food Pantry and possible delivery to shut-ins
- Fostering a shelter dog or cat

If interested in volunteering, please email us at:  
[Humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com](mailto:Humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com)

The HSMC Executive Board appreciates your membership and support even if you're not able to volunteer! If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate for membership or volunteer work, please direct them to the membership form at [hsmcil.org](http://hsmcil.org) or they may email the HSMC at the above email address.

## Disaster Preparedness Pets and Animals <https://www.ready.gov/animals>



### Make a Plan

Remember, during a disaster what's good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today.

If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured – or worse. Never leave a pet chained outdoors. Plan options include:

- Create a buddy system in case you're not home. Ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals.
- Identify shelters. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. [Find pet friendly hotels](#) along your evacuation route and keep a list in your pet's emergency kit. Locate boarding facilities or animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter.
- Consider an out-of-town friend or relative.
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter, in case your pet needs medical care. Add the contact information to your emergency kit.
- Have your pet microchipped and make sure that you not only keep your address and phone number up-to-date, but that you also include contact info for an emergency contact *outside* of your immediate area.
- Call your local emergency management office, animal shelter or animal control office to get advice and information.
- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located.
- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current.

If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger!

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## Build a Kit

Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. Start with this list, or download [Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners-Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List \(PDF\)](#) to find out exactly what items your pet needs to be Ready.

- **Food.** At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container.
- **Water.** At least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- **Medicines and medical records.**
- **Important documents.** Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.
- **First aid kit.** Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Including a pet first aid reference book is a good idea too.
- **Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash.**
- **Crate or pet carrier.** Have a sturdy, safe crate or carrier in case you need to evacuate. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.
- **Sanitation.** Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.
- **A picture of you and your pet together.** If you become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Add species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- **Familiar items.** Familiar items, such as treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress for your pet.



*The WIU student Humane Society Service Association is planning a fall open house!*

**Open House**

*Saturday, October 21  
11 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
McDonough County Animal Shelter  
101 Tower Road  
Macomb, IL 61455*

- For all ages!
- Fun activities for children!
- Meet the shelter pets!
- Stop by any time!



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