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Humane Society of McDonough County

Waggin' Tales



Summer Greetings,

While the goal of raising all the money needed to build a new animal shelter has been somewhat intimidating, we've been gratified by the community support for replacing the current shelter. This support has been demonstrated in a variety of ways over the last few months.

During the month of June, the *Pet Tribute Match Challenge* was launched, with over \$54,000 raised and deposited into the Building Campaign bank account. Bob and Donna Quesal offered their \$10,000 match as a tribute to three dogs they had previously adopted from the shelter, as well as in recognition of the importance of a new shelter and what it would mean to the community. Susan Beck, who had started a GoFundMe post in recognition of the need for a new animal shelter, joined forces with us and contributed the funds collected to the *Pet Tribute Match*.

In mid-June the McDonough Power Cooperative notified us of a donation they were making to the New Shelter Building Campaign. We appreciate their choice of the HSMC as one of their charitable choices for their annual giving via an employee match opportunity with their bank. This followed the donation that RWE Renewables made in the spring to the Building Campaign.

We still have a long way to go. As our fundraising for a new shelter begins to gain momentum, we're hoping you will help by spreading the word about the Campaign. In this edition of *Waggin' Tales* we are providing information that may help you talk about the need for a new shelter - a modern-day facility that not only accommodates the needs of lost and homeless animals, but is also an inviting place for community members to find a new pet, volunteer, and access resources. We need many voices raised across the County with a consistent message about the benefits of a new animal shelter. To accommodate different avenues of donating, brought to our attention by a community member, we set up an account with Seth Minter at Edward Jones in Macomb so stocks can be given to the HSMC. The stocks designated for the new shelter are then immediately sold at current cash value and funds transferred to the Building Fund. Let us know if you have ideas for generating donations.

In the meantime, the HSMC core initiatives and programs continue and they too require funding. In this newsletter you'll find stories of the donations and support we have received over the last few months from individuals and groups in the community. Again this fall, Chris Brix is challenging the community to match his \$1000 donation to support our work. The proceeds from the *Brix Challenge* are used strictly for the HSMC's annual operational costs. This has proven to be our biggest fundraiser for operational costs, which allows us to continue our ongoing programs throughout the year. We will be sending letters out about the *Brix Challenge* in early September.

Please enjoy this newsletter and the remainder of the summer. We're planning a Bark in the Park Halloween Party for the October 30th in conjunction with the Park District. Details will be coming.

Bonnie Smith-Skripps
HSMC President

Coffee, Cars, and Critters



Pictured left to right: Bonnie Smith-Skripps, Chuck Laird, and Ricky



The HSMC thanks Chuck Laird for his Coffee, Cars, and Critters fundraiser. Although the event was not without its hurdles, Chuck successfully raised \$2,080 for the HSMC.



McDonough County Animal Shelter

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Animal Control Officers:
Kelsey Havens
Zack Welch
Joe Rossmiller (part-time)
Chris McKay (part-time)
Email: mcas@macomb.com

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.

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

Facebook:

[McDonoughCountyAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/McDonoughCountyAnimalShelter)

The HSMC gratefully acknowledges the support of the Community News Brief!



Pictured left to right: Lynne Campbell, Lisa Miller, and Bonnie Smith-Skripps

Goal Diggers Score for HSMC!



On May 16th we picked up 500 lbs of cat and dog food from the Bushnell Goal Diggers 4-H Club. Over the last few years they have conducted a pet food drive which benefits the HSMC Pet Food Pantry and the County's pet owners. Thank you to the Club and the Bushnell community for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars!
October 30th, 2021
Bark in the Park Halloween party!

Building Campaign Support Via Pet Tribute Challenge



Over \$54,000 was raised for the New Shelter Building Fund via the Pet Tribute Match Challenge!



Pictured left to right: Donna Quesal, Bob Quesal and Bonnie Smith-Skripps.

Moving Response to the *Suzie Q, Jesse, and Maggie May Tribute Challenge*: Cherished Pets, Both Living and Deceased, Were Honored Via the Donations

Babes	Cuddles	Kris Kringle	Pepper	Susie
Bailey	Deanna	Lopsy I	Phoebe	Susie Q
Baylea	Dink	Lopsy II	Piper	Tara
Ben	Eartha Kitty	Lucky	Ragz	Tee
Binx	Ernest	Maggie	Remi	Tinkerbelle
Bonnie	Frank	Maggie May	Sadie	Tori
Broodie Boy	Ginger	Manfred	Sandy	Whitney
Bubba	Goldielocks	Many sweet cats	Sandy	Willard
Buddy	Grace	Max	Sandy LouLou	Wrigley
Butters	Gracie	Mercedes	Schuy	Zeus
Callie	Holly Noelle	Mia	Sebastian	
Casey	Jenny	Minnie	Sheba	
Cassie	Jesse	Molly	Smidge	
Chelsey	Jessie James	Nick	Sophie	
Chester	Jessie	Nicole	Soraya	
Chico	Joey	O'Brian (OB)	Stevie	
Corky	Kayo	Peaches	Storm	
Cream Cat	Keenan	Peanut Butter		

McDonough Power Cooperative Donates to HSMC



Thank you McDonough Power Cooperative for the \$6000 donation to the HSMC New Animal Shelter Campaign. A fabulous example of community support!

Gimme Shelter Golf Outing

The 12th annual Kris Moore Memorial/Gimme Shelter golf outing was held at Gold Hills on July 11. Despite the rainy weather, it was a good turnout and raised over \$1,500 for the Humane Society of McDonough County's Shelter Building Campaign to build a new McDonough county animal shelter, plus cat litter for the shelter. The tournament honors Kris Moore, who was an HSMC member and volunteer.

L to R: Laurie Davis, Terri Hare, Cindy Teel, Judy Eckerly



A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. "Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!"

Arnold Brothers Sponsors the Adoption Fee of Three Dogs this Spring/Summer

Thunder is the amazing mom of the six pups who were born at the shelter. She is a sweet girl who loves attention, long walks, playing ball and being able to be herself again now that she has weaned her pups and they have all found homes. She keeps her kennel very clean and likes the company of male dogs once she has had the opportunity to get acquainted. Thunder is a smart girl who will make a great companion. And, she has regained her girlish figure!



Thunder hoping for her new best friend.



Slade with his new "mom"



Jazzy going to her forever home



2021 HSMC Sponsored Transports for Low Cost Spay Neuter

We have sponsored monthly transports to the Quincy Humane Society Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic since March this year, with a maximum number of 25 cats per transport. We have had full registrations since March. There are a few spots available in September. We are taking reservations for October and November.

Register now for spay/neuter of stray and feral cats at no charge to you, and companion cats for \$20. Distemper and rabies vaccines are included.

September 16—A few spots

October 14—Open

November 18—Open

You must pre-register.

Send your name, address, phone number and email,
with your cat(s) name, gender, coloring, and age to

humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com

Indicate which date you prefer.



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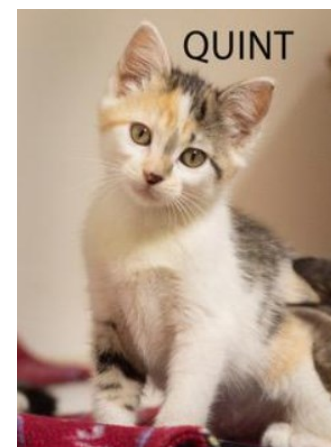
What We Can Fund with Your Support

The HSMC is an all-volunteer, membership-based organization, but we do have expenses associated with accomplishing our mission. Everything we do has a price, but the results are priceless:

- * \$25 funds one spay/neuter through the Quincy Humane Society Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.
- * \$35 funds one spay/neuter of an animal adopted from the McDonough County Animal Shelter
- * \$50 purchases 10 cat vaccines (FVRCP)
- * \$90 provides partial sponsorship of a cat adoption fee
- * \$625 funds one spay/neuter transport and clinic fees for 25 cats
- * \$400 to \$1200 purchases one heartworm treatment

It's Raining Cats!

The shelter's cat rooms are overflowing with wonderful cats and adorable kittens. A donation specified for the HSMC Cat Sponsorship Fund allows cats to find homes with a reduced adoption fee of \$40 instead of the \$131 required to cover spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip. Over the last year we were able to find homes for 137 cats because of the reduced fee sponsored by caring community members.



8th Brix Challenge Right Around the Corner!



Chris Brix and Pee Wee are again challenging the community to match their \$1000 contribution in support of HSMC programs. We love you guys and your support!!!!

WE 
A
CHALLENGE!