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Humane Society of McDonough County

# Waggin' Tales



Greetings,

It's been a busy and productive summer. After a 2-year hiatus, we once again held our annual June fundraiser – this year called *CatTails at Yappy Hour*. As a COVID-precaution, we limited the number of tickets sold. All in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves. We added a volunteer recognition component to the evening. While commemorating all who give so much time to the shelter animals, we recognized one volunteer in particular for his work over the last 4 years in saving seven dogs that could not adapt to being at the shelter and needed some time to find their inner calm before being adopted into their forever homes.

We're appreciative of the generosity of individuals and groups. Here you'll meet Cowboy (now Charlie) whose adoptive family reimbursed us for his heart worm treatment; a family that sponsored a dog and two cats with proceeds from their lemonade stand; and Delta Upsilon members who recognized the need for a new shelter building and raised funds in support of this effort. And you'll find a picture from the annual Gimme Shelter Golf Outing

Autumn is starting off with a bang. We were selected by this year's Gazebo Art in the Park Committee as the not-for-profit organization to have a table in Chandler Park during the art sale on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We then heard from The Wine Sellers that they were planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Play It Forward* on September 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 10:00 pm. The various local musicians will be playing during that time on their back patio and are again donating tips to the HSMC New Shelter Building Fund. This is a great opportunity to see friends and neighbors, hear amazing music, relax in a beautiful venue, enjoy fine wines, craft beers and spirits, and support the Building Campaign. Last September we were amazed at the funds generated by this event. We are so pleased that Julia and Craig Burns are once again hosting and the musicians are supporting our vision for a new shelter. We hope to see you there.

We will also be sending letters out in September for the 9<sup>th</sup> Brix Challenge. This non-event fundraiser supports our annual budget and enables us to do all we do for the needy animals in the County. We are so pleased that Chris Brix has continued his challenge to the community. Even though Chris and Pee Wee no longer live in Macomb, it's evident their hearts are still with us.

We have mulled over what kind of fundraising event we could come up with that will bring something new to the community to support the New Animal Shelter Building Campaign. Currently we are planning a Casino Night for next spring. We're excited about the possibilities and will keep you informed as plans progress.

We look forward to spending some time with you in the upcoming months and once again, so appreciate your support.

*Bonnie Smith-Skripps*  
HSMC President

## Our Most Successful June Fundraiser Yet for HSMC Initiatives!

Humane Society of McDonough County

# Cat Tails at Yappy Hour

**CatTails at Yappy Hour Fundraiser a Success!**

After a two-year absence due to Covid, the Humane Society of McDonough County's former Wine, Whiskers, & Whimsy fundraiser returned better than ever under the new name of CatTails at Yappy Hour. During the two-hour event in June, the HSMC hosted 100 guests who enjoyed conversation, live music by Mike Murphy, hors d'oeuvres, a wine pull, basket raffle, and silent auction.

**We are excited to announce that we raised over \$11,000 at CatTails at Yappy Hour!**

The HSMC is a 100% volunteer organization. All proceeds from this event go directly to helping the animals of our county through our programs, which include low-cost spay/neuter, foster/adoption/rescue sponsorship, shelter medical assistance, pet food pantry, and Angel Fund. CatTails at Yappy Hour was successful because of our volunteers, attendees, and the wonderful businesses and community members who graciously donated to our event. Please help us in thanking them for their contribution.

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- Nostalgia Décor and Gifts
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- Peoria Riverfront Museum
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- Princess Shoppe
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- Scott Conlin
- Skip Skripps
- Spirit Hollow Golf Course
- Sports Corner @ 124
- Springdale Farmhouse
- St. Louis Cardinals
- Sweetbriar Corner Market
- Tink's Café
- Twin Oaks Golf and Country Club
- The Wine Sellers
- WIU Bookstore
- WIU Harry Mussatto Golf Course
- Your CBD Store

### Special Volunteer Recognition at CatTails at Yappy Hour



*“Saving one dog will not change the world, but, surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”*

We recognized Lars Gossel this year on behalf of:  
 Zuma Harley Mazikeen  
 Chloe CJ Jennings  
 Hoff Riley

These were all dogs at the county shelter with issues that categorized them as “hard to place.” Each of these dogs have found within themselves the dog they were meant to be -- with the help of a caring, intuitive, and patient friend who taught them to trust and gave them self-confidence they desperately needed.



## Delta Upsilon Support for New Shelter Building Fund



On May 3<sup>rd</sup> members of WIU's Delta Upsilon chapter presented HSMC a check for \$850 for the HSMC New Animal Shelter Building Fund. Members stated they had previously volunteered at the shelter and definitely saw a need to build a better facility for the homeless animals of McDonough County.

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## Bushnell Goal Diggers Pet Food Campaign

Again this year the Bushnell Goal Digger 4-H Club collected pet food for the HSMC Pet Supplies Pantry. We thank them for stocking our pantry so well and for their ongoing commitment to helping needy animals.



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*What breed of dog can jump higher than a building?  
All breeds can, since buildings can't jump!*

## Paying It Forward for Heartworm Treatment

Cowboy (now Charlie) tested heart worm positive shortly before Christmas this year. Shortly after the HSMC had initiated his treatment, Cowboy found his forever home with Kathy Neumann and Marty Maskarinec. Charlie is completely cured and loving country life. Kathy and Marty donated the full cost of his treatment back to the HSMC. Thank You!



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## Prairie Quilting League Provided Cat Pads

The Macomb Prairie Quilting League designated the quilting of cat pads for the cats at the animal shelter as their special project. At their June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting they presented a tall pile of colorful and comfy pads to HSMC Board Members Amy Betz and Bonnie Smith-Skripps. The cats love their new bedding.



*Ruffles made the fancy blue pad his!*

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*Want to know if your wife or dog loves you more?*

*Just lock them both in a crate for a few hours and see which one is happy to see you once you open it!*

## Pet Sponsorship Via Lemonade

After a successful lemonade stand venture in Rolling Meadows, Kristina, Layla, and Malachi Forman visited the animal shelter to offer fund to cover the adoption fees of select animals. They chose Batman and cats Twister and Tyke to sponsor.



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## 14th Annual Kris Moore Memorial/Gimme Shelter Golf Outing a Success

Friends of Kris Moore started a memorial golf outing after his passing in 2008. Kris was a volunteer with both the HSMC and McDonough County Animal Shelter, so friends and family designated annual proceeds to the HSMC to support our programs. We appreciate their annual support! This year the outing was well attended and over \$1,600 was raised!



L to R: Terra Litchfield, HSMC board member Terri Hare, Judy Eckerly, Laurie Davis

## Lunchtime Leisure Event with Park District



Lily Moser, Macomb Park District intern, invited us to partner with them on the Lunchtime Leisure July series. On July 27<sup>th</sup> we brought Riley, HSMC foster dog, and two shelter dogs to Citizens Plaza. Candice Biswell, a new HSMC Board member, brought Bria who is in training as a therapy dog.

*Foster dog Riley greeting visitors with Lars*



*HSMC members with shelter dogs*



*Candace with Bria sharing their good cheer*



We now accept Venmo as a form of payment! If you want to donate using Venmo, please look for Humane Society of McDonough County, @HumaneSocietyofMcDonoughCounty.

If you are directing your donation to a specific purpose (ex. Shelter Building Campaign, Pet Food Pantry, medical assistance, etc), please add a note to your donation.

## Business Members

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The Community News Brief  
The McDonough County Voice  
The Wine Sellers  
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West Side Lumber

## We accept donations of stock!

To facilitate stock donations for the Animal Shelter Building Campaign, we have opened an account with Edward Jones. If you would like to donate stock toward the building of the new shelter, please contact Seth Minter, Edward Jones, 325 S. Candy Lane, Macomb, IL 309-833-3664



The Wine Sellers is once again hosting **Play It Forward** during Gazebo Art in the Park on September 10, 2022. Local musicians will be playing from noon well into the night in the back patio area with all tips going to the HSMC New Shelter Building Campaign.





## McDonough County Animal Shelter

**Address:**

101 Tower Road  
Macomb IL 61455  
Phone: 309-837-2989  
Email: mcas@macomb.com

**Animal Control Officers:**

Zach Welch  
Wendy Hughes  
Joe Rossmiller (part-time)

**Open to the Public:**

Mon – Fri: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am to Noon  
Sunday and Holidays: Closed

**McDonough County Animal Shelter (MCAS)**

A county run facility staffed by county employees. The Humane Society of McDonough County (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.

## More CatTails at Yappy Hour!



Wine pull



Pre-opening



Silent Auction

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## Macomb Block Party

Pepper Roo from the Animal Shelter and April, HSMC's current dog in foster care, joined us at the HSMC table and welcomed participants at Chandler Park on August 26th.



April



Pepper Roo

**To Treat or Not--  
How to Improve the Quality of Life  
Part 2: Possible Options to Consider  
Karen Blakeley DVM, MPH  
All Pets Veterinary Clinic, Macomb IL**

Pet owners often ask me how they will know when it is time to end the life of their pet. They will often also ask me if there are things that can be done to extend the life of their pet. The balance between the two—treating or not—can be very difficult to find when your pet is sick or chronically ill. Last time we looked at 8 key indicators to determine your pet's quality of life. This time we will take these same 8 indicators and look at ways to help improve quality of life.

1. **PAIN.** PAIN MANAGEMENT IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR QUALITY OF LIFE. Pain management will apply to several of the other key indicators on this list. Fortunately, over the last 10 years there has been an explosion in options for pain management in pets. Medication wise, the main categories of pain drugs used in veterinary medicine include non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs), narcotics, NDMA inhibitors, and GABA drugs. There are other classes of drugs and new options continue to be explored. Many people have a negative perception of using “pain drugs” for their pets and are often surprised at the difference in their pets when they are on appropriate medication. Supplements such as glucosamine, chondroitin, MSM, omega 3 fatty acids, etc. can play a role in some types of pain. (As a side note, CBD has become very trendy and is being promoted as great for all sorts of conditions. To date, there are very few studies on how beneficial they are in pets.) Ice packs for fresh injuries and heat packs for chronic injuries can help some pets that are painful. Physical therapy, massage, acupuncture, and chiropractor treatments are also options depending on the condition being considered.
2. **APPETITE.** Increasing appetite can be accomplished in many ways. Newer veterinary specific medications such as Elura for cats and Entyce for dogs help stimulate appetite for various conditions. Older medications such as mirtazapine, cyproheptadine, and valium can also be tried. Non-medication ways to improve appetite include heating the food, adding water to the food or slowly switching to canned food, and top dressing the food with small amounts of human food such as chicken, beef, rice, pasta, and bread. Care must be used anytime new foods are introduced and you must go slowly to avoid GI upset.
3. **HYDRATION.** Increasing water consumption can be as easy as adding water to the food or switching to canned food. Making the water cold by frequently adding ice cubes or by having 2 bowls that you freeze completely and alternate as they melt throughout the day is a good way to increase drinking. Frequently providing fresh water throughout the day will increase consumption in a lot of pets. If you think about it, how appealing is a room temperature glass of water that has been sitting out all day? Flavoring the water with chicken stock (avoid high sodium content by not using commercial broths) or low sodium tuna juice can increase water consumption. Providing aerated water via a fountain is also a great way to increase consumption, especially in cats. Recently there have been some companies marketing “pet waters” that contain electrolytes. The role of these products for the critically ill remains to be seen.

4. HYGIENE. Bathing and brushing, if tolerated, may help some ill animals feel better. It is also a way to increase bonding with your pet. Treating pesky skin lesions/skin infections and ear infections that occur secondary to many illnesses may help certain pets feel better. I am always surprised at how improved pet owners report their pet to be after treating skin infections. If you think about it, skin is your biggest organ. And when your biggest organ doesn't feel well, you don't feel well.
5. ACTIVITY/MOBILITY. Much of improving decreased mobility is pain management. There are many different pain medications available. There are also many supplements, chondroprotectants (Adequan), and alternative therapies (physical therapy, therapy laser, etc.) to help control the pain that is slowing your pet down. If your pet is heavy, he/she will have a harder time getting around as they age. Alter your pets' diet, count calories, and get back in the habit of portion control. Just like us, losing weight can be a tremendous help for mobility. For targeted painful areas (especially knees), consider the use of braces/splints to help support the pet.
6. HAPPINESS/MENTAL STATUS. Again, some of this may be related to pain and appropriate pain management is necessary. It is hard to be happy when it hurts to move. Some animals will experience dementia like signs, or cognitive dysfunction disease (CDS) as it is called in pets. Making changes in the household and routines to accommodate the aging pet can help. Consider other pets in the house. Does a young, boisterous pet (or child) annoy or pester your older pet just a bit too much? If so, consider providing a safe place that only your older pet can access. Does your house have a lot of stairs? Does your pet have a harder time getting up on the bed? Consider making it easier for your pet to stay on one floor for the bulk of the day. Think about ramps and steps to help your pet get up on couches/beds and in and out of the house.
7. GENERAL BEHAVIOR PATTERNS. Many mitigations for various strange behaviors should be considered. Most of which have already been discussed above.
8. OWNER PERCEPTIONS. Sometimes the best way to improve a pet's quality of life is start with you! Have you just made the assumption that "your pet is old?" Are financial limitations or the fear that any treatments will be too expensive hindering helping your pet? Call your vet!! Your vet should be more than willing to come up with treatment options that fit every budget and can help you make a good decision on how realistic it is to have a positive outcome and improve quality of life. A good exam, consultation, and honest conversation with your vet can make a huge difference.

\*\*The information above is for educational purposes only and is not intended to diagnose your pet.

As always, if you have questions regarding your pet, please contact your veterinarian.

Very loosely adapted from Quality of Life Scale, Veterinary Practice News, June 2006, pg. 24.

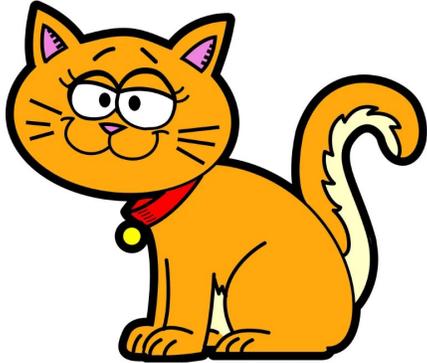
### **30 Fun Dog Facts (1-6) from the American Kennel Club:**

1. The Labrador Retriever has been on the AKC's top 10 most popular breeds list for 30 consecutive years—longer than any other breed.
2. A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
3. Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs sleep in their owner's bed.
4. Speaking of sleeping... all dogs dream, but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.
5. Seventy percent of people sign their dog's name on their holiday cards.
6. A dog's sense of smell is legendary, but did you know that his nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.

## HSMC and Pet Supplies Plus

We thank Pet Supplies Plus for hosting the HSMC and animals available for adoption from the MCAS.

Felix Chu and Amy Betz are pictured with some very special shelter kitties.



## HSMC Membership Form

The Humane Society of McDonough County is a membership-based, all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization, and is able to accomplish its stated mission helping companion animals in our community because of its members. Membership income is the foundation on which the HSMC can fulfill its initiatives with programs such as; spay/neuter, shelter adoptions, and medical emergencies.

All income is used toward Initiatives and Programs and may be tax-deductible.

YES, I want to support the Humane Society of McDonough County's vision with my annual membership!  
This is a new or renewing (circle one) membership!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If Family Membership, please list all names:

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Please mail completed application and payment to:



Humane Society of McDonough County  
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Macomb, IL 61455

### Membership Levels Available:

-  Junior (under 18) \$5.00
-  Student or Senior \$10.00
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-  Lifetime \$1,000.00

### Business Memberships Available:

-  Protector \$100.00
-  Guardian \$250.00
-  Defender \$500.00

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### ***Get ready for the 9th annual Brix Challenge!***



The *Brix Challenge 2022* will be coming up soon. Chris Brix and his best friend Pee Wee are challenging the community with a matching fundraiser for the 9<sup>th</sup> year this fall. We can't thank them enough for that. *The Brix Challenge* has been a huge success each year, thanks to the support of this caring and generous community. It has become the biggest event to raise funds directly used for the ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS of the important programs of the HSMC. Best yet, it is the easiest fundraiser in which to participate. Last year *the Brix Challenge 2021* raised a record-breaking amount of funds to assist the animals in McDonough County, bringing in just over \$20,000.00. We are reaching for the glass ceiling this year and hope to break last year record with your help. Watch for details as the fall winds start to blow.