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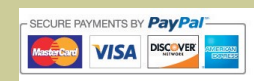
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Humane Society of McDonough County

Waggin' Tales

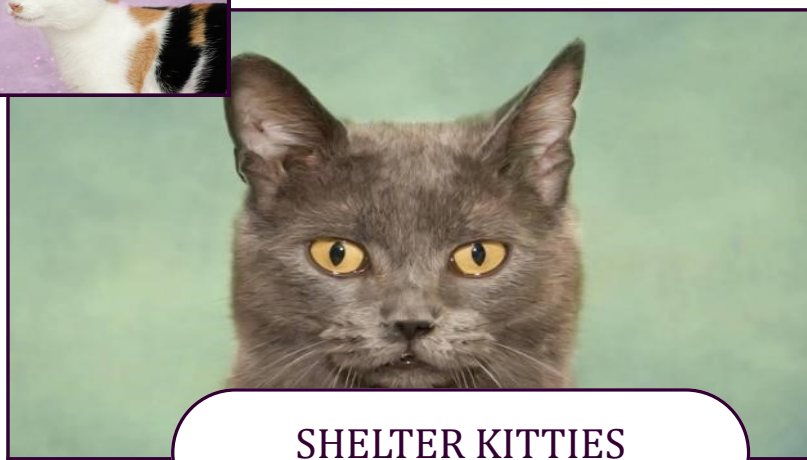
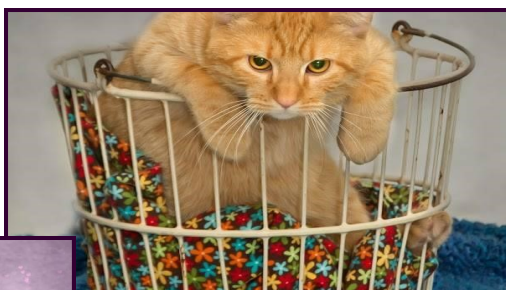


Spring Into Love

Spring cat special! The McDonough County Animal Shelter is full! From now until April 30th they are reducing the cost of all cat adoptions.

Unaltered Cats will be \$25 for adoption and \$12 for Microchip.
Altered Cats will be : \$10 for adoption and \$12 for Microchip.

Please help spread the word!



SHELTER KITTIES

These kitties are available at reduced adoption rates through April 30.
Contact the McDonough County Animal Shelter for additional information.



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

April 10

May 8

June 12



HSMC President Skripps Awarded Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to HSMC President Bonnie Skripps for being recognized by the Macomb community as Volunteer of the Year for her work with the Humane Society of McDonough County! Bonnie has worn many hats in her three years as president, including low-cost spay/neuter coordinator and liaison with the McDonough County Board. In addition to her HSMC duties, she volunteers at the McDonough County Animal Shelter on a daily basis to walk the dogs.

Congratulations, Bonnie!



Bonnie with Mayor Inman



Bonnie with her husband, Dennis (Skip)

SUPPORT

As you may know, the Humane Society of McDonough County is a 100% volunteer organization. We rely on the philanthropic efforts of our community to support our programs such as the Pet Food Pantry, Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program, Sponsored Adoptions and Fosters, and shelter cat vaccines and Angel Fund.

We are proud to publish the quarterly newsletter that showcases support received from the community as well as outreach activities performed by HSMC volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of the HSMC!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

HSMC Business Members:

All Pets Veterinary Clinic
Animal Medical Center
Black Nugget, LLC
Bushnell Veterinary Service, PC
Capture Moments Photography
Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral
Homes
Dad's Place
Diamond Den
Free Range Yoga
Green Shingle Graphics
Hickory Kennels
Matthew S. McClure, DMD-PC
MidAmerica National Bank
No Place Like Home
Purdum Gray Ingledue Beck
Sodexo

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.



The Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy committee is hard at work
planning this year's annual fundraiser scheduled for
June 17, 2017 at Sullivan Taylor's Hall!

McDonough County Animal Shelter Photos

The HSMC recognizes several individuals for their unwavering dedication to getting the word out about available shelter animals. For several years now, **Cara Cerullo** has made routine visits to the shelter to get descriptions and take photos of dog and cats for the weekly Make Adoption Your First Option shelter animal posters and social media. **Megan Cramblet** receives the photos and creates the weekly poster that you find in the community. And members of the poster committee, in all kinds of weather, pick up the posters from east Printing and place them in strategic locations.

The newest volunteer is **Stacie Kwacala** of **Captured Moments Photography**. Stacie has volunteered to take professional photos of the shelter animals. Her work is displayed on the pages one and seven of this newsletter and can be seen on the HSMC Facebook page at [Facebook.com/hsmcil](https://www.facebook.com/hsmcil). Thank you Stacie Kwacala of Captured Moments Photography!



Volunteers needed

Are you the right person for the job? The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy fundraiser
- Event committees
- Social media
- Monthly help with drop off and pick up of low-cost spay/neuter program
- Pet Food Pantry
- Ideas!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact a board member, email the HSMC at humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com or call us at 309-837-5611



HSMC Attends the YMCA Family Outdoor Show

HSMC members volunteered at the YMCA Family Outdoor Show held at the Lowderman Auction Center on February 4. Below is Dave Monninger, HSMC Executive Board member.



Bushnell Goaldiggers do it again! The 4-H group Bushnell Goaldiggers held another pet food drive that netted hundreds of pounds of pet food and kitty litter for the Pet Food Pantry.

Thank you to the 4-H Bushnell Goaldiggers for their continued support to McDonough County animals!

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 Rupples
Email: 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



The HSMC Creates Pet Memberships for Shelter Adoptions

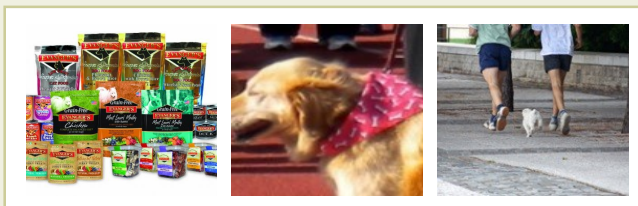
The Executive Board of the Humane Society of McDonough County recently approved offering a free HSMC pet membership to individuals who adopt from the McDonough County Animal Shelter. The one-year membership gives adopters access to the quarterly HSMC newsletters and a magnet with HSMC contact information. While pet membership is optional, we hope that adopters take advantage to learn more about the HSMC.

Pet Food Drives

April 8, 2017

WIU Brophy Hall Gymnasium

HSMC members are holding a pet food drive at the 8th Annual Donna Phillips 5K Run/Dog Walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until the start of the Dog Walk at 9:40 a.m. All donations will be given to the local Pet Food Pantry.



WIU Greek Community Service Week

Members of the WIU Greek community will be seeking donations for the Pet Food Pantry and Loaves and Fishes during their Community Service Week in April.



*The HSMC received
donations in 2016
in memory of:*

Luca Cerullo
Hazel Cox
Laura Sadler Cripe
Robert DePoy
Ellie
Robert "Fear" Fosdyck
Herman Griesenbrock
Jan Hayes
Jo Ann Hoerner
Lois Landes
Lizzy
Shirley Lucas
Max
Kathryn McKee
Scott Miller & his dogs
Dennis Morse
Rocky
Shirley Sather
Martha "Edie" Selders
Shadow
Rosemary Sibbing
Frank Simpson
Ruby Smith
Kathy Sorenson
Tara

*We thank the families and
donors for thinking of the
Humane Society of
McDonough County.*



Black Dog Bonanza

The Winter 2016 HSMC newsletter advertised the **Black Dog Bonanza** Campaign at the McDonough County Animal Shelter. The HSMC sponsored a portion of the adoption fees for each black dog, and we are thrilled to report that all black dogs were adopted! Roscoe, Diesel, Socks, Daisy Mae and Felix, among others, found their forever home. The HSMC thanks the McDonough County Board for their partnership in the campaign.



Felix



Success!

Thelma and Louise were brought to the shelter as stray drop-offs. They were estimated to be 8-9 years old and sought comfort from each other. To adopt them as a pair, the HSMC sponsored part of their adoption fees. We are happy to report that Thelma and Louise are together in their forever home!





These are a few of the kitties available during the Spring into Love special at the Shelter



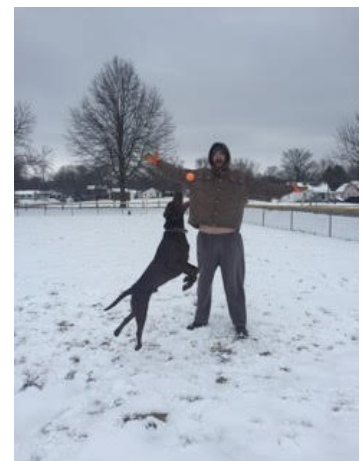
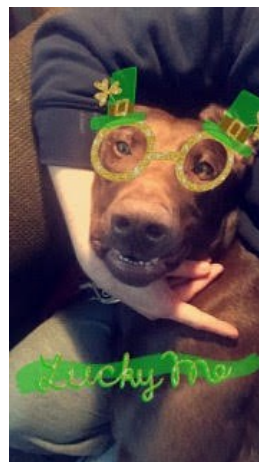
Shelter Dog Gets Help from the HSMC Finds a Forever Home

Happy Kovu arrived at the shelter in mid-February. Somewhat of a goofball, Kovu was a beautiful 1½-year-old Lab/Weimaraner mix. He was a sweet natured and loving dog that played well with children and other dogs. However, Kovu had one big strike against him: he had a pretty severe case of heartworm. Left untreated, heartworm will lead to death. It is treatable, but can be a rather expensive and long-term undertaking.



To help Kovu find his forever home, the HSMC made arrangements to cover the cost of his heartworm treatment. We then sought to find a forever family who would guarantee follow-through on his treatment protocol. Cheyenne Wilson, who had previously owned a Weimaraner and understood his energy level, saw Kovu's picture and description and had to have him. Cheyenne and her fiancé Noah took Kovu home from the shelter after he was neutered (you see him in his cone), and started his heartworm treatment. They also changed his name to Nova. Nova is well on the way to recovery, and is enjoying his new life as a pampered, loved companion with his forever family.

Providing shelter animals with needed medical care to assist them in finding homes is an HSMC priority. Nova is living evidence of the meaningful impact of member and community support.





SAVE THE DATE!

Wine, Whiskers & Whimsy

June 17, 2017

More information to come!

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We had a great turnout at the HSMC annual dinner in January. Board members, members, and guests enjoyed pizza by Larry A's, a slideshow of 2016 HSMC accomplishments, and an evening of camaraderie and friendship. We were also pleased to welcome Kelsey from the McDonough County Animal Shelter and George Dixon, McDonough County Board, as guests. You can view the slideshow at [AnnualMtg2017 \(pdf\)](#) or in the January 26, 2017 news section of the HSMC website at HSMCIL.org

