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Humane Society of McDonough County

Waggin' Tales



Seasons Greetings!

We are so excited about the news in this edition of *Waggin' Tales*. Not only did we have a banner year for the *Brix Challenge*, breaking all records, we are also looking forward to a new and different fundraiser to formally kick-off the HSMC New Animal Shelter Building Campaign. The annual *Brix Challenge* supports the HSMC initiatives to help shelter cats and dogs and other community animals. The Building Campaign is a second front on which we are trying to raise major dollars. We are pleased to report that we are over a third of the way to making our dream of a new and much better shelter a reality. Mark your calendars for the HSMC Casino Night on March 4th. It will be the social event of the season!

Also, remember to bring our pets and/or your kids to Dickens on the Square, Saturday December 3rd. We will be set up in the Citizen's Clock Tower Plaza for photos. Not only will you get digital Holiday photos for \$10, thanks to Krista Skien, but you will have the opportunity to participate in an online ugly sweater contest. Details are found inside.

Enjoy this edition of *Waggin' Tales* and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Bonnie Smith-Skripps
HSMC President

The Brix Challenge 2022 Exceeds Our Goal



The Brix Challenge 2022 was a huge success for the HSMC. That means great things for many animals in need, as well. This is the ninth year fellow animal-lovers joined our good friend Chris Brix' in raising funds from late September through the end of October to support the work of the HSMC. Chris' personal pledge of \$1,000 got the challenge started and, once again, his idea was met with tremendous support. This year we set our Brix Challenge goal high, hoping to raise \$20,000.00. Thanks to fantastic support, this year's Brix Challenge raised an amazing \$26,793.00 for the HSMC's annual operating costs. All of the funds raised will be used directly to help the animals we all care so much about.

The generosity of Chris Brix and those who participated in this year's *Brix Challenge* will make the world a better place for many animals in McDonough County. The HSMC members and supporters work tirelessly on a daily basis to continue and expand many programs and initiatives.

1. **PROMOTING ADOPTIONS** of cats and dogs at the McDonough County Animal Shelter via weekly posters, social media, news outlets, and adoption sponsorships.
2. **SPONSORSHIP AND FOSTER** of those animals whose time is running out at the McDonough County Animal Shelter by promoting adoptions of difficult to place animals through reduced adoption fees, or by moving them into foster care where they can receive training and socialization while awaiting their forever home.
3. **REDUCING OVERPOPULATION** through two separate spay/neuter programs. One serves to promote adoption of animals at the shelter by subsidizing the cost of altering animals adopted from the shelter. The other is a partnership with the Quincy Humane Society that provides transportation and spay/neuter for barn/feral cats at no cost to the caretaker. If space is available companion cats may take advantage of this for a nominal fee.
4. **PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE** to shelter animals in need of specialized care and to community pets in emergency situations via Angel Funds distributed to county animal clinics.
5. **HELPING KEEP ANIMALS IN THEIR HOMES** and with their families when they meet with financial distress via the Pet Food Pantry and through discretionary use of the Angel Fund.

Regional media venues helped us reach a large number of people again this year. With their support, that of members and friends, local businesses, mailings, social media and word of mouth *The Brix Challenge 2022* gained early momentum that never slowed down. We are extremely grateful to everyone who participated in any way. It's difficult to express how much that kindness is appreciated or to explain the positive effect it will directly have on the animals whose lives it will touch. To everyone who became a part of this challenge, our most sincere thanks. Once again we are reminded that one person's idea, shared with others, can create a reality of positive difference.

'PAW' LIDAYS



PHOTO BOOTH

and Ugly Sweater Photo Contest

CITIZENS CLOCK TOWER PLAZA,
South Side Square, during
Dickens on the Square!

SATURDAY
DEC 3
10AM-12PM

\$10 for digital images
by Krista Skien Photography

Proceeds benefit the Humane Society of McDonough County



📷 Dress up and enter to win your pet prizes in the online
UGLY SWEATER PHOTO CONTEST

📷 Take **SELFIES** with shelter animals at the **SELFIE STATION**

Dickens
on the Square
A Magical Holiday



Learn more at cityofmacomb.com

Special thanks to the City of Macomb, the Humane Society of McDonough County Board, the McDonough County Animal Shelter, Krista Skien Photography, and Citizens Bank.

Renewable Americas, L.LC Representatives Presents Their Second Contribution to the Building Fund



In mid-September we received the second donation from RWE Renewables Americas, LLC for the new animal shelter building campaign. This check of \$6,000, added to the \$4,000 we received last year, demonstrates the wind energy Company's commitment to McDonough County and to our campaign to build a community-friendly animal shelter. They enjoyed their tour of the current animal shelter and appreciated visiting with the cats and dogs.



RWE

Mark Your Calendar!

Campaign Kickoff for a New Shelter!

Want to be a sponsor for the event? Contact information is below!



CASINO NIGHT

MARCH 4, 2022
MACOMB DINING COMPANY

AN HSMC BUILDING CAMPAIGN KICKOFF FOR A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

The Humane Society of McDonough County, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, has launched a campaign to build a much needed new animal shelter. This 21st century facility will safeguard the health and emotional wellbeing of the County's homeless cats and dogs, as well as provide the public with a better environment in which to get acquainted with potential pets, volunteer, and learn about pet care and training. It will be a valuable addition to the community.

We ask for your support of the HSMC Casino Night Campaign Kick-off by serving as a sponsor in one of several capacities for the event.

RAISE: ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR - \$3000

TWO AVAILABLE

ONE CLAIMED!

- Name and logo on social media and web site
- Signage near performance area, either upstairs or downstairs at event venue
- Mention in event press releases
- Four event tickets

CALL: FOOD SPONSOR - \$2500

ONE AVAILABLE

- Name and logo on social media, web site
- Signage near grazing table
- Mention in event press releases
- Two event tickets

ANTE: BAR SPONSOR - \$750

TWO AVAILABLE

- Name and logo on social media, website
- Signage near bar, either upstairs or downstairs at event venue
- Mention in event press releases

BUY-IN: PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR - \$500

ONE AVAILABLE

- Name and logo on social media, web site
- Signage near photo booth

CROUPIER: CRAPS SPONSOR - \$500

ONE AVAILABLE

- Name and logo on social media and web site
- Signage at craps table
- Opportunity to serve as craps dealer

DEALER: TABLE SPONSOR - \$250

ELEVEN AVAILABLE

- Name and logo on social media, web site
- Signage at one game table
- Opportunity to serve as table dealer

DOUBLE DOWN: MATCHING SPONSOR

Capped at \$1000

TWO AVAILABLE

- Sponsor matches funds earned by bar staff
- Bar staff keeps tips, matching funds go to HSMCIL
- Name and logo on social media, web site
- Signage at event
- Mention in event press releases
- 2 event tickets

Interested in a sponsorship or have questions?

Contact Sharon Lindahl at 309.333.7707 or via email at levengood41@gmail.com.

Business Members

All Pets Veterinary Clinic
American Legion Post 6
Animal Medical Center
Arnold Brothers
Bushnell Veterinary Services, PC
Captured Moments Photography
Clugston Tibbitts Funeral Home
Edward Jones
Free Range Yoga
Gossel's Dog House
Green Shingle Graphics
Hickory Kennels
Krista Skein Photography
Matthew S McClure, DMD
McDonough Power Cooperative
MidAmerica National Bank
Minus Muffler Garage & Towing
No Place Like Home
Owl Storage
Pet Supplies Plus
Purdum Gray Ingledue Beck, Inc
Royal Printing
RWE Renewables
Sweet Briar Corner Market
The Community News Brief
The McDonough County Voice
The Wine Sellers
Wesley Village
West Side Lumber



2023 HSMC Sponsored Transports

to

Quincy Humane Society Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Register now for spay/neuter of stray and feral cats at no charge to you, and companion cats for \$25.

Distemper and rabies vaccines are included.

March 16th Full

April 13th

May 18th

June 15th

July 20th

August 17th

September 14th

October 19th

November 9th

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.

You will bring your cat to Patton Park in Macomb at 6:30 am in a hard-sided cat carrier. You will then pick it up the next morning at 8:00 am.



HSMC Annual Board Election

American Legion Macomb
Date: Monday, January 2, 2023
Time: 6 pm

Per **Article IV, Section 7**, this is notification of the slate of positions along with current nominees. Nominees will be voted on at the Annual Board Election pursuant to **Article V, Section 3**. Pursuant to **Article V, Section 4**: The Members of the Board of Directors can consist of up to 15 members. *HSMC members are encouraged to participate in the operation of this organization. Please consider attending board meetings and donating your time and talents to the running of this organization.*

Director: Open to HSMC members interested in helping the animals of McDonough County by donating their time and talents to shaping the future of this organization. The purpose of this Society is the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education.

Slate of Nominees for 2023

Article V, Section 2: Only HSMC Members are eligible for election as Directors. No individual shall derive monetary benefit of any kind from being a director. Currently there are 13 nominees.

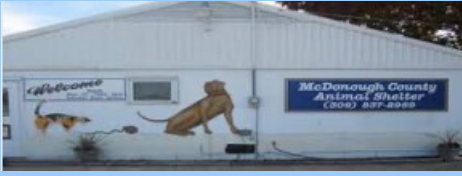
Board Positions

Officer/President
Officer/Vice President
Officer/Treasurer
Officer/Secretary
Director
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Nominees to Date

Bonnie Smith-Skripps
Bill Johnson
Terri Hare
Amy Betz
JB Biernbaum
Dave Monninger
Felix Chu
Patti Douglas
Ann Stites
Jennifer Tibbitts
Sharon Lindahl
Dana Moon
Brian Waller
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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)
Annetta Ogle (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.



Pet Supplies Plus is a Valued Partner for HSMC

Showcasing Shelter Cats and Raising Donations for Shelter and Community Animals

At their Halloween Party on October 22nd, the HSMC received a \$300 gift card, 6 buckets of litter, food treats, and toys. The toys, cat shampoo, canned kitten food went to the shelter. And the gift card was used to supply the HSMC Pet Food Pantry through which we provide supplies to McDonough County residents needing assistance in caring for their pets.



The cats we brought from the shelter were a big hit, as was Amy the Cat Lady.



PET SUPPLIES PLUS.



HMSC volunteers had a great time at Moon over Macomb in October. Children were able to make dog and cat toys from T-shirts.



We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events! If you'd like to volunteer for an event, please email us at humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!

Cats, Kittens, and More Kittens – A Never Ending Dilemma

Dogs are the most popular pets in the United States. According to the online source *PetKeen*, there are 69 million American households that owned dogs in 2021 compared to 45.3 million households with cats. Twenty-six percent of these cats were adopted from animal shelters. No one really knows exactly how many feral cats there are, as it's nearly impossible to accurately obtain the numbers, but 32 million is one estimate. It's also estimated that 76% of feral cats live in urban areas and cities (*How Many Cats Are There?*, US & Worldwide Statistics 2022). Tens of millions of un-owned cats live outdoors and usually rely on people to provide them with food and shelter. Their sociability ranges from truly un-socialized feral cats to friendly strays cats that have become lost or have been abandoned. Cats can get pregnant as early as 4 months of age. The numbers escalate rapidly into an overpopulation problem that is next to impossible to control.

Spaying and neutering reduces the number of animals who enter shelters and can also prevent medical and behavioral problems. Although the number of cats euthanized in this country has decreased recently due to Trap/Neuter/Return initiatives, *Save Them All* campaigns, and public awareness of the benefits of adopting, there is still a lot of work we need to do to prevent healthy, adoptable cats from being killed simply because there are not enough homes.



The McDonough County Animal Shelter has been overflowing with cats this last year. On a regular basis people are bringing in strays they have found or just leaving them in the drop-off kennels. We have great volunteers who can foster a few of these little ones, but we don't have sufficient numbers to handle the problem. Here are two of a family of five that were left outside at the shelter.

One of the HSMC primary initiatives for more than a decade has been to address the problem of cat overpopulation in McDonough County. Each year we sponsor transports to the Quincy Humane Society's Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic and cover the cost of spay/neuter and providing distemper and rabies vaccines to barn and feral cats. We register 25 cats per transport, allowing companion cats as well for a nominal charge to the owner. In this last year 219 cats were fixed. We encourage you to spread the word about adoption and help with the message to cat owners to spay and neuter. We also would like to build a bigger network of people interested in fostering kittens.



HSMC Board Meetings

When: First Monday of each Month
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Location: American Legion Macomb



HSMC Board Members 2022

Bonnie Smith-Skripps - President
 Bill Johnson – Vice President
 Kate Shattuck – Secretary
 Terri Hare – Treasurer
 Sue Adams – Director
 Amy Betz – Director
 JB Biernbaum – Director
 Felix Chu – Director
 Patti Douglas – Director
 Sharon Lindahl – Director
 Dave Monninger – Director
 Ann Stites – Director
 Jennifer Tibbitts – Director

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:

** If Pet Membership, please list pet's name:

Please mail completed application and payment to:






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Membership Levels Available:

	Junior (under 18)	\$5.00
	Student or Senior	\$10.00
	Individual	\$25.00
	Family*	\$35.00
	Pet**	\$5.00
	Contributing	\$50.00
	Sustaining	\$100.00
	Supporting	\$500.00
	Lifetime	\$1,000.00

Business Memberships Available:

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

Save the Dates



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