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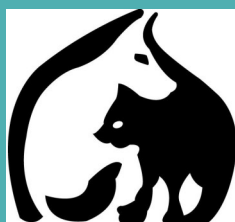
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Humane Society of McDonough County

# Waggin' Tales



## FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEW ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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.

# CASINO NIGHT

**SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023**  
**7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**  
**MACOMB DINING COMPANY**



**\$50 per person**  
**Register at HSMCIL.ORG**

Tickets are available online using PayPal at HSMCIL.org. Don't have PayPal? You can also download a paper ticket form on our website to mail your ticket request and payment. Or email us at [humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com](mailto:humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com) to request the form. You can also contact a HSMC Board member.

All mailed registrations must be received by February 24.

## **Casino Night**

### **Our Public Kick-off for the New Animal Shelter Building Campaign**

With over a third of the targeted goal to begin construction on a new animal shelter facility for McDonough County having been raised, we are holding Casino Night as a kick-off for the next phase of the Campaign. On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Macomb Dining Company will be the place-to-be for a fun night of gambling and entertainment from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Upstairs in the Dining Company there will be ten playing tables of Craps, Black Jack, Poker and Roulette, for a real casino experience by Casino Party Planners ([casinopartyplannersillinois.com](http://casinopartyplannersillinois.com)). A cash-only bar, live jazz, and a Casino-themed charcuterie table by Spreadz will also be found upstairs. Downstairs in the bar area of the Dining Company you'll find musical entertainment and a cash/credit bar. Prizes and raffles, including a week stay in a condo in Costa Rica, a condo in Hilton Head, and other prizes; a 50/50 drawing; and a wine pull are all part of the evening's fun – and the opportunity to win big.

With the generosity of businesses and community members, the HSMC has already raised over \$360,000 for the New Animal Shelter Building Campaign. Over the last two Septembers, Wine Sellers held a *Play It Forward* afternoon/evening as a fundraiser for the Campaign. The Quesal *Pet Tribute Match*, memorials, private donations, and donations from businesses such as the McDonough Power Cooperative and RWE Renewal Americas have also added to the campaign coffers. The same amazing generosity of the community is underwriting the costs of the upcoming Casino Night.

**Registration is \$50/person; You may register at [www.hsmcil.org](http://www.hsmcil.org)**

**What you'll get for the evening:**

- Real casino experience by Casino Party Planners ([casinopartyplannersillinois.com](http://casinopartyplannersillinois.com))
- Free casino chips to play.
- Casino-themed charcuterie table by Spreadz.
- Entertainment both upstairs and downstairs. Upstairs music by Whitney Ashe and George Turner and downstairs music by Mike Murphy
- Cash bar upstairs and full-service bar downstairs (accepts cash and credit)
- Wine Pull
- Spin the Wheel for Gift Certificates for Local Shopping and Dining
- 50/50 drawing
- Prizes
- An evening of fun and excitement that will help build a new shelter building for the animals of McDonough County.

**Use your winning chips to purchase raffle tickets and/or buy raffle tickets for the following prizes:**

- One week stay with transport shuttle to and from airport in Tamarindo, Costa Rica donated by Karl and Dorothee Gossel . Package includes a \$300 Visa Card for expenses brought to you by Citizens Bank
- One week stay at Hilton Head condo donated by David and Ellen Smith of Cleveland, TN . A \$200 Visa Card is provided by Citizens Bank.
- Signed Miguel Cabrera Detroit Tigers jersey valued on Fanatics is \$700, donated by the Detroit Redwings/Tigers organization.
- \$200 lottery card tree
- Tickets to the Quincy Symphony

## CASINO NIGHT SPONSORS

Casino Night is possible by the generosity of businesses and citizens in our community who have graciously sponsored our event. Please support the businesses who support us, and thank our community members.



**Raise: Entertainment**

Gossel's Dog House  
Sharon Lindahl and Family

**The House: Venue Sponsor**

Sports Corner @124

**Call: Food Sponsor**

Al and Evie Reusch  
Trotter Inc. Commercial Contracting

**Flush: Prizes and Dealers Sponsor**

Citizens Bank

**Jackpot: All Pets Wheel of Fortune -- Local Gift Certificates**

All Pets Veterinary Clinic –Karen and Eric Blakeley

**Double Down: Bartender Tips Match**

Bougher, Krisher & Associates, Attorneys at Law  
Edward Jones – Seth Minter, Jordan Pounders, Mike Eckert, and Preston Gray

**Ante: Bar Sponsor**

Dave and Jackie Thompson

**Buy in: Photo Booth Sponsor**

Don and Joy Hubner

**Croupier: Craps Sponsor**

Nancy Laverdiere

**All in: Wine Pull Sponsor**

Jerry Peabody, Investment Planner, Inc.

**Dealer: Table Sponsors**

Alan Thompson State Farm  
Tom & Ann Stites  
Arnold Brothers  
Rosemary Aten  
Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home  
Hoyle Law Office  
RNJ Distributing/Palm Springs Bottled Water  
Steve and Amanda Silberer  
Catch a Star Learning Center  
MidAmerica National Bank  
Dr. Matt McClure DMD  
McClure Small Animal Housecall Service, Dr. Jamie McClure



Macomb Goodwill manager Stacy Sunn (left) and HSMC board Member Patti Douglas

## Goodwill and HSMC Work Together

We have partnered with Macomb Goodwill Manager Stacy Sunn to regularly purchase clean T-shirts at a nice discount. The T-shirts are used at our events to make dog and cat toys. Thank you, Stacy and Goodwill, for supporting the HSMC and our events!



## McDonough County Animal Shelter

### Address:

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

2023 Schedule for the HSMC Sponsored Transports to the Quincy Humane Society Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic  
Keep your cats healthy and happy. Help us control the cat overpopulation problem in McDonough County.

Register now for spay/neuter of stray and feral cats at no charge.  
Companion cats are \$25.

Distemper and rabies vaccines are also given.

March 20th (Was the 16th) Full  
April 26 (Was the 20th) Full  
May 31st (Was the 18th) Full  
June 28th (Was the 15th)  
July 20th (date may change)  
August 17th (date may change)  
September 14th (date may change)  
October 19th (date may change)  
November 9th (date may change)

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](mailto:humanesociety.mcil@gmail.com)  
Indicate which date you prefer.





## 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 Skien 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



**The New Animal Shelter  
 Building Campaign  
 Is Under Way!**

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 Venmo: @HumaneSocietyofMcDonoughCounty  
 Mail: HSMC  
 P.O. Box 7  
 Macomb, IL 61455

If paying by Venmo or mail, please include a note  
 that your donation is for the New Animal Shelter  
 Building Campaign.



Humane Society of McDonough County | New Animal Shelter

Above is a rendering of our dream McDonough County Animal Shelter. Our dream can become McDonough County's reality once we raise enough funds to build. The proposed McDonough County Animal Shelter will be a 21<sup>st</sup> century 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. Here's what it will be:

- The number of animals housed at the new shelter will be comparable to the current shelter capacity.
- Modern housing and lighting will enhance viewing of the animals.
- A much needed "meet and greet" area will provide opportunity to get acquainted with a potential pet in privacy and comfort for both the adopter and the dog or cat.
- Critically needed intake, quarantine, and isolation areas with efficient HVAC systems will inhibit disease spread and provide a safer and healthier environment.
- Animal drop-off kennels will be connected to the building, which will prevent bites and animals escaping when moving them into the shelter.
- Adequate office, laundry, and storage space will allow for safe handling of food, supplies, and shelter records.
- An all-purpose room will provide opportunity for education and training.

## Coming to a Theatre Near You!

**Don't Miss *The Year of the Dog* –  
Coming to Macomb on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*The Year of the Dog* is a heartwarming, independent feature about two strays: an alcoholic man struggling to maintain sobriety and a rescue dog (played by a real -life rescue) with an unusual athletic gift. The film opens exclusively in Macomb at the Rialto Cinemas on February 24, 2023. **And, we have an agreement with the production company that 5% of net proceeds will be donated to The Humane Society of McDonough County.**

### THE TEAM

Director: Robert Grabow, Michael Peterson, Andrew McGinn

Writer: Robert Grabow

Actors: Robert Grabow, Michael Spears, Jon Proudstar, Alyssa Groenig, Jeff Medley, and Aaron Finley

### MORE ABOUT THE FILM

Matt, a loner alcoholic at rock bottom, struggles to maintain sobriety for 30 days so he can honor his mother's dying wish, to visit her in hospice, sober. His book-thumping AA sponsor, Fred, offers him refuge at his farm, where Matt finds Yup'ik, a stray Husky with a unique talent. The man and dog relationship is precarious at first, but with the help of a close-knit Montana community, the two strays find a connection and discover what it takes to pull through to the finish line.

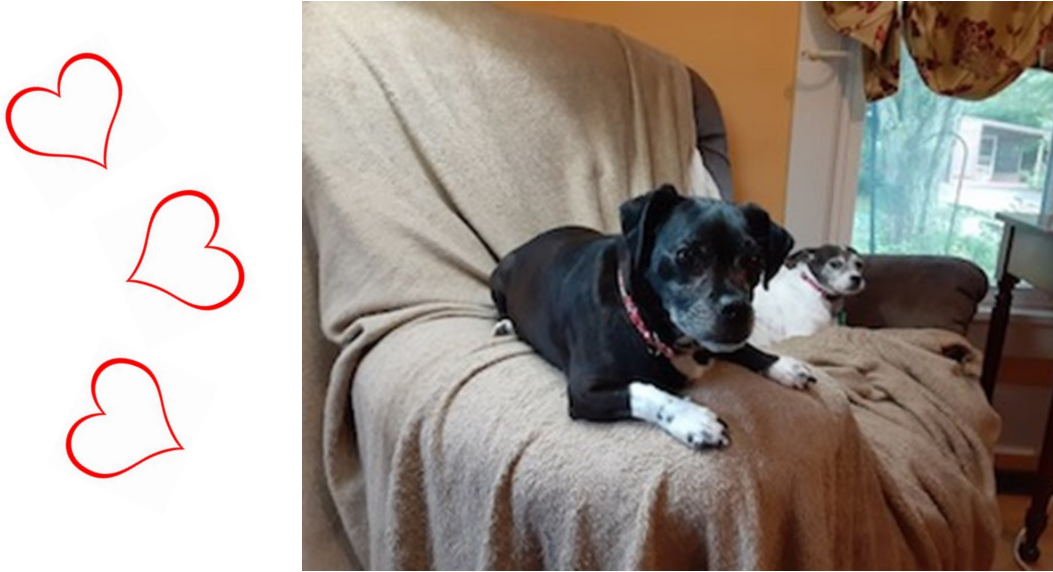


### *New: Heavenly Paws Memorial*

We have created a new Heavenly Paws Memorial option for donations as a beautiful testimony to the life of a beloved person or pet who has passed on—and the gift of life for animals in need. It can be just the right touch for expressing compassion to someone who has had a loss.

For more information or to donate, please click on the Donate button on our website at [hsmcil.org](https://hsmcil.org). You can specify if you want the funds directed to a specific HSMC program.

## Boots' Story – In His Own Words



Hi, I'm Boots and I am one happy dog! It wasn't always that way, because I was in a very loud place with lots of other dogs, most of them much bigger than I am. Good things come in small packages, I've been told. Anyway, I needed some special care because I had heartworms. This family with dogs and cats took me home for treatment. After a vet visit (the vet says I'm a bubble), I had to stay calm and quiet—not easy for a busy guy like me, so I spent lots of time in my kennel with a chewy toy.

It was a long time before I could be out on my own having fun, but baby, I'm back! I run all around the place unless I am under a snuggly blanket. I like my doggy playmates most of the time, though I do get a little upset if I see food around. I've been called Houdini because I am so good at opening food containers. Not a fan of Vittle Vaults, I haven't figured out how to work them. The woman says I should be a drug sniffing dog because I can sniff out the tiniest morsel of food. This seems to bother the humans, but they still love me. I am working not going to the bathroom in the house, but that is a hard thing to learn when you are 8 years old.

Did I mention I have a wonderful voice? I like to exercise it to wake up people for breakfast and again when supper is made. Oh, it is so loud and beautiful. I don't know why the people are afraid the police will come around. They would probably like my singing. The mumble something about people thinking I'm being hurt. No, I just love to sing about breakfast and supper at the top of my lungs. Life is great!

*Note: Boots was a stray who was picked up and brought to the shelter, There he tested positive for heartworm. The HSMC paid for his treatment and Amy and Ken Betz fostered him during his long months of treatment and recovery. They fell in love with him and made him a permanent part of their family. He, indeed, is one lucky boy.*



# Hope for Hoff

How Hoff went from a sad shelter puppy to a faithful friend.



Hoff is happy to welcome home Jake.



It's a dog's life at Gossel's Dog House!  
Hoff enjoys hanging with his buddies.

Remember Jennings (now known as Hoff) that we rescued from the shelter in October 2021 and fostered with Lars at Gossel's Dog House? After over a year's stay with Lars, Hoff has found his new best friend. He now has a new home, but still gets to go back and visit Lars and his friends at the Dog House.

Jennings' story is one of transition from an almost feral and vey "shut-down" young dog to a happy, confident, and affectionate boy. Jennings and another dog had been picked up as strays running the countryside and brought to the shelter. When his dog friend was adopted, Jennings became very depressed and totally withdrawn. We arranged for Lars to take him to Gossel's Dog House to live. Lars renamed him Hoff ("hope" in German) and gave him the space, canine companionship, time, and patience to learn to trust his surroundings and to realize that having human friends was a good thing too. Over the last few months, Hoff took a liking to Jake, a quiet, kind young man, who is an assistant at Gossel's Dog House. Instead of being stand-offish, as he had

continued to be around most people, Hoff started running to Jake when he came to work and was constantly seeking his attention. Jake adopted Hoff shortly before Christmas and now Hoff has made Jake's whole family his own.



Hoff in his former life  
as Jennings in the  
McDonough County  
Animal Shelter.



## *In Memory . . .*

*Each year we recognize the people and pets who have been memorialized  
with a donation to the Humane Society of McDonough County.  
The families are in our hearts and prayers.*

### **2022 Donations**

*Macho Nacho Allwart  
Macho Blaine  
Mike Bradley  
Juanita Briggs  
Paulnetta Burnell  
Madena Chuvala  
Jane Anne Coates  
Todd Collins  
Holly Noelle Colvin  
Carl Crane  
Laura Sadler Cripe  
Dirk  
James "Coach" Edlen  
Leota Egger  
Martha Cotter Eslinger  
Bella Flock  
Bill Gelvin  
Alicia Jane Guy  
B.K. Haugen  
Sophie Johnson  
Nicole Kessler*

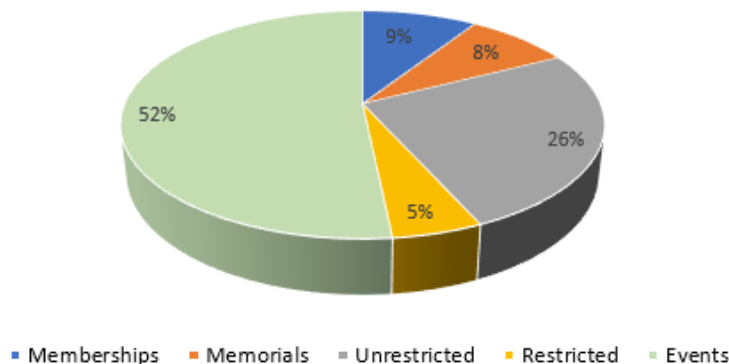
*William Vincent  
Joan Livingston-Weber  
Margaret Louderman  
Richard "Dick" McClintock  
David McDaniel  
Steven Meredith  
Scott Moon  
Jeanie Morrell  
Kit Kat Nemec  
Bob Neuenschwander  
Tom Parker  
Vicky Prather  
Karen Proulx  
Molly Rockwell  
Robert and Johanna Roley  
Beulah Self  
Alice Shwery  
Cal Shwery  
Jim Sipes  
Smokey  
William "Bill" Ussery*



# How Your Support Helps

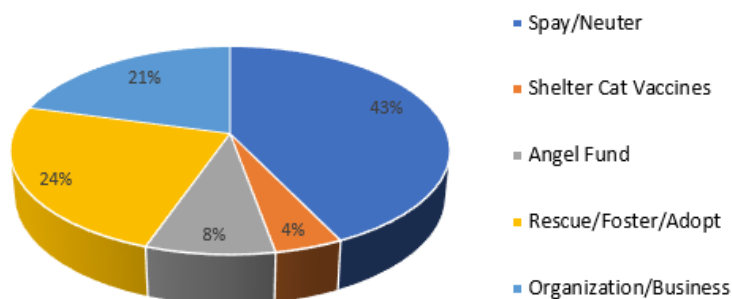
The Humane Society of McDonough County is a 100% volunteer organization that relies on memberships, donations, and fundraisers to support our programs that help the animals in our county. Without you, we cannot survive! We welcome you to take a look at how income was earned and expenses incurred in the 2022 calendar year.

## 2022 Income



- Restricted—Donation designate for a specific purpose, such as cat vaccines, spay/neuter, etc.
- Unrestricted—The donor lets the HSMC decide where the donation can be best spent.
- Events—Income made from events such as CatTails at Yappy Hour, Brix Challenge, etc.

## 2022 Expenses



- Spay/Neuter—\$35 subsidy paid for each spay/neuter of animals at the shelter; \$25 subsidy paid for each cat spayed or neutered through our transport to the Quincy Humane Society Low Cost Spay/Neuter Transport.
- Angel Fund—The three county veterinarian centers were awarded \$1,200 by us to use for emergency medical expenses.
- Shelter Cat Vaccines—The HSMC pays a veterinarian to have all cat vaccinated at the shelter.
- Rescue/Foster/Adopt—This fund supports the medical expenses and care for shelter and foster animals. We have covered Parvo and Heartworm treatments for shelter dogs, as well as surgeries and other medical assistance to all shelter pets.
- Organization/Business—These expenses include state foster licenses, tax preparation, and state non-profit fees. It also includes expenses such as paper, ink, envelopes, and cost of the quarterly Waggin' Tales newsletter printing and mailing.

## HSMC Board Meetings

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



Meetings are open to the public. Join us!

## HSMC Board Members 2023

Bonnie Smith-Skripps - President  
Bill Johnson – Vice President  
Amy Betz – Recording Secretary  
Terri Hare – Treasurer  
Candice Biswell – Membership Chair  
JB Biernbaum – Director  
Felix Chu – Director  
Patti Douglas – Director  
Sharon Lindahl – Director  
Dave Monninger – Director  
Ann Stites – Director  
Jennifer Tibbitts – Director  
Dana Moon – Director  
Brian Waller – Director  
Brandi Baker – 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:






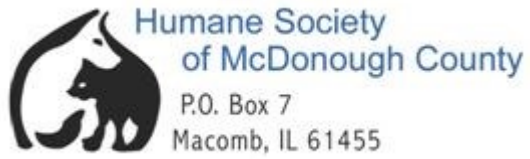
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### Membership Levels Available:

 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



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