



*Until Every Pet Has A Home*

## PAW NOTES

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[www.adoptpetshelter.org](http://www.adoptpetshelter.org)



Chip Clip and Dip

Thank you to the volunteers who braved heat and humidity to raise over \$1,142. for the shelter.



### SAVE A DATE

- New Volunteer Orientation: August session cancelled. Read more on [A.D.O.P.T. Home page.](#)

### 4,000 lbs. of cat litter used each month !



The worlds best cats are at A.D.O.P.T. and deserve the "Worlds Best Cat Litter". It's only a mouse click away ! Help A.D.O.P.T. earn free cat litter simply by voting every day. Visit our [website](#) or [click](#)

[here](#) to vote.

### A.D.O.P.T. Launches Its Animal Enrichment Program

By: Sandy Boston & Karen Pentimone

This month, A.D.O.P.T. launches its Animal Enrichment Program. The objective of this Program is to create a tranquil atmosphere for all shelter residents, balanced by the implementation of brain-stimulating experiences and behavioral training.

The shelter can be stressful for any animal, but particularly for those just entering our program and those who have been with us for quite awhile. Sometimes our long-term residents become depressed. Sometimes they develop behavioral issues as a consequence of becoming restless and bored.

This first phase of our Animal Enrichment Program focuses on the use of aromatherapy within all animal areas. In addition,

- [Farmer's Market Bake Sale](#): Saturdays, now through October 29th. [Read more.](#)
- [Pet Polooza](#): Sunday, August 14th, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Glenmuir Luxury Rental Homes. Join A.D.O.P.T. and other rescue groups
- [A.D.O.P.T. 21st Annual Labor Day Raffle](#), now through September 5th. Tickets available at the shelter and web site. [Read more.](#)
- [Pick a Date](#): Come 'paw-ty' with the animals. Host your Birthday celebration at A.D.O.P.T. [Read more.](#)
- [Membership Meeting](#) : Thursday, August 18th, 7:30 P.M. at Country Inns and Suites, Naperville.
- [Petsmart Adoptions](#): Friday, September 14th through Sunday, September 16th, 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Petsmart on Rt. 59 in Aurora.
- For details of all events check the [Events Web Page](#)



### Supply of the Month

D Batteries for flashlights  
 AA batteries for electronic equipment  
 9 Volt Batteries for the chip scanners

### FUN FACT

Did you know you should never use re-chargable 9 volt batteries in smoke detectors?

a shelter-wide sound system has been installed to ensure calming music is transmitted throughout the building.

We have initiated a relationship with Narnia in order to train employees and designated volunteers to teach our dogs basic kennel manners so they present themselves as highly adoptable and more quickly find their forever homes.

As we build upon the basics, the next phase of our Program will consist of implementation of brain-stimulating exercises for our animals, including specific games such as the Noseworks search program and agility exercises.

These additions to our Animal Care Programs set A.D.O.P.T. apart from most other shelters and help us to provide the best possible comprehensive care to our animals.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Raffle tickets on sale now!**

*Look at some of the fabulous prizes.*

#### ***"My Kind of Town"***

Enjoy a two night stay at **Manilow Luxury Suites** in the heart of Chicago. Up to four guests can enjoy this memorable weekend in the Windy City. (based on availability)

#### ***"Hello Gorgeous"***

You will be the talk of the town when you host your very own private "Beauty-Bash" at **Benefit Cosmetics Boutique**. (\$800.00 Value)

#### ***"Take Me Out To The Ball Game"***

Watch the **Cubs** defeat the Houston **Astro's** in your prize-winning seats! Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 Box Seats & Free Parking. (\$177.49 Value) Chance to win tickets for Sunday's game too.

Last year, your efforts raised over  
**\$18,000!**

**Remember- Sell, Sell, Sell**

Check out the [website](#) for more exciting prizes and details. Tickets are available online and at the shelter. Drawing on 9/5/11 at 7p.m.



### BY THE NUMBERS

#### July Adoptions

	Cats	Dogs
Received	10	29
Adopted	42	40

#### July Spay/Neuter Surgeries

	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	39	30
Rescue Clinic	159	56
Low Income Clinic	1	2



### Wags Or Whiskers Award

July nominee & drawing winner:

Colleen Collins

Colleen is always ready to pitch in. She works the front desk for adoptions, does off site events, keeps web site current for dogs, dog counselor, and is fostering a litter of dogs. Plus she works full time.

Thanks Colleen

Anyone can nominate a volunteer, member or employee to recognize his or her "above and beyond" contribution to our organization. Nominations can be dropped in the boxes located throughout the shelter.

Low Income Spay/Neuter Days

# got kittens?



### Boy do we have them!

Please help us find homes for our bundles of joy.

Tell your family and friends.

**Help spread the word.**

Visit our [website](#) for more information.



### Blessed Bonds at Best Friends

By Renee Hix Mays

The bond between *Blessed Bonds* and the *Best Friends Animal Society* began as founder Linda Harper brainstormed with one of the *Best Friends'* founders, Faith Maloney, back in 2003. *Best Friends* offered its support to the concept of providing temporary pet foster care to owners in crisis. This was put into action through the creation of *Blessed Bonds* in the Chicagoland area. In 2009, *Blessed Bonds* became a *Best Friends* network charity and in 2010, the two organizations partnered to create a webinar to help other organizations start such life-saving programs. Deciding that this concept could best be promoted by becoming a program of a like-minded animal shelter, *Best Friends* enthusiastically gave its stamp of approval to the joining of *Blessed Bonds* with A.D.O.P.T. Continuing to work together, we are exploring ways to promote this life-saving program throughout the country.

For the past ten years, Linda and *Best Friends* have worked together in another life-saving capacity, too. Linda has been asked to the sanctuary on many occasions such as when she helped *Best*

August 2011						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 19th is  
International Homeless Animal Day.

## Wet Noses and Warm Hearts



This month we want to acknowledge

Dr. Jerry Withers

of Eola Point Animal Hospital at 1242 North Eola Road in Aurora. Dr. Withers generously donates his time each week by coming into our shelter to provide wellness exams for our new animals as well as follow-up care and treatment for our sick animals. Dr. Withers is also available to us for specialized medical treatments, including surgeries when needed. The staff and animals of A.D.O.P.T. are very fortunate and grateful to have such compassionate and high-quality veterinary care so close.

*Friends* rescue workers manage the rollercoaster of emotions they experienced when they came back from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. In May, she facilitated the annual 3-day Giving Heart Retreat where animal lovers from across the country learn strategies for managing stress, grief and burnout. Linda and Faith will again be presenting their workshop "When Hearts are Larger than Hands: How Not to get in Over Your Head" at the upcoming annual "No More Homeless Pets" conference that will be held in Las Vegas this October.

## Happy Endings

by: Linda Kane



Robert Livas, Will County circuit court judge, didn't care much about dogs 20 years ago. But that changed dramatically when his wife brought home two canines, Otter and Raven.

Now caring for his sixth, seventh and eighth dog, Livas says, "Dogs have given me FAR more than I've given them."

Read the complete story on our [Media Center](#).

## Lola's Happy Endings

By: Lynn Baudendistel

I was looking for a Persian cat who needed a safe and loving home. I had always dreamed of rescuing my own Persian after having many throughout my childhood. I am currently a college senior and the





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TIX4CAUSE is a ticket exchange website, allowing ticketholders to donate unwanted tickets and A.D.O.P.T. will receive 100% of the proceeds. Please donate your unwanted tickets today! [Click here](#) to go their website.



The Animal Rescue Site \$300,000 Shelter Challenge of 2011!!!

Now you can help A.D.O.P.T. with a few mouse clicks! It's easy:

[The Animal Rescue Site.com](#)

\* Type in A.D.O.P.T. , Select

State- IL and hit Search. \* Hit the VOTE button next to A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter, Naperville and confirm your vote \* You can cast one vote every day for A.D.O.P.T.

addition of a Persian cat would truly call my new place home! I was in search for a Persian and happened to come across Lola on the internet. She looked so sad and seemed to be yearning for a caring home. I drove over an hour to visit Lola and I immediately fell in love. Lola is a petite 7 year old gorgeous Persian. She is absolutely wonderful! She has been a constant purr and her disposition is extremely loving and social. Through adequate nutrition and daily grooming, Lola's Persian coat is fluffier than ever! She is an absolute joy and I wouldn't trade her for the world! Thank you A.D.O.P.T., you have given me a treasure!

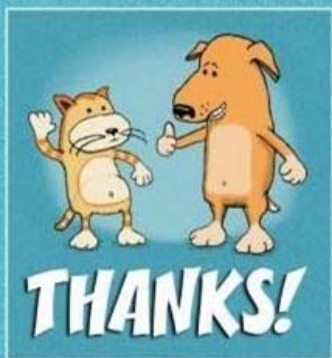


## Record Breaking Day for the A.D.O.P.T. Medical Team

On July 6th, 2011 our medical team performed a record breaking 46 spay/neuters and 2 dental procedures in a long day. As you may know, our clinic was designed to provide high quality spay/neuter services and this day pushed the limits. Our skilled veterinarian, medical and volunteer staff were selected because they have demonstrated the compassion and professionalism required in this unique and demanding environment.

Congratulations to our entire medical staff for their outstanding work and dedication!

*Interested in joining this outstanding team? Check out the "Volunteer Opportunities" spotlight in this*



**2034**  
Total Volunteer Hours  
**321**  
Medical Hours  
for July 2011!

Find us on Facebook 



*edition for more details.*



Spay/Neuter Clinic Surgery Volunteers Needed: Perhaps you have experience in a medical field or maybe you would enjoy the precision and compassion involved in caring for animals after surgery. Volunteers are needed to help prepare animals for surgery, assist in the surgery room and help recover animals after surgery. For more details to see if this rewarding volunteer work might be for you contact [Chris@adoptpetshelter.org](mailto:Chris@adoptpetshelter.org)

- Website Maintenance
- Offsite Event Participants
- Foster Homes
- Birthday Party Hosts

**Thank you for reading!**

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