



Until Every Pet Has A Home

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An e-NEWSLETTER

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A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter
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As we were getting ready to release the Newsletter last month, Cleo who arrived the day before surprised us with her puppies. Mom and the puppies continue to do well in their foster home.



Our first Poker Unleashed fundraiser, held on January 15th, was very successful, raising just over \$1,200 for our animals. Many thanks to the five volunteers who donated their time to help us make the day very profitable for A.D.O.P.T.! Our next Poker unleashed fundraiser is scheduled for March 26th with additional gaming dates planned for later this year. Keep an eye on our website for details.



Come fall in love with a companion who will spend their life loving YOU! ❤️



SAVE the DATE

February 2011

17th Annual HSUS Spay Day Online Pet Photo Contest [Click for contest rules](#)

February 12, 2011

Valentine Sweets and Treats Event, 5th Avenue Station Naperville, IL

March 1st, 2011

Easter Candy Sale starts

April 16th, 2011

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Walk-a-Thon 2011

"Makin' Strides For Strays" on Sunday May 1st, 2011, a 5K walk to benefit area homeless

Treats, Sweets & "Biscuits"

**Saturday
February 12th
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Fifth Avenue Station (Lobby)
200 E. Fifth Avenue,
Naperville, IL**



Jewelry Available from
Jewelry By Design

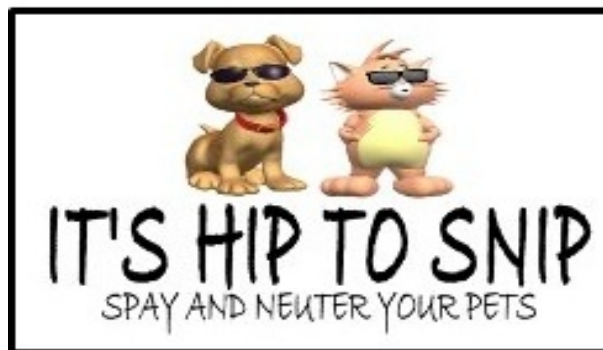


Sweets for your Sweetheart
(leave the baking to us!)

**Delicious Cookies, Fudge,
Chocolates and Cupcakes**



All Proceeds go to A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter, a non-profit "no kill" shelter
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National Spay/Neuter Month

It happens everywhere. In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S. as a whole, there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. About half of these animals are adopted, and tragically, the other half are euthanized. These are healthy and lovable pets that would have made great companions.

Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats. Spay

animals. [Click to Read More](#)

For details of all events check the [Events Web Page](#)



Supply of the Month

3M Sponges & Dawn
Advanced Power Dish
Detergent

FAST FACT

We wash over 200 food and water bowls daily, that's close to 1,500 each week! Did you know that Dawn dish detergent is also one of the safest products we use to wash young puppies!



BY the NUMBERS

January Adoptions		
	Cats	Dogs
Received	28	45
Adopted	54	41

January Spay/Neuter Surgeries		
	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	40	15
Rescue Clinic	47	29
Low Income Clinic	9	7

Day is an annual campaign as well as an international movement of the Humane Society. Its primary goal: to save animals lives by promoting spay and neuter of pets and feral cats.

The spay/neuter initiative is near and dear to the heart of A.D.O.P.T. as we envision a community where every pet has a permanent and loving home, every companion animal is spayed or neutered and all pets are treated with respect and compassion. YOU can be an important part of the solution, by spaying and neutering your pet and spreading the word!

A.D.O.P.T.'s 2011 Membership Drive

Our Membership Drive is in full swing and we hope you will join us this year by becoming a 2011 member of A.D.O.P.T. Our members are the backbone of our organization, a group on whom we can call to help support the needs of our animals and those values that make A.D.O.P.T. unique.

Please join our family of animal lovers by becoming a member now!

This year's Membership Program offers exciting options for individuals and families, with new incentives sure to make you want to be a proud supporter of our outstanding organization!

Our Individual and Family Memberships include our 2011 A.D.O.P.T. Member t-shirt (coupon for redemption of 1 t-shirt for an Individual; up to 4 t-shirts for a Family Membership), a "pet alert" window decal, our Annual Report and monthly e-newsletter (email address required).

Our Family Membership also includes a 10% discount off registration/ticket price for all events having a participation fee, including but not limited to day camps, wine tastings, and our breakfasts with the Easter Bunny in April, and with Santa & His Reindogs in December.

For those who wish to further enhance their commitment to A.D.O.P.T.'s animals, we offer the Shelter Friend option. The Shelter Friend receives the same incentives as does the Family Membership, plus 20% off all A.D.O.P.T. merchandise.

Your membership is vital to our ability to implement and expand programs such as our on-site spay /neuter clinic, to care for special-needs animals, and to increase our overall intake and adoption initiatives. We hope you will join today! For more information visit our [website](#).

Do Cats and Dogs Get Colds?

Chris Stirn



Wags Or Whiskers Award

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our W.O.W. winners as well as those nominated for their generous giving.

The January nominees were: Barb Hoagland, Claudia Marrow, Sharon Greiner, Sonja Linhner, Judy Paulson and Chris Blind.

AND THE WINNER IS:
Volunteer Claudia Marrow!
The following W.O.W. was submitted: "Claudia is the team captain at Pets Supply Plus on Route 59. She not only takes dogs to monthly adoption events but also picks up food as needed and keeps the animal book updated. She enthusiastically encourages people to visit A.D.O.P.T. for their next pet. Through her efforts a wonderful bond has been established with Pets Supply Plus and has resulted in several animal adoptions. A.D.O.P.T. is richer for having Claudia part of the team."
Thanks Claudia!



Yes, they most certainly do! In cats the most common cause of a cold is the herpes/calici virus, which is viral. The symptoms may include sneezing in rapid discussion, nasal discharge and mouth ulcers. In dogs, the cause of a cold is most often Bordatella and the Flu virus that typically manifests with a cough.

If there is a bacterial component to the illness, antibiotics are a common choice for treatment. For cases of viral infection, supportive treatment may be indicated. In the case of a viral disease, often there is a secondary bacterial component that may need to be treated with antibiotics. If your pet should show signs of a cold visit your veterinarian to determine the appropriate course of treatment.

Fortunately we cannot get a cold from our dog or cat, nor can we give our cat or dog a cold. However, some colds can be spread amongst species so if your pet gets sick, it is best to keep them inside and away from other animals to prevent the spread of illness. Stay healthy and enjoy the winter season!

Within Our Four Walls

**Life According to Dash
as told to Barb Hoagland**

Hi, my name is Dash and I am the head honcho here in the sunroom. My favorite game is to dash out the door

Low Income Spay/Neuter Days

February 2011						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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27	28					



Wet Noses and Warm Hearts

A great big shout out for volunteer Gene Koeppe, better known as "Mr. Fixit" at A.D.O.P.T. Gene has been instrumental in handling essentially all of our building maintenance. You might not see Gene unless you stop by on weekends but you can see the result of his handyman efforts all over the shelter. The lights in the outside play yards are now LED and energy efficient thanks to Gene and he played a critical role in the reconfiguration of our dog isolation area, just to name a couple. Whether it comes to lighting, plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, dry wall repair, laundry/dryer repair or re-keying locks Gene always makes himself available no matter the task at hand and always provides service with a smile! We are continually grateful for his generosity.

and amble down the halls. Every opportunity I get, I make my great escape, much to the chagrin of the humans. If I have to be in a shelter, this is the place to be. Every day of the year the animal caretakers arrive bright and early to care for us. First (and best of all) they serve us up a big dollop of canned food in our own personal trays. We all look forward to this. Then, we get



to sit back, clean our whiskers and watch as the real work begins. The 2 legged critters clean and sanitize all of our bowls, clean the cages, scoop the litter boxes, sweep and wash floors, window sills and our big windows too, so we can see the goings on in the world outside with nary a speck of dirt to mar our view. They do our laundry as well. Once a week they hustle us all into one part of the sunroom and close the door so they can thoroughly clean the place, including the walls and cat trees. We even get fresh litter boxes and new bedding. It is a little crowded with all of us smooshed into the smaller room but it is great when the door is opened and we are allowed back in the big room. See, everything sparkles and smells good. All in all it is a very clean place and they even shower us with pets and kisses when they get a chance. They groom our fur, give us our medicine if we need it (yuk), and clip our nails (double yuk). Now here is the deal: even though it is a wonderful place to hang out in, I and my cohorts would love to find a home of our own. Please come to visit. Ask for Dash and I will show you around!!

Touching Tails from Blessed Bonds

Blessed Bonds' foster program is central to our success. Starting with a handful of foster homes in 2004, we've grown to a network of over 40



TIX4CAUSE

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.



CLICK for a Cause



**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](http://TheAnimalRescueSite.com)

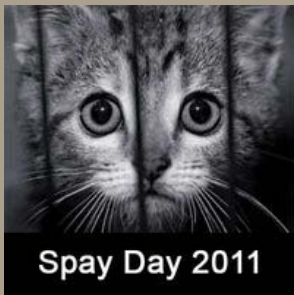
* Type in A.D.O.P.T. , Select State- IL and hit Search. * Hit the VOTE button next to



fosters willing to open their homes and hearts to cats and dogs in need. Our fosters find that providing temporary shelter to pets while their owners are in crisis presents a special kind of reward; one that is doubled by caring for the welfare of both pets and their people. Plus, it presents a unique learning experience as our fosters have cared for animals as young as Princess, a 6 month old shih tzu puppy, to Mariah, a senior citizen cat of 16. We provide everything needed to care for the pet during its stay of up to 2 months and ask only for your time and commitment. Helping pets and people while receiving a sense of reward and accomplishment - that's what fostering for Blessed Bonds is all about!

If you are interested in becoming a foster home for Blessed Bonds, please e-mail us at blessedbonds@gmail.com or call Renee at 708-710-2493."

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.



(Photo Contest)

To support Spay Day, The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International host the Spay Day Online Pet Photo Contest. You can enter your own pet or simply vote for one of the animals already entered. Entering the contest is easy and free--simply upload a digital photo of your pet and provide a little information



Fostering Frenzy!!

By Laura Vivis

Currently, A.D.O.P.T. is in dire need for foster homes for dogs! We have a handful of WONDERFUL foster families, but we need to get them reinforcements soon before they burn out!

Fostering a dog can be a wonderful and rewarding experience. You can have a direct impact on A.D.O.P.T.'s ability to save more animals. Each time you foster, you save a life!

Maybe your "normal" schedule doesn't allow you to have a dog, but you have some time off? Maybe you are an empty nester who always had a family dog, but now like to travel and no longer want a dog "full time"? If this is the case, often, we have the need to place an animal for a short period of time, usually a week, while space opens up at our facility. If we don't have foster families available, unfortunately, those dogs cannot be saved. Typically in these cases, to be safe, it is best (but

about him or her. Make sure to choose A.D.O.P.T. as your charity to help raise money for the shelter. Then share your entry with your family and friends either by email or on Facebook! To enter or vote [CLICK HERE](#)



- Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Foster Homes
- Website Maintenance
- Graphic Artists
- Media Specialist/Press Release Writer

not required) that these foster homes do not have any dogs of their own in order to limit risks to the resident dog.

There are also opportunities to foster dogs that may have medical conditions and would heal best in a quieter environment. One such need is in the case of Heartworm Positive dogs who have been treated, but need to complete their recovery in more peaceful surroundings as they wait for their forever home.

We also have a need for puppy fosters! A.D.O.P.T. adheres to a 14-day quarantine period for all puppies (less than 6 months old) coming into the shelter. Because we have only one puppy quarantine area at our facility, that limits us to one litter at a time without foster homes. Fostering puppies can be a ton of fun, but is also probably the most work! We all know how messy puppies can be, so anyone interested in fostering puppies would need to have a place in their home that is easily disinfected.

Lastly, we would love to have more foster homes that would be willing and able to help behaviorally challenged dogs. It might be a shy dog who needs someone patient to help them learn how good life can be. Or, it may be an overzealous older puppy that needs some structure and obedience training to help them increase their adoptability. Prior dog experience and also well-socialized resident dogs are typically helpful in these foster situations.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to foster, please also consider that with the reward of fostering, comes the heartache of having to let go of the dog as it moves on to its forever home. As an animal lover, it is one of the most difficult things you will do. But, it is also one of the most selfless things you will ever do, and you will have the reward of knowing that you saved a life as comfort.

If you are interested in fostering a dog or have any questions, please contact dogquestions@adoptpetshelter.org.

Contact Donna at adoptvolunteer@gmail.com if you would like to help.

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COME PARTY WITH US!
Celebrate your next birthday
at A.D.O.P.T. -- it promises
to be a crazy good time*!

**Just look at my hats... obviously I mean business!*



Party Highlights:

- Have a party leader who supervises the party and all activities.
- Have the party in a decorated party room.
- Party Supplies are included (paper products, cups & Utensils).
- Supervised play time with our cats and dogs
- A behind-the-scenes tour of the shelter
- Educational talk about who we are and what we do
- Supervised game
- Group birthday photo

Additional Options:

- Goody bags
- Cupcakes, pizza and drinks
- Ice cream sundaes
- A Fun Craft

Contact Bridget at:

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