



Until Every Pet Has A Home

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As we were getting ready to release the Newsletter we received the following:

Surprise Birth Announcement!!!!

Kimmy who was pregnant, came to the shelter on Wednesday from Indiana. She was due to deliver in a couple weeks. When Karen came in Thursday morning, she was greeted by Kimmy's five new puppies!

Mother and puppies are doing fine.



Saturday January 15th

Windy City Poker Unleashed
1:00pm Sat. till 1:00am Sun
The Pyramid Club Restaurant
and Pub Addison, IL

February 2011

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

February 12, 2011

Valentine Sweets and Treats
Event, 5th Avenue Station



New Year's Resolutions Your Cat and Dog Wish You Would Make

The New Year is a time to reflect on the changes we want or need to make. Ever think about what your pet might recommend? Here is their perspective...

I resolve to make time for friends. Plan a get together with a couple of your pet's favorite people or at least people that adore them. It's a chance for your pet to get praised, treated and rewarded by someone else which is

Naperville, IL

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



Supply of the Month

Rubbing Alcohol 70%

FAST FACT

Rubbing alcohol is used to prep each animal for surgery. In 2010 we performed 1,873 surgeries at our shelter.



BY the NUMBERS

December Adoptions

	Cats	Dogs
Received	45	37
Adopted	53	31

December Spay/Neuter Surgeries

	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	39	29
Rescue Clinic	76	25
Low Income Clinic	5	5



great for socialization and confidence building.

I resolve to enjoy life more. Our hectic, stressful life styles can have a negative impact on us as well as our pets. Take time out of each day to appreciate the "joy" pets bring to your every day life. It's an important step to a happier and healthy YOU and a happier and healthier furry friend.

I resolve to keep my pet physically fit. Within each of our four-legged friends lies a naturally gifted athlete. To help your pet---and you--- stay fit and trim squeeze in exercise and FUN everyday. Do everything you can to ensure that you and they are healthy, mobile and comfortable for a long, long time. Healthy food and a game of fetch or laser light here we come. Happy New Year!



Poker Unleashed - a FUN-Raising Event

Casino & Poker Night
Pyramid Club
 236 West Lake Street, Addison
Saturday, January 15th
 1:00pm to 1:00am
 PLAY WITH CASH WIN CASH!
 MUST BE 18+ TO PLAY

BLACK JACK TEXAS HOLD EM ROULETTE 3 CARD POKER CRAPS



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Our first fundraising event of 2011 is coming up January 15th and is a fun event for those who are serious about playing cards. A.D.O.P.T. is the

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 in 2010.

We had so many people who provided a helping hand making our many holiday events hugely successful that it is indeed hard to single out just a handful of deserving people. THANK YOU to everyone!

A reminder for 2011, anyone can nominate a volunteer, member or employee to recognize his or her "above and beyond" contribution to our organization. Remember this is an opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary people who are part of the everyday success at A.D.O.P.T.

Complete your nomination forms now!

Low Income Spay/Neuter Days

sponsor of this event and the benefactor of a portion of the proceeds. Participants have the opportunity to win money and practice their gaming skills while helping to "unleash" the homeless animals at A.D.O.P.T. These events are designed to help local charities raise money for worthy causes. So if you know any poker enthusiasts, spread the word.



From the President's Perspective:

Sandy Boston

Like you, we are very excited about the many possibilities that the New Year brings to our organization and to our animals. We have several new fundraisers planned for this year, starting with Poker Unleashed on January 15th. This charitable gaming event provides card players a chance to practice their gaming skills, win money and raise funds for our animals.

On February 12th we will be holding our first Valentine's Day shopping experience. Built upon our bake sales/cookie walk, we will offer many Valentines' Day sweets & treats, dog and cat toys and goodies.

Our Breakfast with Santa & His Reindogs was such a huge success, we will be holding a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny / Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. Stay tuned for another Wine Tasting coming up this spring.

While we have several events planned over the next few months, the Board of Directors is also working on implementing and expanding several new programs. Our newly acquired Blessed Bonds short-term foster care program has received quite a bit of publicity since coming on board in November. Many people are in dire need of such temporary foster care for their companion animals during times of personal crisis. This program is expected to continue to expand this year. We also plan to create a template of this program to offer this concept to other animal welfare organizations near and far.

Our newly formed Grant Committee has established a

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Wet Noses and Warm Hearts

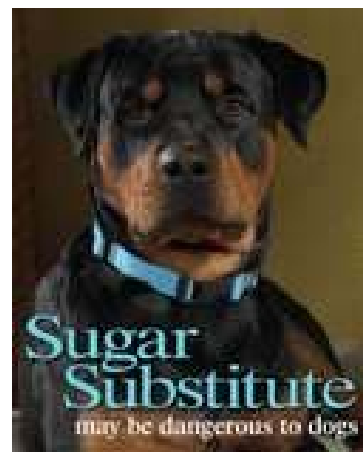
A special thank you to Clare Paskiet one of our talented volunteers who actually shares many of her special skills with A.D.O.P.T. Unknown to many Clare is *A Clown Named Puzzletoe* and has donated her time at many of our events including our day camps, and fundraisers, most recently our Breakfast with Santa. Word has it she was a hit with her face painting as kids lined up and didn't even mind waiting their turn! You may also see Clare around the shelter as she assists with the Healing Touch energy therapy program that is a holistic approach to the health and well being of our cats and dogs. The animals and humans of A.D.O.P.T. are grateful to Clare for her compassion, energy and giving nature.

plan to pursue several grants this year....an income opportunity that we have not fully tapped into previously. This program could help A.D.O.P.T. to secure funding which will allow us to acquire needed medical equipment, fund desired programs, and even reach out to more animals having special needs.

Yet this quarter the Board plans to work on a Planned Giving program. By mid-year we hope to launch this exciting and long-term income-generating opportunity.

As you can see, we have many events and new programs planned for the coming months. Stay tuned to our website for details. I hope you will be able to participate in many of them.

Your Pets Health and Wellness: A Dangerous Sugar Substitute



Did you know that the popular low-calorie alternative to table sugar called xylitol is down right dangerous to your dog? In humans, high doses can have a mild laxative effect however; xylitol ingestion by your dog can be potentially fatal. Signs of toxicity can be seen as quickly as 30 minutes after ingestion. The xylitol causes a rapid release of the hormone insulin, causing a sudden decrease in blood glucose.

The most common clinical signs after consumption are vomiting, weakness, ataxia (uncoordinated movements), depression and seizures. As xylitol can cause liver failure within 24-72 hours, it is very important that you seek immediate veterinary attention after suspected ingestion. Contact your own veterinarian or the ASPCA



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.

A.D.O.P.T. Recycles Saving the environment & animals at the same time

An update from last month's recycling article : Recycling of printer cartridges for the year showed an additional \$809.00 for the shelter, and recycling of cans contributed \$3840. These recycling projects take little time and effort, but benefit the shelter and society.

So keep those cans and cartridges coming.



Touching Tales from Blessed Bonds

Gina, Mariah, and Neo came to Blessed Bonds for help in December. Gina, a Chicago

Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435. Veterinary treatment involves close monitoring, supportive care and treatment of the resultant low blood glucose and possible low potassium levels.

The most common xylitol item is sugar free gum. Gum can be found everywhere, and is often tempting to dogs. Keep gum out of reach - watch out for open pockets, purses, counter tops and gum left in the car. Xylitol can also be found in sugar free candies, baked goods, some pharmaceuticals and many dental products, including mouthwashes, mints and toothpastes.

The toxicity of xylitol for cats and other species has not been documented, although there is concern that ferrets may react in a similar manner as dogs. Sweeteners such as Splenda, NutraSweet, and Sweet N' Low are not known to cause problems in dogs or other pets. However, they could cause mild gastrointestinal upset if eaten in significant quantities, so it is still a good idea to refrain from offering any of these sweeteners to your pets.

Within Our Four Walls

Richard Glessner, Director of Operations

We are fortunate to have the continued support of our community and December was no exception.

Throughout the year we are blessed with the generosity of the community through financial gifts as well as the volunteers who give their time and passion to caring for our animals. The holidays are a time when people share the spirit of giving and many people stopped by throughout the month to bring food, litter, toys, treats, blankets and towels for our animals. Christmas and New Years also brought many volunteers into the shelter to spend the holidays with our animals. Our animals spent the day with volunteers who cared for them, socialized them and took our dogs for walks. Many people opened their hearts and gave generous contributions to support our programs and the needs of our animals. It is remarkable to a part of such a wonderful organization that provides the level of care that our animals are able to experience, none of which would be possible

public school teacher, needed to have cancer surgery. Her two cats Mariah and Neo, needed a temporary home while Gina recovered with her family in Michigan. Both cats had to have their shots updated before entering our program. When A.D.O.P.T.'s veterinarian examined Mariah, she noticed a growth on her leg. As it turned out, Mariah had cancer too, and needed to have her tumor removed. A.D.O.P.T.'s medical staff performed the surgery and Bridget, a dedicated foster for Blessed Bonds, helped to transport Mariah to her vet appointments and cared for her (sporting a lovely neck collar) throughout her recovery. Reportedly, both Mariah and Neo spent a lot of time competing for space sitting on Bridget's lap. Gina returned home when her recovery was complete and couldn't wait to begin the New Year by re-uniting with both Mariah and Neo.

without the support of our community and our dedicated volunteers. A special Thank You to all of those who were a part of our success in 2010, we look forward to great New Year.

What Makes A.D.O.P.T. Special?

Our alumni! We know all our animals are special but the families that open their hearts and their homes to love a homeless pet are the ones who afford us the opportunity to save so many lives.



Here is one family's story. "We brought home our little boy Lopez and we never knew how much he would change our lives. He has been such a blessing to us. From the day we brought him home, he was a scared and timid dog. He has been with us 6 months now and has evolved into a happy, lovable, snuggle bug. He is still shy with people he doesn't know, but he is AMAZING with our nieces and nephews, as well as his 3 canine cousins. We are so grateful for all that A.D.O.P.T. does to save the lives of these precious animals. The volunteers and staff are people that take time out of their own lives, and not only make a difference in the lives of animals, but also ours. Your caring and loving nature is a blessing and does not go unnoticed."

And we are fortunate to come upon so many wonderful adopters for our many deserving animals. It's why we do what we do.

Volunteer Opportunities at A.D.O.P.T.

Success at A.D.O.P.T. comes from the many contributions of our dedicated volunteers. So think



about volunteering, or if you already do encourage others you know to do the same. Here are some of the skills we currently have the need for:

- Graphic Artists
- Website Maintenance
- Foster Homes
- Newsletter Committee Members
- Social Networking Experts
- Data Entry
- Media Specialist/Press Release Writer

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