



Until Every Pet Has A Home

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SAVE A DATE

- Farmer's Market Bake Sale: June 4th through October 29th.
- Freedom Commons Naperville, Farmers Market Bake Sale: The second and fourth Saturday of the month, June 11th and June 25th. Dogs and cats will be shown if weather permits.
- Senior Day at A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter: Tuesday, June 14th.
- Pets-A-Palooza Adoption and Fundraising Event: Culver's Restaurant in Bollingbrook, Friday, June 17th.
- Special Needs Olympics: at A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter, Saturday, June 18th.

100+ Women Who Care

100+ Women Who Care is an organization with a chapter in Naperville. The members submit names of non-profit organizations, then quarterly the name of an organization is drawn to receive their monetary donation. A.D.O.P.T. is the recipient of this quarter's donation.

Thank you 100+ Woman Who Care-Naperville for your generous spirit. Your donation allows us to continue to rescue, treat and care for animals in need.

For additional information about 100+ Women Who Care, [click here](#) for their website.

The results are in...

The 18th Annual "Makin' Strides for Strays" Walkathon has come and gone-what a great day it was to support a great cause!!

Thanks to our volunteers, participants, donors, vendors and sponsors for making it happen. What a difference you have made in lives of animals at A.D.O.P.T.

Total Pledges: \$47,047

Total Participants: 518

Total Dog Participants: 302

1 Individual Pledge Getter: Laura Agin-\$3,750

- Kitten Shower: at A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter, Saturday, June 25th.
- Summer Day Camp Sessions for "Camp Paws & Claws": Ages 5-8 weeks of July 11th, and August 1st, Ages 9-12 weeks of July 25th and August 8th.
- Chip, Clip & Dip at A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter: Sunday, July 17th.
- Heartland Blood Drive at A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter: Sunday, July 17th
- White Sox Fundraiser (Sox vs. Tigers): Wednesday, July 27th.
- Pick a date: Celebrate your birthday with the animals at A. D.O.P.T.
- For details of all events check the [Events Web Page](#)



Supply of the Month

Purina One dry kitten food,
Royal Canin Baby Kat food and
canned kitten food
Paper Towels

FUN FACT

Did you know that a group of
kittens is called a Kindle?

2 Individual Pledge Getter: Pam Siddon-\$1,800
Top Team: NNHS Alpha Dawgs 2011
Huskies/Kristen Gamble-\$1,368
Top Online Team: Team Abby/Linda Marsh-\$1,116

Firstgiving, online donations totaled \$14,412.
Ninety six pages created and 595 people donated.
What a great addition to a great cause.

April Showers Bring May Flowers and June Brings Cats Galore!

By Candace Adkins

With kitten season roaring in like a lion, it seems appropriate to designate June as "Adopt a Shelter Cat" month. To help kick off this nationally recognized adoption campaign, several exciting events have been planned. The first event on Tuesday, the 14th, pairs our feline Seniors with their human Senior companions. A.D.O.P.T.'s Senior cat population is defined by age and tenure at the shelter; cats that are six years old and older or cats that have been at the shelter six months and longer. These experienced residents make purr...fect mates for folks looking for someone to be their couch companion.

The next event will showcase the agility of our own cats. On Saturday, the 18th A.D.O.P.T. will be hosting a Special Needs Olympics event. Known for its compassion for older and special need animals, A.D.O.P.T. will have its feline residents go for the gold by completing in a claw biting obstacle course. Our special need cats will be in the stands cheering them on. Be sure to stop by for this exciting sporting event and cheer on your favorite.

Not too slight our newest residents, our kittens, the month will conclude with our second annual Kitten Shower. On Saturday, the 25th it will be raining kittens at A.D.O.P.T. Join your feline friends in a celebration announcing the birth of many, many, many balls of lovable fur. Our kittens are looking for lots of love and a forever home but right now



BY THE NUMBERS

May Spay/Neuter Surgeries

	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	29	22
Rescue Clinic	92	28
Low Income Clinic	0	3



Wags Or Whiskers Award

The May nominees were: Laura Vivas, Danita Curry, Donna Picard and Candace Adkins

The Drawing Winner was:

Candace Adkins

Candace was nominated for a W.O.W. for the amount of hours that she dedicates to A.D.O.P.T. Over the years Candace has developed relationships with skilled volunteers. She was hugely responsible for creating a Volunteer Marketing Committee. Candace also is a member of the newsletter staff. She provides care for the animals at the shelter and she is also a member

they need donations of food, bedding and toys so we can provide for them until they are ready for adoption. Cash donations are also appreciated and will be put to good use in obtaining appropriate supplies. Come and join the fun and festivities and show your support for our many kittens.

For more details on these fun filled events visit the [website](#). Be on the lookout for our continuing adoption campaign...Great Spokescats Throughout History.



See the [website](#) for camp dates and signup information.

Touching Tales From - Blessed Bonds

By: Renea Hicks-May

Willie, a black and white kitten, was adopted from A.D.O.P.T. about six years ago. Since that time, his dad and mom experienced a divorce, job loss, and housing changes. In March,

of the Humane Education Committee. As a result of Candace's efforts the birthday parties and summer camps are very successful.

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

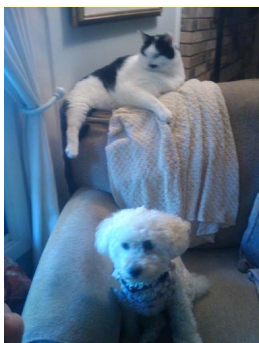
JUNE 2011						
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Did you know that June 24th is take your dog to work day!



Wet Noses and Warm Hearts

This month we want to



Dan reluctantly brought Willie back to A.D.O.P.T. with tears in his eyes. He told Rich that his ex-wife could no longer care for the cat and that he was going away for job training until June. As Dan struggled to say goodbye to Willie, Rich thought of Blessed Bonds. While Dan contacted us, Willie stayed at A.D.O.P.T. We talked with Dan and discovered that he truly did not want to relinquish Willie, he was just facing a tough situation and thought he had no other options. We offered him the chance to place Willie in foster care until he returns home in June. Willie has adjusted well to life with his foster sister Parker and is enjoying his time in a caring foster home as he awaits June when he will be re-united with Dan.



Pet Health and Wellness

By: Chris Stern

Summer is quickly approaching and the temperature is rising so I thought it would be appropriate to offer some tips for keeping your pet happy and healthy during the summer months.

Many hot weather tips are common sense but we should be mindful that our pets can suffer from the same heat related problems as their human friends for example overheating, dehydration and sunburn.

acknowledge the dedication of volunteer Sharon Greiner, our Off Site Event Coordinator. Sharon has been instrumental in developing and coordinating many of our off site programs. She has taken the lead to recruit and train team leaders as well as new volunteers who have an interest in helping out. It is because of these efforts that we have a consistent presence at Pet Supplies Plus in our local community. Sharon has also taken on many other yearly events on our calendar to ensure that A.D.O.P.T. is well represented throughout the year. Those of you who have worked with Sharon know that above all else she is a great communicator.

Thanks Sharon for all you do!

Great place to find
CUBS & SOX
tickets!!!



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.**

- Never keep your pet in a locked vehicle on a warm day. Temperatures in a car can climb very quickly, even with the windows partially open your pet can become overheated.
- If your pet is outside during the day always provide ample fresh water and shelter from the sun.
- Exercise your pet in the early morning or late afternoon when temperatures tend to be cooler.
- Excessive exposure to the sun can cause your pet to get sunburn.
- Groomed breeds should not have their fur shaved down shorter than 1 inch. Their fur provides protection from the elements.

So when you are out enjoying the summer months remember to keep yourself and your pets protected from the sun and heat.

Within Our Four Walls

By: Margot Goldsmith- Thursday afternoon volunteer

No matter what mood I'm in, stepping into one of the cat rooms at A.D.O.P.T. never fails to brighten my day. I volunteer at the shelter once a week helping to socialize cats, and I highly recommend the experience for bringing smiles-and satisfaction in knowing you're increasing an animal's chances for adoption.

My time with the cats is heartwarming right from the start. Frequently, several adorable felines will eagerly line up at their door waiting for me to enter. When I sit in a room, the cats might compete for attention by climbing all over me and purring loudly. Some even nuzzle my neck or hands to make sure the petting doesn't stop. Having a lapful of happy cats is an indescribable treat.

Kerra in Com 2 always flashes her bright eyes at me before I open the door, and then meows non-stop to persuade me to play with her. She and most of the cats love the wires with cardboard twists at the end-a simple toy but one that can make even a



**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 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.

A new challenge started April 4th, so remember to keep voting!



quiet cat race endlessly around the room. Of course, not all the cats at the shelter are outgoing. Some shy ones prefer to nestle in there "houses" but will usually respond to soft speech and gentle caresses: a few ear scratches at first and then chin and belly rubs as they get to know me. Charming in Com 3, for example, spends a lot of time tucked away in a little nook, which he'll occasionally leave and come my way. But I often just sit in front of his hiding place and pet him lightly for as long as he'll let me.

Some of my most rewarding experiences at A.D.O.P.T. have involved a standoffish cat who tentatively approaches me for rubs and then falls asleep in my lap. This happened recently with Cricket in the Sun Room, who hissed and growled most of an afternoon but then finally wandered over to me, sat in my lap, and let me pet her for half an hour.

As I learned during volunteer training, I try to make contact with every cat if possible. Some cats prefer a quick pet and then make it clear to me when they've had enough interaction. Others can stick to my side for hours and even try to prevent their roommates from getting close to us. Each cat's distinct personality offers me a fascinating look at feline behavior. But even more important, I feel that my time at A.D.O.P.T. provides comfort to the cats while they live at the shelter and give them a "leg up" in finding a loving forever home.

Another Happy Ending!

By: Barb Hoagland

Dash here.



▪ **Birthday Party Hosts:**

Come party with the animals! Birthday Party Hosts help set up, take down and Supervise the party and activities for children. Our parties include animal interaction time so you must be comfortable with both cats and dogs.

- Offsite Event Participants
- Foster Homes
- Website Maintenance
- Graphic Artists
- Teachers K-6
- Bakers are always needed for the Farmer's Market

Thank you for reading!

We appreciate your feedback and if you would like to author an article please contact Betty Weiler at constantcontact@adoptpetshelter.org

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Back in February I wrote a little column in this Newsletter about my handsome and charming persona. Well, peeps, I finally found a family that appreciates True greatness. They could tell I was the perfect match for them and so they took me home! They have a dog (which they failed to mention) until I entered the house and introductions were made. This dog is slower to recognize my stellar qualities, however I can't expect much because of his dogness and I will give him time to come around.

So, here I am in this new home, snooping around and sniffing in corners. They showed me two things called a basement (dark and creepy) and a garage (strange smells).

No thanks, not interested. There also is a second story loft, which I love. I was a little rambunctious one day and thought it would be great fun to leap from the loft to the top of an entertainment center, calling to me from below. I twitched, I shook my booty, I was ready to launch, but, alas, my plans were curtailed, reason prevailed and my people got me back on terra firma pronto.

They also have a cat tree. I have had a lot of experience with those at the shelter and wasn't really interested in it, but the family threatened to donate it to A.D.O.P.T. if I didn't start using it. I hi-tailed it to the top of that thing quicker than I used to dash out the shelter sun room door any time it opened.

Speaking of dash, will everyone quit with the nicknames or trying to rename me? I am Dash, D*A*S*H, not Chumley or Brumley or Buff Butt, jeez. With that said, I bid adieu to all my feline friends, caretakers and visitors I met at the shelter. I have landed on four paws in my forever home, and

it is fabulous. Gotta dash, I mean run.

Regards,

Dash



Home Sweet Home



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