



*Until Every Pet Has A Home*

## PAW NOTES

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Bill Froese  
Director of  
Strategic Development

Bill will report directly to the Board and will work closely with Operations to facilitate the expansion of existing programs and the implementation of new ones. He will also play a key role in facilitating volunteer and employee development, retention and appreciation programs as well as offer his assistance in the creation and implementation of sustaining fundraising programs. Bill will be at the shelter three days a week, so look for him and welcome him as our newest staff member.



SAVE A DATE

- [March 2011](#) See's Candy Sale now through April 4th [Click to Read](#)

### 998 AND 1887

Impressive Numbers of Accomplishment!

They represent the number of adoptions and spay/neuter surgeries that were performed at A.D.O.P.T. last year.

Think of the impact we have made on saving lives.  
Think of the possibilities that are in our future.

JOIN THE PRIDE. BECOME A MEMBER.  
GET INVOLVED.

For details on membership stop by the shelter or [click here](#)

### It's Spring Training Time!!

Now is the time for you and your pooch to shed that winter weight. Dust off those sneakers and get out the leashes.  
It's....



### WALK-A-THON TIME !!!!

This year's walk promises to be bigger and better than ever. How can this be? You can make it happen by gathering your teammates together and start filling out those pledge sheets.

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- [March 25, 2011 Chicago Slaughter Indoor Football](#) Friday, March 25th and April 7th at the Sears Center Hoffman Estate. A.D.O.P.T. will have a booth featuring our dogs.
- [April 2, 2011 Porker Unleashed](#) Saturday, April 2, Hampton Inn, Carol Stream
- [April 16th, 2011 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and his Furry Friends](#), Saturday April 16th, Country Inn and Suites, Naperville  
[Click to Read More](#)
- [May 1, 2011 Walk-a-Thon 2011 "Makin' Strides For Strays"](#) a 5K walk to benefit area homeless animals. [Click to Read More](#)
- For details of all events check the [Events Web Page](#)



## Supply of the Month

### Canned Dog Food

Purina One, Authority, Evangers, Kirkland, Nutro

#### FUN FACT

Did you know a spoonful of canned food helps the medicine go down?



### BY THE NUMBERS

Looking for some teammates? They are easier to find than you think. Start at home, put a family team together. Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, it is better than a family reunion. Look in your neighborhood. Have a block party for your canine companions, get your HOA involved, and even your local swim club. What a great way to kick the season off. A great service project for a great cause, what a fun way to end the school year, form a classroom team. Don't know what to talk about around the water cooler. Gather the boss and your co-workers. Think company match \$\$\$\$. Have your church gather for the blessing of the animals. Don't have any friends? No dog? No problem, we can supply all you want. Walk with the A.D.O.P.T. team.

Now is the time to get off the couch. Put your teams together, start collecting pledges and come on out for lot's fun and prizes too.

Your dog will love you for it and so will our dogs! Don't worry we have plenty of pledge sheets available on the Walk-a-Thon web page. [Click here](#)



Hey, fat cats! You too can participate. Join the snooze-a-thon on May 1st and show the dogs what you are really made of! Feline friends gather your own team and come and join the walk while your cat stays home and naps.



Mookie

Bubba

Bob

Chloe

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

What may come to mind first would be ALL the special animals that come through our doors. Equally important are all those exceptional adopters that go the extra step by making a commitment to bring one of our "special" dogs into their lives. These are dogs that may be a little older, may have medical or behavioral needs or those that have been overlooked and at the shelter a long time.

### February Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
Received	28	40
Adopted	22	33

### February Spay/Neuter Surgeries

	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	21	11
Rescue Clinic	46	24
Low Income Clinic	14	12



## Wags Or Whiskers Award

The February nominees were: Sean Bleizetter, Karen Pentimone, John Glosson, Mary Frenzel, Rich Glessner, Lori Dicke, Ann Lazanski, Janet Garcia, Mitch Hartwig and the Board of Directors.

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

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

### Low Income Spay/Neuter Days

MARCH 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*Are you that special family?* Consider Jordan a 5-½ year old Bichon who is just as sweet as can be. This little boy had spent most of his life in a cage as a breeder dog so he didn't have much exposure to family life before coming to us. He has spent time with one of our foster families learning life skills and experiencing what its like to be loved. Jordan has been with us since October of last year.

And then there is Violet, a pug, who has been with us since last summer. She is 3 ½ years old and would prefer to be in a home where she can get all the attention. Violet is a happy girl who just enjoys the company of her human. Violet has some medical needs that we are still trying to figure out. After many tests we have her on a special diet trying to regulate her liver.

Consider our other special dogs: Rusty, Bubba, Bob, Chloe, Houston and Mookie. All are special dogs looking for their special home.



Houston

Jordan

Violet

Rusty

## YOUR PET'S HEALTH and WELLNESS: COLLARS FOR CATS? Chris Stirn





*Madison and friends with Walt*

## Wet Noses and Warm Hearts

Madison Smith is a 10 year old who after reading the article in the Sun about A.D.O.P.T. needing supplies sprang into action to do her part to make that happen. Madison is absolutely devoted to animals and could not stand to think of them going without. She took it upon herself to get permission at her school to start a supply drive for the animals. She was able to collect \$75 as well as hundreds of dollars worth of food and toys. Madison shows us all how one person can truly make a difference.



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.

The cats in the shelter are sporting a new look. As some of you may have noticed we have started putting collars on all of our cats. You might wonder why we have started doing this, and no it is not to make our cats more attractive. We all know that they are beautiful just the way they are! A.D.O.P.T along with Naperville Humane, and Purrs are working together to increase the return to owner rate for lost cats. Less than 1% of cats wear any type identification making it very difficult for them to be reunited with their owners. Cats that are collared are twice as likely to be reunited with their owners.

We are encouraging all cat owners to collar their cats safely. Make sure that your cat's collar fits properly, not to snug and not to loose. You should be able to comfortably fit two fingers between your cat's neck and the collar and always be sure to use a breakaway collar. A breakaway collar will release your cat from its collar should it get hooked on something.

So let's all work together to keep our cats safe and properly identified.

Remember a collared cat is a sign  
of an owned cat!

## Touching Tails from Blessed Bonds

Blessed Bonds was founded by Dr. Linda Harper in 2004 with the mission of preserving the human-animal companion bond and promoting its value. Blessed Bonds believes that pets are our family



members and should not have to be sacrificed when the family is facing a temporary crisis. This vision has to date helped more than 1,200 pets stay with their families. Examples of families with pets we have helped include owners experiencing illnesses, surgeries, rehabilitation, floods and fires, domestic violence, eviction, foreclosure, and unemployment. All of these crises can be short term in nature but can still result in temporary homelessness or displacement to a place where families cannot have their pets. We offer services including up to two months of foster care, low cost boarding options, resource referrals, and problem solving counseling. We find solutions for each case with the goal of ensuring that pets remain in their forever homes.



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.



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

## Within Our Four Walls

Rich Glessner, Director of Operations



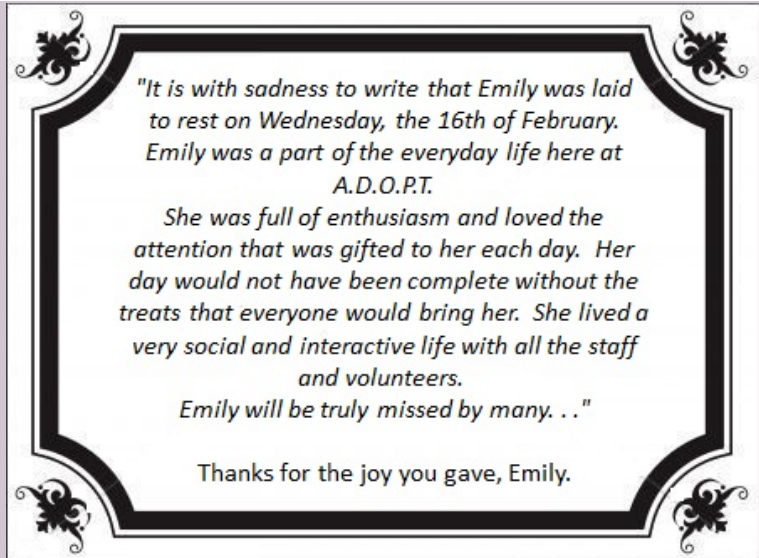
Puzzled, shocked, amazed,  
intrigued, surprised, or  
dumbfounded are all descriptions  
of what I see on the faces of  
people when in general  
conversation I tell them what it  
costs to operate our animal  
shelter. Most people really have  
no idea what it cost to run a

shelter, when asked to guess, the numbers are all over the  
place. In relationship to other shelters in the animal welfare  
field A.D.O.P.T. would be considered a medium size shelter  
given the volume of animals that we intake and adopt out each  
year. While we are medium size shelter our budget or  
expenses each year are lower or on average with most other  
mid size shelters. So what does it take to operate the shelter?  
Annually we operate on a budget of \$543,000. Consider that  
number on a daily basis and you're looking at just under  
\$1500.00 at \$1487.67. Most people are even more astounded  
when they learn that we operate solely on donations and the  
money raised from our adoption fees. So we have a lot to be  
thankful for with the level of support that we receive from our  
community that allows us to operate our shelter and provide the  
wonderful care to our animals.



- Foster Homes
- Website Maintenance
- Graphic Artists
- Teachers K-6
- Birthday Party Hosts

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**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
& His Furry Friends**  
Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Country Inns & Suites  
Naperville



Tickets \$25 each    See the website for more details

[Click here for more information](#)



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