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VOLUNTEER PICNIC 2011

On Sunday afternoon, September 18th, the Board of Directors hosted the volunteer picnic to recognize volunteers for all the hard work they do in and out of the shelter. Volunteers and their families enjoyed a smorgasbord of tasty food, good company and of course time with our resident furry friends. A.D.O.P.T. is grateful for all of our fantastic volunteers and while the picnic was but a small token of our appreciation we hope that all our volunteers had a great time.



Feeling Lucky? Adopt a Black Cat!

By Candace Adkins and Donna Picard

We've all heard it; black cats bring bad luck. Well many cultures have busted that myth wide open and consider black cats to be a sign of good luck! Hey, anyone with nine lives has to be lucky!! Here are ten reasons to ponder as to why you should adopt a black cat (or maybe even two!)



10. You can always find them in the snow and winter is coming!
 9. No one will notice the black hair on your black pants!
 8. They look like little black panthers!
 7. Black goes with everything!
 6. Holding a black cat is very slimming!
 5. Black cats are like onyx, a beautiful gem!
 4. Black cats don't show the dirt!
 3. They don't care about the color of your hair!
 2. LOVE knows no color!
- And the number one reason to adopt a black cat...
1. Black cats are good luck, and we all can use a little of that!

Remember B.L.A.C.K. stands for... **B**eautiful, **L**oving, **A**dorable, **C**ats and **K**ittens! A.D.O.P.T.



SAVE A DATE

- **Farmer's Market Bake Sale:** LAST CHANCE Saturdays, now through October 29th. [Read more](#)
- **Board of Director's Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, October 12th, 7p.m. at the shelter.
- **Adopt a Shelter Dog Celebration:** Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, noon to 3p.m. at Pet Supplies "Plus" in South Naperville located at Rt 59 and 95th Street. [Read more](#)
- **New Volunteer Orientation:** Wednesday, October 19th, 7p.m. at the shelter. [Read more](#)
- **Membership Meeting:** Thursday, October 20th, 7:30p.m. at Country Inns and Suites, Naperville. Board elections being held.
- **Howl-o-ween Hoopla:** Saturday, October 29th, 11a.m. to 3p.m. at Whalon Lake Dog Park Royce Road, Naperville. *Dogs welcomed.* [Read more](#)
- **Pick a Date:** Come 'paw-ty' with the animals. Host your Birthday celebration at A.D.O.P.T. [Read more](#)
- For details of all events check the [Events Web Page](#)

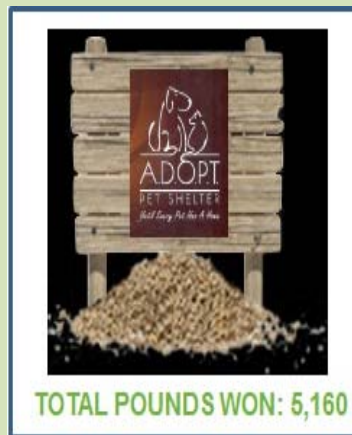
has quite the assortment and they are ready and eager to find their forever homes.

Labor Day Raffle

A.D.O.P.T. thanks everyone who participated in this year's Labor Day Raffle. This is one of A.D.O.P.T.'s key fundraisers and we are pleased to report that it brought in \$20,953.!!

All prize winners have been notified by phone or email using the information provided on their raffle stub. However, everyone is a winner because they have contributed to saving and enriching the lives of our animals!

Congratulations!!!



A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter came in 1st in the World's Best Cat Litter contest.

We will be receiving 5,160 pounds of litter for our cats, which is a saving of over \$1000. The delivery date is Monday, October 10th.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote with their mouse!!

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

Children Are the Future of A.D.O.P.T.

By Donna Picard

Humane education programs can have an enormous impact on the animal welfare world. At



Supply of the Month

Distilled water used to clean and sterilize instruments for Spay and Neuter surgeries and for the dental machine.
Copy paper to print adoption contracts and for all other communication needs.

Fun Fact

October is "Adopt-a-Shelter Dog" month.



BY THE NUMBERS

September Adoptions		
	Cats	Dogs
Received	14	28
Adopted	32	23

September Spay/Neuter Surgeries		
	Cats	Dogs
Shelter Animals	19	9
Rescue Clinic	100	35
Low Income Clinic	0	2



Wags Or Whiskers

A.D.O.P.T. we are engaging the next generation of animal welfare activists by reaching out to our community and making it possible for children to take an active role in learning about our organization and how they can make a difference.

We fully understand that the future for animals lies squarely in the hands of our children and we are committed to sharing that very important message in a fun, entertaining and educational way. We are reaching out to the youth in our community through our day camps, birthday parties and scout tours. And it doesn't stop with the children, we engage the parents also. What better way to gain new A.D.O.P.T. supporters and in addition bring in much needed revenue.



In our first year of having a structured tour program that talks to the four components of our humane education program we saw over 300 scouts come through our doors to learn about A.D.O.P.T. Our summer day camps continue to show success, long after camp is over, as we see the children from camp coming back to A.D.O.P.T. with their friends and families for birthday party celebrations. Children that are guests at a birthday party then come back for their own party. It's contagious!

Children who understand animal welfare and show compassion to animals are indeed special. That's the ultimate goal, laying the foundation with the children because they are the future.

Happy Endings!

by Betty Weiler

Mishy, a handsome male cat with a thick white coat, came to A.D.O.P.T. just after his 9th birthday because his owners could no longer care for him. Mishy loves attention and

Award
September nominee and
Drawing winner is:

Mary Frenzel

W.O.W. to Mary who jumped in and took on the "Pet of the Week" when this program was abruptly dropped.

Mary established appropriate newspaper contacts, learned what was needed and proactively took on this important project, so A.D.O.P.T. would not lose this opportunity to promote our animals

Mary is truly an asset to A.D.O.P.T. and we are fortunate to have her as part of the A.D.O.P.T. family.

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

October 2011						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					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
						



is very laid back and started purring the minute you stopped to pet him. His picture was posted on the web page and also on A.D.O.P.T.'s Facebook page, where he was discovered by a lucky couple.

This summer, two of the couple's three cats passed over the Rainbow Bridge and their remaining cat was lonely and wandering about the house as if looking for his "furry" family.

Mishy was adopted within a week of being featured on-line by the couple who fell in love with his looks. There was an instant bond between the husband and Mishy, complete with head butts and rubs. When the wife came in to meet Mishy, she also fell for him.

They are all doing very well and the two cats get along just fine. Mishy has become part of the family.

Within Our Four Walls

by: Mary Weiler



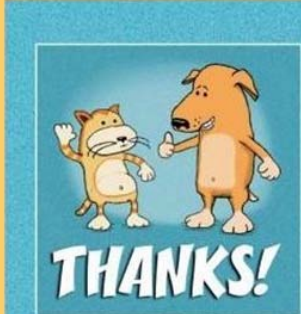
The new outdoor dog run and kennel area is progressing nicely and is almost done. Concrete has been poured, most of the fencing is in place, and much of the area is available for use. Completion of the project is expected in the next

Spay/Neuter Clinic Volunteers Needed:

Calling all retired nurses or those who enjoy hands on medical care for animals in need. Volunteers are needed in our recovery area monitoring and caring for animals right after surgery. For more details contact Chris at

Chris@adoptpetshelter.org

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



2080

Total Volunteer Hours

209

Medical Hours
for September 2011!



week or two. A big thank you to all who fostered a dog and spent extra time at the shelter walking the dogs that remained. Above are a few pictures of our pups enjoying the new space and the sunshine.

Wet Noses and Warm Hearts



This month we want to show our appreciation to one of our most consistent supporters, Virginia Schuder. Virginia adopted her cat "Peaches" from us and now shows her support through monthly donations of needed items from our wish list. So it has now been a few years and Virginia still provides paper towels, garbage bags, laundry detergent, bleach, rubbing alcohol and many more much needed items. In addition Virginia has also extended her generosity by donating to many of our special projects, most recently our fence reconstruction. We thank Virginia for her generosity and continued support!

Ideas Wanted!

We're always looking for new ways to get out into the community and showcase all of the wonderful animals at the shelter who are looking for homes as well as to introduce A.D.O.P.T. to new people.

If you are aware of local events that we could participate in to help raise funds or promote our homeless animals please send an email to info@adoptpetshelter.org.





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