



FALL 2020



SAVING LIVES 
 **BOOTIFUL costumes**

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Saving Lives



Madison County Animal Care and Control is recognized for saving more than 4,000 cats and dogs the past four years..

In August, County Board Chairman Kurt Prenzler commended the work of Animal Control manager Katherine Conder and the staff for the success. He presented Conder with a certificate of appreciation for her work in helping to save the county's healthy and adoptable animals.

He also presented certificates of appreciations to Metro East Humane Society and Partner's for Pets. Between the two rescues they have helped save the majority of the cats and dogs brought into animal control.

"Rescuing animals is a lot of hard work," Prenzler said. "When I first took office more than two-thirds of the cats and one-third of the dogs brought in were put down. Now more than 90 percent of the animals are saved."

He said thanks to Conder, the employees and the rescue groups and organizations the county reached its goal to become "no-kill."

In March 2017, the County Board passed a resolution for the county to become no-kill by Dec. 31, 2021. Prenzler worked with Ledy VanKavage, a senior legislative attorney with Best Friends Animal Society, on the resolution.

"We've come a long way since the resolution was passed," Prenzler said.



He said the numbers speak volumes for what has taken place.

VanKavage agreed.

"I think Madison County reaching no-kill before 2021 is due to the strong leadership of the administration," VanKavage said.

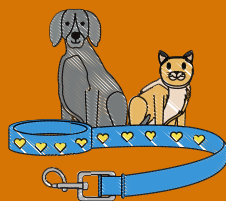
She said it shines a "bright light" to other communities on what can be done when people work together.

Conder credits the success due to the work done by rescue groups.

"It takes team effort to do what we do," Conder said. "Without the rescues we wouldn't be able to save lives."

She said policy changes helped the county reach its goal. Animal control increased hold times from three to 10 days: allowed rescue groups and organizations with a U.S. Department of Agriculture license to pick up animals for adoption; implemented a foster kitten and cat program; and worked with a local rescue for its feral cat relocation program, also known as the barn cat program.

"Every healthy dog and cat is finding its way into a home," Conder said. "It's what they deserve." 🐾



Total Dogs & Cats Saved

- 2016 — 796
- 2017 — 931
- 2018 — 1,309
- 2019 — 1,393
- 2020 (through August) — 645

For more information, animal control statistics can be found on the Animal Control's website at https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/animal_control/statistics.php.



It's Fall Y'all!

Seasonal dangers to watch for with your pet



The fall season brings holidays and plenty of reasons to get together with loved ones near and far. But all of this activity can be hard on pets, and changes in temperature can aggravate existing health problems

HALLOWEEN CANDY



Any time of year, consuming chocolate can be life threatening to pets, but the risks are greater around Halloween, when bags of candy can be found just about everywhere.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

As fun as trick-or-treating is for kids, it can be an upsetting experience for our pets. Dog owners need to be cognizant of how their dog responds to people in costumes and take all necessary precautions



HOLIDAY PLANTS

When setting up your centerpieces and other fall decorations, keep in mind that some plants are potentially poisonous to pets.



CANDLES

Whether you're using candles or jack-o'-lantern, for your table setting, be sure to keep them far out of your pet's reach. Animals can accidentally bump into candles, resulting in severe burns or the possibility of a house fire. Some candles can also negatively impact the air quality and be irritating to pets with respiratory problems.



HOLIDAY VISITORS

The fall holidays are a popular time to throw a party or host guests. Just make sure you're keeping an eye on your pets in the process.

Thanksgiving Foods

Thanksgiving is often a time to enjoy an abundance of tasty (and fattening) foods—from mashed potatoes and gravy to stuffing and casseroles. But it's best not to share these items with your pets. Dogs who eat too many high-fat foods are at risk for developing pancreatitis, a painful and potentially fatal inflammation of the pancreas.



Alcohol

Whether you're sipping a hard apple cider at Thanksgiving or enjoying a pumpkin beer at the tailgate, pets should never be given alcohol. It depresses the nervous system,. Alcohol can also be damaging to the kidneys.



Antifreeze

Fall brings cool—and in some parts of the country, downright cold—weather. Some dogs, especially smaller toy breeds and those with short-hair coats, may need a sweater or jacket to keep warm. Pet parents should also look out for older dogs with compromised immune systems and dogs with endocrine issues. Colder temperatures can also exacerbate arthritis in some pets,



Allergies

With the change of season comes environmental irritants and allergens that can make life miserable for anyone. Seasonal allergies can occur in pets just as they can in people. Dust, grass, ragweed, and mold are common culprits."





BOOTIFUL *halloween* costumes

It's never too early to start thinking about your PAWW-some Halloween plans. If you think dressing up your dog is one of the best parts about Halloween, then let us be the first to tell you that you are doggone right about that.

If you've never put your pup in a costume for the holiday, you are in for a real treat. Oh, and let's be honest, Halloween isn't the only time we put a costume on our furry friends, so these work for year-round festivities.

3 Simple DIY Costume Ideas

For detailed instructions
[click on the picture](#)

KING OF THE JUNGLE



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MAGICAL CREATURE



PRECIOUS PETS

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Instagram



pets

Food, fashion and travel photos are not the only thing trending on social media. We're not "kitten" when we say pet photography is popular with the public. Just scroll through Instagram and you'll find hundreds, if not hundreds of thousands of pictures of furkids.

Would you like to share photos of your pets? Do you want to show off their daily adventures or the cuteness of just lounging around the abode? Why not create an Instagram feed for them.

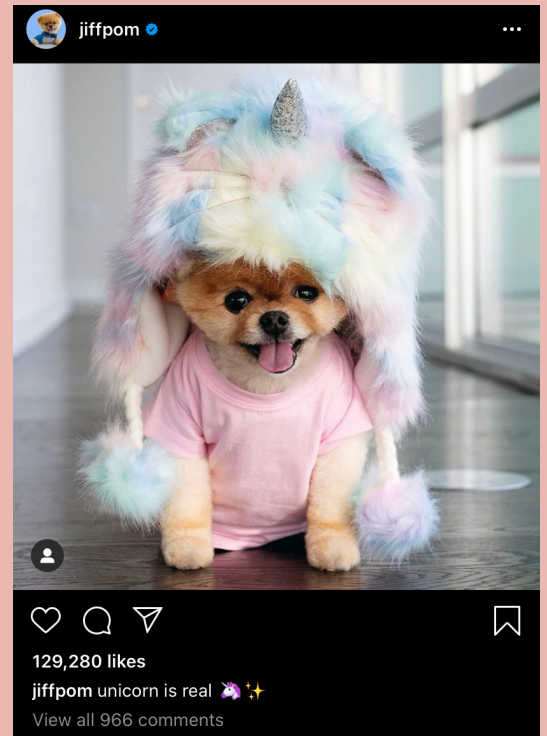
To start you'll need to download the app if you don't have it already. Set up an account with handle for your feline or canine.

First things first - tell your pet's story. Give a little background about their journey. If they were adopted or a newborn puppy or kitten. It's a backstory that creates a unique identity.

Second, create quality images. Yes, you can use your smart phone; however make sure your pictures are clear, original and aesthetically pleasing. It's Instagram - people expect to see beautiful imagery.

Lastly, make it fun. Capture your critters during one of their playful moods. Catch them running, jumping or doing something unpredictable. Shoot videos to liven up the feed and don't forget to use hashtags. If your pet's account is new use hashtags that are relevant. Research what's popular to reach out to a new audience or get followers. Try #petsofinstagram

While everyone believes their furkids are the cutest, you have to define what sets them apart from the rest of furry creatures online.



Top Dog

Jiffpom is a 10-year-old Pomeranian that was born in Illinois, now living in Los Angeles.

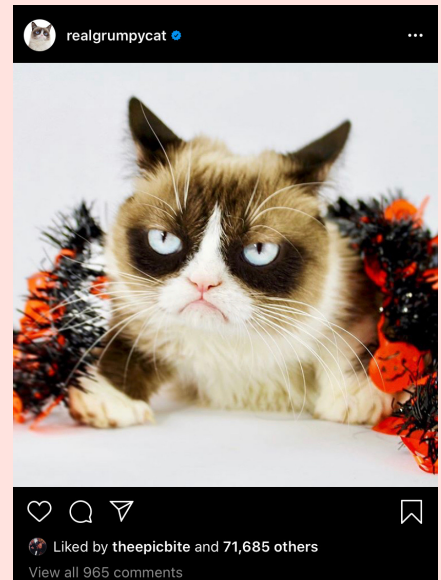
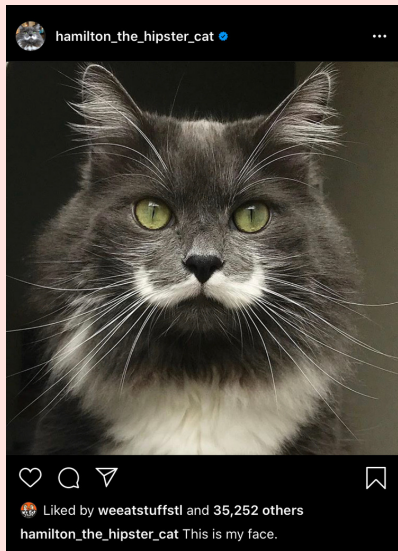
Rise to fame - in 2014, after entering the Guinness World Records for the fastest 10-meter run on hind legs and the fastest 5-meter run on front paws.

Actor - He appeared in Katy Perry's video for "Dark Horse" (2014), Adventures of Bailey: A Night in Cowtown and in an episode of the Disney series Bizaardvark in 2016.

Jiffpom has 10.7 million followers on Instagram and 21 million on TikTok.

Top Instagram Petstars

Click on the picture to see the animal's Instagram page



Foodie



Candy Corn Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 1-2 small bananas
- 1 cup plain non-fat yogurt, divided
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- silicon ice cube tray

Directions

1. Fill ice cube trays 1/3 full with plain yogurt, then place molds in the freezer. Freeze for 1-2 hours, or until yogurt is set.
2. In a small bowl or glass, mix together 1/2 cup yogurt with canned pumpkin.
3. Stir until combined, then pour over frozen yogurt in ice cube molds, making sure to leave space at the top for third layer.
4. Return to freezer for another 1-2 hours, or until set. Mash banana(s) in a small bowl and stir in any remaining yogurt, then pour over frozen pumpkin layer in mold.
5. Freeze until set.
6. Pop treats out and serve as needed.



Madison County Animal Control Facilities

Alton.....	463-3553
Bethalto.....	377-5266
East Alton.....	259-8069
Edwardsville.....	656-2131
Glen Carbon.....	288-7226
Granite City.....	452-6233
Godfrey.....	466-7468
Highland.....	654-2131
Madison	876-6268
Pontoon Beach.....	931-5100
Roxana	254-1945
South Roxana.....	254-7469
Venice.....	452-6233
Wood River.....	251-3113
Madison County.....	692-1700

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