

Madison County Animal Care & Control

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WELCOME TO MADISON COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL TAILS

Exciting things are happening here at Madison County Animal Care and Control. We are creating a new environment for our animals, the communities we serve and as you can see we are starting a newsletter to share all that information with you, and soon we will have new logo.

Just to let you know some of the things we are doing — striving to become a “no kill” facility by 2021, which actually means saving at least 90 percent of all healthy and adoptable animals as we can; creating an Amazon Wish List to let everyone know what we need at the facility for our cats and dogs; and blankets for kittens we house until rescues are able to take them to be adopted.



We will also take donations for food and blankets at the shelter. Please come by and see us and see what we are doing. You can also make a donation to Amazon.

Animal Care and Control is also entering into a partnership with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Students will be volunteering time at the facility by helping staff clean cages, walking dogs and planting flowers outside the shelter. We are excited they will be helping our animals.

We are also announcing our new program, which is a pilot foster program for our cats and kittens. We believe this will be a huge help to our kittens as a way of preventing them from contracting illnesses at our facility. We are also in the process of bringing more rescues into our facility, which serves as a benefit for the animals in finding their “fur-ever” home faster. Currently our facility works with some local rescues — Metro East Humane Society, Partners for Pets, Hope Rescue, Hi and Four Paws Sake — and are appreciative for all that they do in making sure healthy animals are adopted.

Madison County is striving to create a better place for its homeless animals. We want to ensure both cats and dogs brought in get the chance they deserve. This is a new chapter and we hope you stay with us as we turn the page.

Katherine Conder
Animal Care and Control Manager

P.S. We will have a booth during Metro East Humane Society's Woof Stock on Sept. 8 at Triangle H Farm, 2082 S. Moreland Road, Edwardsville.



A little *Birdie* who likes to **Keep in TOUCH**

Name: Birdie Age: 6

Breed: Portuguese Waterdog

Occupation: Touch Therapy

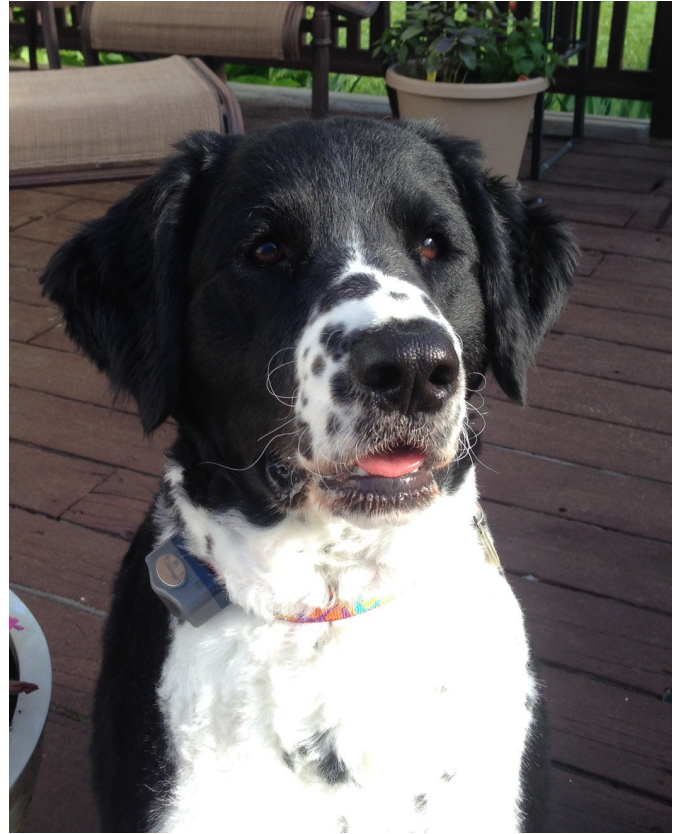
Owner: Toni Corona, Director Madison
County Health Department

Favorite Food: Rawhide bones U.S.A.
made and an occasional sock

Favorite Place: On back of the sofa

Squeaky or bouncy? Definitely bouncy. I
like playng fetch.

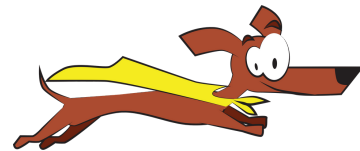
It's Friday night what are your plans?
Hang out on the corner waiting for the
school bus so I can say "hello" to the
neighborhood kids. Greeting all the
walkers and my dog friends and watching
my person do yardwork.



When you hear "go for a ride" what comes to mind? I go over to get my collar changed. We have an invisible fence so I need the one I can go places in. I then jump in the car and sit in my spot in the backseat. As long as Toni will drive I will go.

Guilty Pleasure: I love swimming and being in the water. I like getting a bath then getting primped to go to work

Any Special Talents? I can rollover. Also when I wear a special cape I turn into a "superdog!" I become a different dog, one that helps people by comforting them



What's something annoying that your person does? She talks on the phone when its my time. I mean she goes to work and talks to people, I'm sure on the phone too, but when she comes home it should be about me. When she does this I bark to annoy her, because I know it gets her attention and it reminds her she should be spending it with me.



Autumn is Tick, Tick, Ticking Closer

There's nothing like the crisp, cool air and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming a break from summer's hot, sticky weather. But fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends.

Unless you live anywhere but in the middle of a concrete jungle you will have concerns with finding ticks. Ticks — deer ticks, dog ticks, and other varieties—can

spread disease to both you and your pet.

Although tick nymphs peak in the spring months, the number of adult deer ticks is higher in the fall than it is during any other part of the year. Deer ticks are the ticks that are responsible for spreading Lyme disease—which can be just as much of a danger for you as it is for your pet.

If you're worried you might have a tick problem, there are several things you can

do to help.

A tick and flea preventative will help keep the bugs away, but if you don't choose to use them, consider paying more attention to your lawn care. Ticks prefer to live in long grass, so giving your lawn a good manicure, and keeping your pets confined, can help keep your tick problem under control.



When Disaster Strikes: Plan for Pets

Are you prepared for a disaster or emergency? Does your plan include your pets?

September is National Preparedness Month, which includes preparing for your pets needs too.

Here are a few simple steps to save your pet.

- Most shelters cannot accept pets due to health and safety concerns. Learn how to seek out animal friendly shelters in advance.
- Keep copies of your pet's medical records. Pet friendly shelters require up-to-date records.



- Federal Law requires states to include planning for domesticated animals in their emergency evacuation plans. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 U.S. Congress enacted the *Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act* when people refused to leave their pets behind.
- Make sure to get your pet microchipped. If your pet becomes lost or you get separated then the success of finding them is greater

- Pack your pets disaster and first aid kits. Make sure to pack a leash or harness, cat carrier, an extra collar labeled with your pets name, first aid kit, plastic bowl, cat litter (which can be kept inside the car carrier), at least five days of spare medication and several gallons of water and food to last for a minimum of three days.

Visit www.ready.gov to learn more or Madison County Emergency Management.



RESCUE ME



Click on the logo to visit a rescue's website



Giving Thanks

The task of moving toward a “no-kill” animal control facility is not an easy one. There are many who feel it is not an important task. I don’t agree.

Since becoming chairman it’s been my “pet project” in making sure healthy and treatable animals brought into Madison County Animal Care and Control find a permanent home. We are closer than ever to reaching our goal of a 90 percent save rate for both dogs and cats, but we wouldn’t be able to get there without the help of rescue groups and organizations throughout the county.

Countless individuals dedicate their time to the unwanted pets that end up at our facility. They remove them from our facility and find them loving homes.

The majority of animals that now enter our shelter are walking out alive. I am grateful for all the rescues do and I want to say thank you!

Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board

Animal Control

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

EVENTS



Woofstock

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Triangle H Farm,
2082 S. Moreland Road
Edwardsville



**Madison County Animal Care & Control will be holding a Microchip Clinic at Woofstock.*



Dine to Donate at Mike Shannon's Grill for Partners for Pets

4 to 9 p.m.,
871 S. Arbon Vitae
Edwardsville



You Down Dog?
Find out more @
fouryogaandwellness.com
\$5 minimum donation benefits
Highland Animal Shelter



Strut your Mutt

8 a.m. to noon
Best Friends Animal Society
Tower Grove Park
4256 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis



Miles for Meso 5K Race/3K Fun Run/Walk Adoption Event

Hope Rescues
8 to 11 a.m.
1 Court St.
Alton



Pawty in the Pawk

Metro East Humane Society
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
itRandall D. Dalton Veteran's
Memorial Park
Pontoon Beach



Critterfest

noon to 4 p.m.
Granite City APA
Wilson Park
2900 Benton Street
Granite City



Canine Carnival

8 a.m. to noon
Alton Farmers' & Artisans Market
10 a.m. — Pet Parade
10:30 a.m. — Costume Contest





Fostering Felines

animal control staff doesn't have the time to spend with them.

"Fostering helps to prevent animals from getting sick," she said.

Kitten season has arrived in Madison County. Kitten season is typically from late March to October, and during that time hundreds of kittens less than eight weeks old are brought into Animal Care and Control.

Cats and kittens far outnumber the canines taken in by the county facility. Finding homes for this animals is important. Several rescues pull the animals for adoption, but sometimes their facilities are full and the cats and kittens must be kept at the county longer than expected.

"We're currently looking for caregivers and volunteers to help us take care of kittens and cats," Katherine Conder, manager of Animal Care and Control, said.

Instead of keeping the cats and kittens in kennels, Conder said they are asking for volunteers to foster the animals until they can be adopted.

Why does a cat go into a foster home? Cats are spayed and neutered at the time of adoption. Many of the kittens come into the shelter are too young to be altered, and the younger they are more susceptible to illnesses. Any kitten can go into a foster home until reaching the weight and age to be altered and adopted.

Older cats that are surrendered to the shelter that have lived in a loving home will often become depressed and stop eating. Cats need socialization and

She said there is one volunteer for the new program.

"She served on the board of Metro East Humane Society and was founding member of SNIP Alliance. She enjoys taking care of animals and providing them with a loving home," she said.

Anyone wishing to know more about the new foster program should contact Animal Control or visit the county's website and fill out an application.

"Fostering is done by people who have a little extra space in their home and heart to temporarily care for a pet," she said.



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