



Madison County to hold Pet Fair for seniors



Area organizations are coming together in June to host a Pet Fair for senior citizens.

Madison County TRIAD and Madison County Animal Care and Control are joining to put on the event that will include animal rescue groups, non-profits and vendors. The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 29 at the Madison County Wood River Facility (former Wood River Township Hospital), 101 Edwardsville Road.

Madison County Sheriff's Department Lt. Kris Tharp said TRIAD and its partners recognize the importance of providing resources to the community and ensuring senior pet owners are able to provide for their animals.

"It is important to remember that many of our senior citizens are living on fixed incomes and they sometimes struggle with acquiring some of the basic necessities required for pet ownership," Tharp said. "Although we are targeting our senior citizen's in the area who may struggle with getting their pet basic medical attention, food and accessories, it is important to note this event is open to all ages and free of charge."

The fair will host different agencies and vendors that will provide information to pet owners. Animal Care and Control will offer rabies vaccinations for \$10 and microchipping for \$15.

Those attending the fair will include: Catty Shack of Hamel; The Dogs House of Edwardsville,; Got Your Six Therapy Dog of Collinsville;, Unleased of Troy; Whisker Bones of Edwardsville; Jays Dog Service; Metro East Humane Society of Edwardsville; Riverbend Pet Food Pantry of Godfrey; and SNIP Alliance.

Both dogs and cats will be available for adoption. The event will also include pet retail and bakery items as well as games for those who bring their pets including a dog pie eating contest.

Animal Care and Control Manager Katherine Conder said there will be giveaways as well as a basket raffle. She said anyone wishing to donate can do so by contacting her at keconder@co.madison.il.us.

"It will be a fun day to enjoy our community, our pets, and our service providers who all make Madison County a wonderful place to live," Tharp said.



Animal Care & Control



While you may love the flash and fun of summer fireworks, your pet does not.

Fourth of July fireworks are anything but fun for pets. The loud noises can cause serious anxiety and stress in both cats and dogs. Take extra precautions this Independence Day, and all summer long, by following this expert advice to ease your pets' fears.

Leave your pet at home.

You might think that having Fido with you might help ease his stress, but the combination of unfamiliar surroundings plus the sound of fireworks is doubly scary. Also, if your pet is outdoors, he may well make a run for it, so keep him inside for the duration of any fireworks shows.

Tire your pet out.

The more tired a pet is, the calmer he'll be in the evening—and thus less bothered by the loud booms of fireworks. Be sure to take your dog out for an extralong walk on the morning of the Fourth, and factor in some extra playtime with your kitties.

Make a safe, secure space for your pet.

Before you leave for the evening's festivities, make sure to set up your pet in a safe, comfortable, calming space, like a bedroom or a crate. Keep windows and doors closed to prevent any potential escape, and make sure your pet has a cozy bed, his favorite toys and enough food and water to last throughout the night.

Create a distraction.

If you're home when fireworks are going off, redirect your pet's attention by throwing his favorite ball or another well-loved toy. Not only will you distract your pet, but you may help him associate the noise with something positive like play and attention.

"Soundproof" your space.

A little white noise can help block out the worst of the fireworks. Leave the television or radio on, or just turn on a fan to help sound-sensitive pets get through the evening.

Make sure your pet is ID'd.

This one is key—it's not a coincidence that missing pets cases spike between July 4 and 6. Dogs and cats can get so spooked by fireworks that they try to escape, and many succeed. Make sure you pet is micro-chipped so they can be returned. If your pet does run away, get the word out to animal control and surrounding.

Talk to your veterinarian.

If you have a particularly anxious pet, consult with your vet for further ideas.





SUMMERsafety tips Protect your pup



Never leave your dog in a car. All pet owners to "Look Before You Lock" to prevent accidentally leaving your pet behind. Add a little bit of body text



Apply sunscreen to your pet's ears and nose at least 30 minutes before going outside. Dogs with short hair, white fur, or pink skin are much more susceptible to sunburn.

Vehicle temperature

Outside °F	Inside °F	
	10 min	30 min
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
950	11/10	129°

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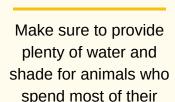
cracking windows or leaving your car in shade has very little effect on the car's internal temperature.

Overheating and heat stroke can cause irreversible organ damage and even death.



Avoid walks during the hottest part of the day.

Take your dog out early in the morning or in the evening.



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Dogs pant to eliminate heat, but excessive panting is a sign of being overheated.
Bright red gums and tongue also indicate heat exhaustion.

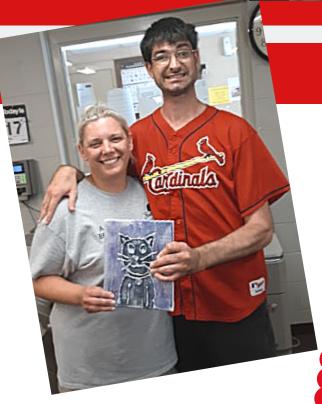


Fatigue or resistance to walk are also signs of overheating

THE CAT PACK

Artwork at Animal Control





Community members shared their gratitude for pets during Mental Health Month in May at Animal Care and Control.

Animal Control welcomed five artists from the Beverly Farm Foundation on May 17. Their works included paintings of cats and the artwork is now on permanent display at the county's shelter at 8501 State Route 143, Edwardsville.



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Summer is upon us and the warmer temperatures puts our pets at risk from pests and parasites. The most common disease carrying creatures are fleas, ticks, ear mites and mosquitos. Some of these parasites causes illnesses such as lyme disease and tapeworms.

Furthermore, the animal scratching in reaction to the parasite bite can often result in secondary infections. While not technically a parasites, mosquitoes carry one of the most devastating internal parasites—the heartworm.

Heartworms can infect both dogs and cats, but the symptoms and resulting treatment options differ significantly. However, in both cats and dogs, an undetected and untreated heartworm infection can ultimately lead to a painful death of the pet.

Treatments for all the diseases and parasites listed above are available at your local veterinarian. Rather than spend money on treatments after the infections, a far better and more affordable option is to pursue preventative measures first.

For external parasites like fleas and ticks, preventative treatments can take the form of topical applications to the skin or ingested chews. These preventatives may repel the parasites or kill any parasites that manage to bite your pet.

When it comes to preventing mosquito bites, the options are far more limited. Most common mosquito repellents found in the home for human protection are not safe for pets. While one might thinkmosquitoes can't get through a pet's fur — think again.

Your pet has plenty of exposed skin that can present an inviting location for a mosquito bite and preventative treatment against the heartworm parasite is important.

There are numerous heartworm prevention medicines available in chew form. Following your veterinarian's instruction, you simply give your pet the chew once a month to prevent a heartworm infection. It is critical that any heartworm preventative be administered precisely as scheduled as any missed doses can leave your pet susceptible to an infection.

Your veterinarian will administer a heartworm test at least once a year to confirm that no infection slipped past the treatments. One factor to consider is that treatments for dogs should never be given to cats and you should make your veterinarian aware if you have both dogs and cats living in your home so that the proper treatment can be prescribed.

With consistent preventative methods as prescribed by a veterinarian, chances are that your pet can live a lifetime without the irritating, costly and potentially deadly infections from fleas, ticks and mosquitoes.

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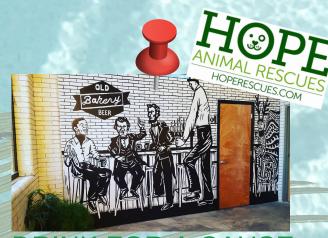
2nd & 4th Wednesday's throughout summer



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DRINK FOR A CAUSE July 15





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> SEPT 7, 2019 TRIANGLE H FARM 11 AM - 3 PM

FEATURING MUSIC FROM SPILLIE NELSON
DOG PARK PRESENTED BY
KENNELWOOD PET RESORTS
BIERGARTEN
KIDS CRAFTS & PONY RIDES
VIP PERKS

















Pawty

Greater St. Louis Area Shelter Slumber Pawty

Fundraising Kickoff: July 10

Slumber Pawty Date: Saturday, August 10 - Sunday, August 11 Time: 2pm - 2 pm

Fundraising goal: \$1000/person Overall Fundraising goal: \$225,000

It all started 2 years ago at the Gateway Pet Guardians shelter, when Program Director, Laura Nelson was tired of seeing her favorite shelter dog overlooked by adopters.

This dog required a unique adopter, but Laura was determined to find that person. She jokingly said, "I'm going to spend the night in this dog's kennel and Facebook Live it until someone adopts her." This created the genius idea of the Slumber Pawty.

GPG found 12 avid supporters who committed to raising \$1000 and spending 24 hours in a kennel with an assigned shelter pet. Participants have an entire month to raise the funds, which is really easy to do!

All participants will raise money through the A Mighty Cause platform, which conveniently tracks fundraising progress and offline donations in the form of checks and cash are easy to add. We will provide the copy you need for your fundraising page and all you need to do is enthusiastically share when you choose to raise funds for a no-kill.

When people see that you're committed to spending 24 hours in a kennel, they're eager to support your cause.

This event not only raises critical funds for the no-kill shelters, but with 24 hours of coverage from 15 participants, is an awesome opportunity for to reach new audiences.

The Greater St. Louis Area Slumber Pawty is a collaborative effort with 15 area no-kill shelters, so just imagine the impact it will have for shelter pets across the region!

Please join the 225 individuals who will make shelter life and rescue visible to the community!

Participants will receive a 2019 branded t-shirt designating your role as a participant to wear overnight with THE SNUGGLE IS REAL, an overnight bag stuffed with goodies provided by event sponsors and food will be provided.

Contact any of the participating no-kill shelters or Madison County Animal Care and Control for more details.















Doggie S'mores

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of carob chips or 1 tablespoon Dog biscuits of carob powder
- 1 cup of plain or Greek yogurt

Throw your carob chips into a bowl and melt over boiled water. If you're using carob powder, mix your powder directly into yogurt.

Dip one side of your doggie biscuit into the carob mixture and place onto a

Place another biscuit on top to make a sandwich and repeat.

Pop your tray into the freezer to harden and serve.





"Summertime is always the best of what might be." — Charles Bowden



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Wet and adult dry cat food needed at **Animal Care and** Control!





