



The Companion

Friends Forever Humane Society Newsletter



Friends Forever Humane Society

Freeport, IL

Fall 2012

Fostering: Volunteer mothers motherless animals

By Dolly Boland
FFHS Volunteer

On April 3, puppies were born. The Mother and one puppy died two days later. The three puppies went to Friends Forever Humane Society. I was called and was asked if I wanted to foster these puppies and with great joy I brought them home. They each weighed 9 ounces.

I named them Oreo, Skittles and Snickers

They all were very sick and I was worried they wouldn't make it.

I bottle-fed them every two hours 24/7 without missing a single feeding. Each of them ate about a tablespoon each of puppy formula.

When they were about 17-days-old, things started to get much better. The puppies started gaining weight and eating better. They started eating solid food, but it took them three days to get

used to it. My husband would take puppy food and grind it up real fine. Then, I would add formula to it..

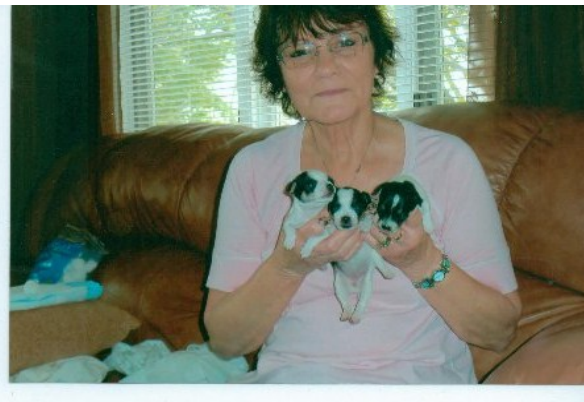
We would go to Friends Forever to get them weighed every few days and they kept getting bigger and bigger. By the time they were 4-weeks-old, they would go into the big kennel and romp and play. At that time, they were 11 ounces.

Day 44 was the first time they slept through the night. I really needed that rest.....Day 47 they started eating dry dog food and it not being crushed...

Oreo was the first one to find her forever home on June 19 she was 8-weeks-old.

Then, Skittles found his forever home on July 6, weighing in at just under 4 pounds. He was 12-weeks-old.

That was a sad day for me. I was getting very attached. I kept the last one (Snickers). She is one spoiled baby. But, I think they all deserve to be spoiled, because they all had such a rough start.



I am now off on another journey. I have a 3-year-old Shih-tzu that I am fostering. She has some issues that have to be addressed before she can be adopted. She is a sweet little dog that just needs someone to love her and be patient with her. I can't tell you how much I enjoy being a volunteer at FFHS. Everyone there is so nice and they take such good care of all the animals. I want to keep on doing what I am doing. I love it!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17th FFHS Annual Cookie Walk. Featuring our wonderful gift baskets, priced as marked and of course the Cookies at \$4.50 a lb. **The Cookie Walk will be held at the Eagle's Club in Freeport from 8AM to Noon.**

November 30th from 8pm until 11pm, we will again be Rocking and Rolling with Juke Box Rock and Roll at the Eagle's Club Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$14.00 at the door. We had such a great time at the event in July we wanted to do it again.

Dinner can be ordered off the Eagles menu from 6-8. *Ticket does not include dinner. Tickets are available for purchase at: The Shelter, 966 Rudy Rd, Carlson's Canine Camp, The Freeport Eagles Club and Cole's confectionary.*

December 1st Photos with Santa from 11am to 3pm at the Shelter, 966 Rudy Rd in Freeport. Katie Rupnow will again be our professional photographer. Last year everyone raved about the quality of the photos. The cost is \$10.00 for a 5x7 photo of your pet with their family if you choose.

January 23, 2013 at 6pm will be the FFHS Annual Meeting. Once again the meeting will take place at the Freeport Eagle's Club. Registration and information inside this issue!



Raise The Woof Raised Some Loot

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James of Raise The Woof poses with a new friend at Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary. Friends Forever Humane Society and Critter Camp worked together to bring a night of comedy to Freeport on Sept. 7.

By Diane Heeren Board Member

Early this summer Beth Randall from Critter Camp Exotic Pet sanctuary in German Valley brought it to my attention that there was a Canadian comedy group doing shows to benefit animal shelters. The group had never done a show in the U.S.A. so she contacted them. They were willing to make Freeport, IL their first American show if she could find two more venues nearby. Beth asked me if Friends Forever would like to partner. I brought it before the board and we decided to take it on. The fee for the group was reasonable, the Eagles Club would be willing to give us a room for the night and The Hampton Inn was willing to give us three rooms for the comedians to stay in. Beth and I started soliciting silent auction items. We were so thrilled with the re-

sults! Between the baskets already put together with wonderful items, we were given gift certificates and products. We had about 60 to 65 baskets and items. A 50/50 gave us a great total plus the winner donated her share back to Friends Forever.

The show was fantastic. The main comedian was from Canada, the two others were from Wisconsin and Chicago. Everyone had a great time. Some attendees took a little ribbing from the comedians, especially the young guys and the camo dressed board member's husband. We are considering doing the show next year. Please think about joining us. Laughter is definitely the best medicine!

A special thank you to Hampton Inn for the comedians rooms, Shary at Big Radio for the wonderful radio ads, Jane Lethlean for the wonderful article and The Eagles Club for the use of the room!



Manager's Letter

by Carol Falconer, FFHS Manager

Friends Forever seems to be one of the best kept secrets in town. Not just the shelter, but the dog park as well. So often people visiting the shelter make the same comment; "I didn't know an animal shelter was located here". "What a beautiful facility." I ask those people to spread the word. "Tell your family; tell your friends, tell your neighbors, ask your children to speak of the shelter during school." It amazes me how many local people come to the shelter for the first time with the same statement.

When I first started at FFHS very few adoption outings were taking place. Community events were increased by making calls and asking if we could hold an event with local stores. Now, FFHS is being approached to consider being included in planning for an event. FFHS has been present in many local events. This year, FFHS was personally invited to attend an event in

Rockford, IL which was limited to three shelters. This is a testament to the devotion and hard work not only the staff has done, but the volunteers also.

I also hear people say that they have filled out an application to be a volunteer and never been called... Don't be shy! Give us a call. It may simply have to do with the fact we never make it to an individual's name on the list. I am asked frequently what kind of volunteers I need at the shelter. My response is usually any kind.

However, here are some areas that we are always looking for help in: Dog walking, dog and cat socializing, kennel cleaning morning and afternoons, phone answering, lawn mowing and simple maintenance, fundraising, and special events.

We are growing, in the right way. We will be strong, with the help from others. We will help all the animals we possibly can.

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BUT THE DOG
PARK AS WELL.



Rummage Sale Raises More than \$5,000

I would like to take this time to once again thank all the **wonderful volunteers** for their hard work and dedication. The Rummage Sale once again, after expenses raised over \$5,000.00.

A special thanks to the Bakers we have certainly been blessed with the pies, cakes, cookies for our events. Humbly submitted by; Jami Nielsen (Fundraising Committee Chairman).

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON !!!!



Board President's Letter

By Doug Toepfer, FFHS Board President

I hope all of our members had a joyful and fulfilling summer. This summer has been eventful, rewarding, but at times disappointing for the society. Our staff and volunteers have worked harder than ever, dealing with extreme heat and drought, large intakes of animals, and a continued financial shortfall. I can't thank everyone enough for the continued commitment to our animals.

The disappointment came with the community campaign. We started a community campaign which unfortunately fell far short of its goal. With lessons learned, hopefully we can make the 2013 effort come in above expectations.

Several events have taken place over the summer with the Classic Car show being one of the most spectacular. Plans are already in place to repeat and expand on the show that we hosted this year.

As I write this article, the annual dinner is just around the corner, less than 3 months away. The board looks forward to seeing even more of the society members for the January meeting. The format will be similar to last year, culminating with the election of new board members. As always, finding new board members can prove to be challenging. We are looking for society members, preferably with previous board experience, willing to make a three year commitment to the organization. Those that are interested can contact the shelter and a member of the nominating committee will follow-up with you.

One of the last things I want to address, which seems to be old news, is the financial situation of Friends Forever. While many people have been personally affected by the economy, the shelter is no exception. Monetary donations are down and bequests are few and far between. You will see our wish list and holiday gift list in this addition of the newsletter. As always, your help is appreciated. If you or an organization you know are interested in having a food drive, or a donation drive, or organizing another type of local event to benefit Friends Forever, we would be happy to assist if at all possible.

I remember many years ago, a fundraiser was done for the boy scouts to put a pool at the local camp. It consisted of asking everyone that lived in the area serviced by the camp, to donate one dollar. That effort gave Canyon Camp its first pool in the late 1950's. Imagine what Friends Forever could accomplish today if everyone in Stephenson County donated just two or 3 dollars?

Thank you for all the continued support.



Emily
Female/Spayed
Domestic Short Hair/Mix

The President's Picks



Comfy
Male/Neutered
Domestic Short Hair/Mix



Here's Jeffy: Brightening Days

Hi, I'm Jeffy and I'm here to brighten your day. With my ever ready smile and little pink tongue, I will give you the best little doggy kisses you could ever imagine.

I think that's what helped get me and my family to a great place called Friends Forever Humane Society. Two nice ladies found us in a back yard in dirty crates. After some negotiating, my brother and I were taken to the shelter. It wasn't but a few days before mom and dad joined us. My mom is a Bichon and dad is a Maltese.

I am four years old now, but was only fourteen weeks when I went to my forever home with a nice man and his daughter. My name was changed from Cuddles to Jeffy. While I missed my brother, I did get a brand new sister, Carly, a Cocker Spaniel. She is five years older than me and puts me in my place when I get too rambunctious. She can't stop me, however, when I do the "Bichon Blitz". That's when I have a sudden burst of happiness and fly around in the house in circles like a buzzy bee. I go round and round until I collapse in a happy, panting heap.

Little did I know, in my puppyhood, that my human mom had picked me for a very special reason. She saw my potential to become a therapy dog. They say therapy dogs are born, not made, meaning that temperament is what counts around people of all ages. She thought I had what it takes. But first, I would have to get my education.

I was excited when I went to Puppy Kindergarten at Carlson's Canine Camp. I got to make a lot of new friends. I thought that all I needed to know I had learned in Kindergarten, but then I entered Beginning Obedience, where of all things, I met my brother, Cooper! He was happy in his new home and had caring parents, too. We are such lucky pups. Intermediate Obedience came next. It was here that I really showed what I was made of—much to mom's embarrassment. I was supposed to go directly from my teacher to mom when she called me. Well gosh, I didn't want to be

impolite, so I stopped along the way to greet my classmates and all the people sitting around the perimeter of the room before getting to mom. Next came my Therapy Dog training. Mom was a basket case, but on testing night, I passed with flying colors at the age of one year, one month (therapy dogs have to be at least one year old before they can be tested.)

While I do have an independent attitude at home, I love going on my visits. All my Mom has to say is, "Jeffy, do you want to go for a visit?" I know what that means and jump up to get my special therapy dog tag. I've visited the adults at Oakley Courts and Hawthorne Estates. They cuddle and hold me close as they tell me all about the dogs that they have had in their lives. They tell me I'm a good boy and even have treats to share!

My very favorite place is PAWS for Reading at the library. I really enjoy listening to the great stories the children read to me. I give them kisses and they pet my soft white fur and give me hugs. What a great deal! I also get to see my very best friends, Raven and Bobby. Yup—it's a dog's life and isn't it wonderful that God made humans for us to love and care for!

Owners: Frank Gonder & Judy



"I WILL GIVE
YOU THE BEST
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KISSES YOU
COULD EVER
IMAGINE."

— JEFFY.



Dollars and Sense by Terri Matthews, FFHS Treasurer

It is that time of year again, when we plan holiday parties, shop for Christmas and work on next year's budget. Ok, maybe everyone doesn't have budgeting on their to-do list, but the budget process is in full swing at FFHS. The first step in financial planning for next year is to look at this year's actuals and compare them to the year's budget to see what worked according to plan, and what didn't.

The 2012 Year to Date financials, are included in the newsletter, so I won't go into detail here. The Bottom line shows we are operating at a loss of 11,114.34. The number includes YTD depreciation of 13379.04. Depreciation isn't actual money; it just shows the loss of value on our building etc., due to aging. When we take depreciation from the numbers, we actually have a profit of 2,264.70 so far this year. The budget for 2012 was created to accomplish two goals. When you compare the budget to the actuals for the year, we are on track to make one of the goals, but not both.

The first goal was to not spend more than we made. If we have a good holiday season, we will accomplish this. The months of November and December are historically our biggest donation months. This is good, as we need those donations to cover the expenses in the 4th quarter, and to have enough excess cash at the end of the year so we can pay bills until the Chili supper in early March.

The second goal was to put \$20,000 into the investments by the end of the year. In the first 2 quarters we put \$10,000 into the investments, but have had to take that amount out

to pay the bills in the 3rd quarter, October and early November, so unless we receive an unforeseen windfall, we will not make this goal. The \$20,000 was to raise our investments so we could pass the financial viability test in the upcoming audit in early 2013. The good news is that our investments themselves have risen in value \$12,500.68 this year. We will need to wait for the audit to see if this is enough to help us pass the year and a day test, but it certainly will help.

The first goal was the really important one. We haven't been able to make more than we've spent in the last 6 years, and making up the shortage each year is how our investments have dwindled to their present level. Putting money back into our investments was our stretch goal. We probably won't make that, but it was a long shot to start with. If we can come out with income above expenses this year, then we will be on a firmer footing for the year ahead.

We wouldn't be as close to making our 1st goal without your continued support. Your gifts of money, supplies, and time are what keep the Humane Society functioning, so the animals can be cared for as they deserve. As you go into the holiday, please keep the dogs and cats in mind, and continue to be as generous as in years past, and they will have a good holiday and a hopeful 2013.

Here is wishing that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT HELPS
CONTINUE FFHS'
59 YEAR
COMMITMENT TO
CARING FOR NEEDY
ANIMALS. THANK
YOU.



Just one of the cool cars featured at the first annual Friends Forever Humane Society Ricky M, Dog and Pony Car Show held in Friends Forever Humane Society's dog park. People enjoyed classic cars, shelter tours, good music and great food.



09/30/2012
Cash Basis

Friends Forever Humane Society
Profit & Loss
3rd Quarter 2012
Year to Date

	<u>Jan - Sept 12</u>
Income	
Fund Raising, net of expenses	42,746.45
Program Income (animal related)	40,194.52
Memberships	6,275.00
Bequests	14,000.00
Memorials	7,348.74
Contributions	28,543.65
Gifts in Kind	0.00
Grants	0.00
Gift Shop	4,023.38
Net Investment Income	12,500.68
Total Income	<u><u>155,632.42</u></u>
Expenses	
Salaries and other wages	87,305.67
Payroll and other taxes	10,431.35
Advertising and Marketing	178.99
Auto Expense	692.76
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
Equipment Purchases	453.59
Filing Fees	0.00
Insurance	4,288.02
Liscense and Permits	150.00
Office Expense	1,123.18
Postage	26.40
Printing	1,360.00
Professional Fees	4,925.00
Mainenance Supplies	1,562.46
Repair & Maintenance	625.52
Telephone	1,750.88
Utilities	12,356.87
Veterinary fees	13,101.67
Spay/Neuter Program	1,632.00
Dog Park Expenses	939.47
Adoption Refunds	270.00
Animal Food & Supplies	3,556.36
Gift Shop	3,175.84
Travel & Education	0.00
Miscellaneous	261.48
Board Expenses	3,200.18
Depreciation	13,379.04
Total Expenses	<u>166,746.73</u>



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10/21/12
Cash Basis

Friends Forever Humane Society
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2012

	<u>Sep 30, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10400 · State Bank CD (2)	53,193.28
10100 · State Bank Checking	5,142.62
10600 · Investment Portfolio @ FMV	
10602 · Restricted Funds	7,103.46
10601 · Investments	126,595.95
Total 10600 · Investment Portfolio @ FMV	<u>133,699.41</u>
10300 · Money Market Account	
10310 · Money Market - Investments	13,019.11
10320 · Money Market - Restricted	
10321 · MM Other Restricted Funds	300.00
10323 · MM Low Cost Spay & Neuter	308.40
Total 10320 · Money Market - Restricted	<u>608.40</u>
Total 10300 · Money Market Account	<u>13,627.51</u>
Total Checking/Savings	205,662.82
Accounts Receivable	
12000 · Accounts Receivable	-305.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-305.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
12300 · Cash on Hand	100.00
12500 · Savings Bonds	
12510 · Savings Bonds - Investment	1,949.20
12520 · Saving Bond - Restricted Funds	2,910.00
12530 · Saving Bond - Perm Endowment	655.00
Total 12500 · Savings Bonds	<u>5,514.20</u>
12700 · Undeposited Funds	2,729.01
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8,343.21</u>
Total Current Assets	213,701.03
Fixed Assets	
16010 · Dog Park	45,947.04
16020 · Building	269,555.00
16030 · Building Improvement	190,398.98
16040 · Furniture & Equipment	31,740.04
16050 · Land Improvement	51,453.15



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10/21/12
Cash Basis

Friends Forever Humane Society
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2012

	<u>Sep 30, 12</u>
16000 · Land	53,000.00
16060 · Shelter Equipment	68,393.82
16070 · Vehicle	11,524.44
16500 · Accumulated Depreciation	
16510 · A/D Dog Park	-20,325.10
16520 · A/D Building	-79,174.14
16530 · A/D Building Improvement	-52,090.84
16540 · A/D Furniture & Equipment	-31,740.04
16550 · A/D Land Improvement	-21,732.86
16560 · A/D Shelter Equipment	-55,992.42
16570 · A/D Vehicle	-11,524.44
Total 16500 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-272,579.84</u>
 Total Fixed Assets	 <u>449,432.63</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>663,133.66</u></u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	-132.69
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-132.69</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
20400 · Line of Credit	17,500.00
20100 · IL Sales Tax	297.50
20101 · Fica & Fed Wh Tax Payable	2,946.25
20102 · IL State Wh Payable	536.27
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>21,280.02</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>21,147.33</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>21,147.33</u>
 Equity	
29002 · Perm Restricted - Endowment	655.00
29001 · Temporarily Restricted	12,623.84
29000 · Unrestricted - Operating	639,821.83
Net Income	-11,114.34
Total Equity	<u>641,986.33</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>663,133.66</u></u>



In Memory

**In Memory of Diana,
my soul mate
and our beloved and not
forgotten Misty & Corky**
Ted & Linda Kowalczyk

**In Honor of our beloved cats
Buddy, Holly & Sandy**
Carole Andres

In Memory of Robert Folk
Phil & Liana Collalti

**In Memory of
Sharon Heitzman**
Richard & Sandra
Engels

In Memory of Queenie
Paul & Norma Meier

**In Honor of our
Sheltie Izzy Pooh**
Royce & Janet Piefer

**In Memory of
Frisky, Sissy, Mae & Mitzi**
Phyllis Schriener

**In Memory of Ruby,
Jan Carlson's &
Lisa Kenney's dog**
Janey Morse
Beth Street
Jon & Pam Wolfe
E. Carole Dickerson

**In Recognition of
Marian Laible**
Laurie Broughton

**In Honor of Gerald Heeren's
60th Birthday**
Arlen & Diane Heeren

In Memory of Josie
George & Joanne Modica

In Memory of Cob a Black Lab
Scott Lillie

In Memory of Eleanor Becker
Karen Dunbar

In Memory of My Husband
Barbara Johnson

**In Memory of
Charlotte Pearson**
Dory DeFrane
Linda Layton

In Recognition of Callie
Eleanor Lehman

In Memory of Jason Veer
Arlen & Diane Heeren

**In Honor of Jerry & Lois
Heeren's Anniversary**
Arlen & Diane Heeren

In Honor of Coconut
Marilyn Janssen

**In Memory of Alfreda Bach,
Dan Steele and Nick Bach**
Patricia Steele

In Honor of Domino
Patricia Steele

**In Memory of
Kathleen Dilworth**
Diane Bradford
Harry & Vera Sullivan
Cathryn Hartman Lydon

**In Honor of
Barb Weckerly's Birthday**
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Kendall & Beverly Knautz
Carol & Fred Redmore
Neil & Sharon Rouse
Mary Stith
Barb Weckerly

In Memory of Jack Earhart
Marie Earhart

**In Memory of Bob 'Mac'
McPherson and his dog,
Amber**
Robert & Mary Miller

**In Recognition of FFHS' ani-
mals**
Gerald & Ritarose
Polley

**In Memory of
Tony Cannova**
Carlson Dog Training Inc

In Honor of Jane Krug
Judith Shankland

**In Memory of
Spencer Atherton**
Jeff and the employees at
J.D's Pet Paradise

**In Honor of
Skietter and Snoop**
Harlan & Jean
Koberstein

In Memory of Vianna Coomber
Arlen & Diane Heeren

**In Memory of
Angel - Beloved Dog**
Greg & Diane Lloyd

**In Memory of
Margaret Pedersen**
Alan Pedersen

**In Memory of Ben and Short-
cake**
David & Angela Snyders

In Memory of Carl & Missy
Dory DeFrane
**In Memory of George Protose-
vich (Pro)**
Thomas Currier

**In Honor of Dr. Thomas
Hughes**
Kathryn Ubben

In Memory of Cob
Scott Lillie

In Honor of Barb Weckerly
Mrs. Roger Loper

In Recognition of Milo
Dennis & Val Hillman

In Memory of Ester Vogelei
Marshall & Lorraine Frautschy
Rigmore Katel
Dr. & Mrs. Wilkin D.D.S.

In Honor of Cheri Frisbee
Freeport Family Chiropractic

In Memory of John
Lilas Portner

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ONES – FURRY OR

OTHERWISE—WITH A

MONETARY GIFT.

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MEMORY ALIVE!



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DONATION OF TIME,

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SUPPLIES. EVERY

BIT HELPS!



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*“It is all
about the
animals!”*

*Anna Cheeseman-
Life Member,
Friends Forever
Humane Society*

BECOMING A LIFE TIME MEMBER

BY ANNA CHEESEMAN

I have always loved animals. After coming to Freeport, I contacted the Friends Forever Humane Society and started volunteering. I found out what a great job they do. It is a wonderful facility.

Becoming a Life Time member meant contributing to the shelter toward their continuing work in caring for unwanted cats and dogs and adopting them out to loving homes. **It is all about the animals!**



Field trips fun, educational



DoBe, FFHS mascot, greets students arriving to visit Friends Forever Humane Society. It's part of our effort to educate kids about animals and safety. Activities included fun games too.

Excitement and anticipation electrified the air as 33 Second through Fourth grade students descended from their school bus to be greeted by "DoBe" the FFHS mascot. The children were participating in District 145's PAWS for Reading summer school program and had come to the shelter for a field trip.

During their visit, the eager students took part in two educational programs and a tour of the facility. FFHS Manager Carol Falconer presented the program, "Being a Responsible Pet Owner", assisted by Junior Mem-

ber, Allie Boland and Carol's dog, Hope. Judy Gonder presented "Safety Around Dogs", assisted by Junior Member, Emily Toepfer, while staff member, Sandy McGregory and volunteer, Donna McCourt took the students on a tour of the building and grounds. In between each session, the children played a Doggy Bone relay game.

From the starting line, each child tried to balance graduated sizes of dog bones on a fork while navigating a course to an awaiting dog bowl. They found it wasn't as easy as they thought it would be!

As the field trip

concluded, "DoBe" was joined by our cat mascot to give pencils and a Safety and Responsibility booklet to each child.

With many thank you's and a wealth of hugs for our mascots, the happy children boarded the bus for their return to school.

It should be noted that after their visit, their teacher said she had no trouble getting the children motivated to write thank you notes.

"THE CHILDREN
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FILL OUR BASKETS, FILL OUR HEARTS

This year FFHS will again be asking for help in filling our Holiday Wish List baskets. A gift from the heart is one of the best gifts that can be shared over the holidays.

FFHS will have special boxes and baskets by our tree waiting for donations. Not sure what to give? We will also have a place for monetary donations as well.

Check out our Holiday Wish List below!

Purina Dog and Puppy Chow

Purina Cat and Kitten Food

Interactive Dog Toys

Cat Toys

Kuranda Dog and Cat Beds (Visit Kuranda.com for more information)

Leashes and Collars

Dog and Cat Treats

Clay Kitty Litter

Kongs (various sizes)

Peanut Butter

Hotdogs (no buns ☺)

*Gift Cards from Farm & Fleet,
Home Hardware, Menards, Staples,
and Wal-Mart*

HE Laundry Soap

Dishwasher Soap

Blankets

Printer/Copier Paper

Cannon Ink Cartridges (220 and 221)

*Garbage Bags –33, 39, and lawn &
leaf bags*

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Dish Soap

Bleach

All the above mentioned items either directly or indirectly help in providing a safe, clean and caring environment for our animals.



Furry friends receive blessings at FFHS

**By Judy Gonder
FFHS Board Member**

On Saturday, October 6, FFHS invited the community to bring their beloved pets to the shelter for the Blessing of the Animals.

On the beautiful autumn morning, amid a backdrop of a statue of St. Francis and potted plants, Father Camacho conducted a moving service to bless the dogs and cats that had gathered. Several in attendance brought pictures and reminders of their pets that had passed on.

In the afternoon, Pastor Michalsen came

to bless the shelter, our staff and the beloved dogs and cats in our care. When Pastor Michalsen began the blessing, the barking dogs in the kennels became absolutely still and remained quiet throughout the service.

Our pets are truly a blessing in so many ways. It was an honor to recognize the significance of these special gifts from God in our lives.

We thank Father Camacho and Pastor Michalsen for sharing their love for animals through these meaningful services.



FRIENDS FOREVER HUMANE SOCIETY 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors cordially invites all FFHS members to the 2013 Annual Dinner and Meeting to be held at the Freeport Eagles Club on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, doors will open at 5:45 pm.

Dinner will be served buffet style, beginning at 6:15 pm. Anyone interested in purchasing dinner will be asked to buy a ticket. All members who purchase tickets prior to January 13th will be eligible for an Early Bird Drawing. Tickets can be purchased at the door; however, RSVP's are appreciated for the caterer.

The business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and include a review of the 2012 year and elections for expiring board positions.

During the dinner and program, a silent auction will be ongoing with winners announced following the board election.

Please RSVP using the form below. We look forward to seeing you there!

If attending, please send response to FFHS, 966 W. Rudy Rd., Freeport, IL 61032 on or before January 13, 2013.

Those purchasing their dinner tickets prior to January 13, 2013 will be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing.

- ☐ I will be attending both the dinner and meeting. Enclosed is my payment for ____ tickets @ \$16.00 each.
- ☐ I am unable to attend the dinner; however, I will be attending the business meeting.
- ☐ I am unable to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting and Dinner; however, I am enclosing a donation for Friends Forever Humane Society. Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ Check here if you require a vegetarian option.



There is Always a Need at FFHS

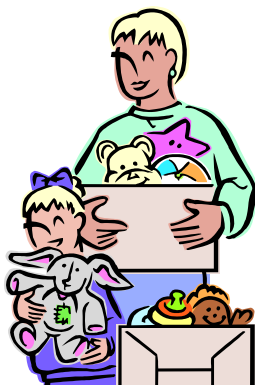
Giving for the Future

Planned Gifts

These are gifts given through wills, life insurance, pooled income funds and charitable trusts. Give them with the satisfaction of knowing you are helping others and have the added benefit of a possible tax savings.

Bequests

You can name the Friends Forever Humane Society as a beneficiary in your will. You're free to designate the bequest by a specific amount, a percentage or some other manner. By naming a charity in your will, you control your assets during your lifetime and can reduce the death tax calculation on your estate. Contact us for more information about how to make a bequest



FFHS Year Round Wish List



Donations are always welcome. There are some items we use daily and others we would love to have for the safety and security of our staff, visitors and animals.

Often, the staff identifies projects that would be helpful, but unfortunately the budget doesn't allow for them. Some of these projects have been includ-

ed on our wish list.

If you have questions about the wish, please contact the shelter.

Daily Use Items

- ◆ Purina Dog and Puppy Chow
- ◆ Purina Cat and Kitten Chow
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Double Pocket Folders
- ◆ HE Laundry Soap
- ◆ Garbage bags (large and small)

- ◆ Copy Paper

- ◆ Gift Cards from Staples, Menards, Farm and Fleet and Home Hardware.

Special Items

- ◆ 6x6 Treated Posts 8' long
- ◆ Security Camera Project
- ◆ Picnic Tables
- ◆ Benches for the Dog Park
- ◆ Riding Lawn Mower Fund
- ◆ Large Dog Kennels



Junior Volunteers Make a Difference

Emily

By Emily Toepfer
Junior Member & FFHS Volunteer

Hi, I'm Emily Toepfer. I am a junior member and a volunteer. A lot of people ask me "what is a junior member?" Well a junior member learns many things, like how to be a responsible pet owner. The goal is to have a Junior Member Newsletter, have monthly meetings for the junior members where we can learn about taking care of our pets and the pets at the shelter, and even come up with ideas to raise money for the shelter. One of things that we talked about was having a day camp next summer where each day would be a new adventure in learning!

Our problem is we have only 3 members. We would love to have more! So we can start planning some activities. Also another way to learn lots more is

to become a volunteer at the shelter. There are so many things to do! You can help socialize animals, walk dogs, clean kennels and do events. It's a real privilege to volunteer out here, you learn so much.

Another good thing is the people who make this wonderful place the Friends Forever Humane Society, the awesome staff. They help you with everything you need to know or want to know and if you need help. The hardest thing about volunteering is getting attached to all the wonderful animals; you want to take everyone home! So if you're thinking about volunteering or becoming a junior member don't be shy!! We would love to have you...and so would the animals. ©

Allie

By Allie Boland
Junior Member & FFHS Volunteer

After adopting my little dog, Beanie, I became a Jr. Member and volunteer at Friends Forever Humane Society. I quickly learned that the staff, volunteers and board members all shared the same love for the animals at the shelter.

Being a Jr. member and volunteer has taught me how shelters are run and has been great "on the job training". I've learned about many job skills such as leadership, management, team work, customer satisfaction, public awareness and speaking in public. I

also learned the importance of caring, sharing, compassion, patience and understanding.

I've really liked being at the shelter this summer. I got to march in parades, tell school kids about my experience being a responsible dog owner, and work at the fundraisers. I've even gotten to walk dogs, socialize the dogs and cats, give them baths and help with the cleaning jobs in the shelter.

It takes a lot of hard work and sacrifice by the staff, board members and volunteers to get to the happy endings. It's about pets finding the right people and the right people finding the right pet. I'm so glad I can help the animals.



Snickers....a Friends Forever Alumni!

The Rainbow Bridge

inspired by a Norse legend

By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill,
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.
Where the friends of man and woman do run,
When their time on earth is over and done.

For here, between this world and the next,
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.
On this golden land, they wait and they play,
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,
For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness.
Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,
Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued.

They romp through the grass, without even a care,
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.
All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,
Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just at that instant, their eyes have met;
Together again, both person and pet.
So they run to each other, these friends from long past,
The time of their parting is over at last.

The sadness they felt while they were apart,
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.
They embrace with a love that will last forever,
And then, side-by-side, they cross over... together.



*In Memory of Buddy
and all those animals
that have crossed the
bridge.*





Needing Forever Homes



Zorra
Female/Spayed
Chihuahua/
Mix, Short
Coat



Shorty
Male/Neutered
Chihuahua/Mix, Short Coat
3 Years, 11 Months



Jelly Bean
Female/Spayed
Domestic Short Hair/Mix
1 Year, 2 Months



Topper
Male/Neutered
Retriever, Labrador/Mix
9 Months



Companie
Female/Spayed
Domestic Short Hair/Mix
3 Years



Darcy
Female/Spayed
Domestic Short Hair/Mix
1 Year, 3 Months

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All memberships renew one year from the date of inception. Have you renewed yours yet?
Yes! I wish to become a member of Friends Forever Humane Society.

New Membership Renewed Membership

- ☐ Lifetime \$1,500 (one-time fee)
12-month payment plan option
☐ Patron \$250 or more
☐ Couple \$60

- ☐ Individual \$40
☐ Senior (62 and over) \$25
☐ Person with Disabilities \$25

Membership dues enclosed \$

DONATIONS

I wish to make a donation!

Donation enclosed \$

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

I wish to make a gift

In memory of Gift amount \$

In honor of Gift amount \$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

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