



The Companion

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Friends Forever Humane Society Newsletter

2013: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF GIVING COMPANION ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE

Halloween is coming... but you don't need to be afraid to adopt a shelter dog!

OCTOBER IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH!

From purebred pooches to magnificent mutts, please consider a wonderful dog from Friends Forever during Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Some people are misinformed about shelter pets, thinking that they may be adopting "someone else's problem" or that dogs at a shelter are mostly rescued from abusive homes. Nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, the majority of dogs at Friends Forever are strays who somehow got separated from their families, or were voluntarily given up because of economic problems, a move, or because their owner has died or can't keep them even though they wish they could.

A recent poll commissioned by the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) confirms that individuals who adopt a dog from a shelter are much more likely to be happy with their experience than consumers who purchase a dog from a pet store.

Shelter dog adopters are also more likely than pet store dog owners to feel that the process through which they found their dog was honest and transparent, and they are twice as likely as pet store consumers to recommend the place where they got their new dog to a friend. The research even shows that dogs from shelters tend to require less veterinary care than those purchased from pet stores.

These are some great reasons to choose a shelter dog, but the best reason is a reciprocal one: you'll be giving a homeless pet the love they deserve, and you'll get all their love in return.

We want you to be happy with your new forever friend and can assist you in choosing wisely based on your lifestyle. We are also here to answer questions as you assimilate your new dog into your family – just give us a call.

So this Halloween season, whether you're looking for a specific breed or just a lovable hound, one that could fill a panda bear costume or one that would be better sized to fit in a pumpkin, we can help. Please be sure to visit Friends Forever when you're ready to add a dog or cat to your family!



CALENDAR

October 26 – Halloween Pet Costume Contest, 11:00 a.m. at Friends Forever: Prizes, fun, and celebrity judges!

- Christie Nicks – Anchor, Eye Witness News Channel 39 FOX News
- Shary Gibson – Big Radio WFRL
- Jane Lethlean – Journal Standard
- Sheriff David Snyders – Stephenson County

November 23 – Annual Cookie Walk and Basket Sale, Eagles Club, Freeport

November 23 – FHN Holiday Gala: *CASINO LOYALE*, a festive evening of casino-style games from poker to roulette, wonderful food, music, dancing, and auction-shopping at the Masonic Temple in Freeport, with 10% of the proceeds benefitting Friends Forever. Watch for your invitation!

Board Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 5:30pm – FHN Memorial Hospital, lower level next to cafeteria

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY FALL!

It's hard to imagine that in just a few short weeks the holiday season will be upon us. As I type these thoughts, we have just finished up another fall rummage sale for the shelter. I want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their support. We had literally TONS of rummage items! Our turnout was about the same as always, which means that with all of the items we had we'll be able to "recycle" some for future events.

As volunteers worked tirelessly on Friday to unload, sort, and price load after load of rummage, a couple of them came up and reminded me that this is hard work for some of the more "experienced" retired folks. I looked around the room and realized that almost everyone in the group was retirement age and it made me even prouder to be associated

with such a dedicated group. It also made me realize that these experienced rummagers are going to reach a point where eight-hour, six-hour, or even three-hour days of rummage sorting and other physical volunteer work are going to be challenging. With that said, I will be asking the board to look at some of our activities and the people we depend on to make them happen. Hopefully we can continue to engage our experienced volunteers in the programs they look forward to and support them with new volunteers that can benefit from their wisdom.

As you will see in the treasurer's article, FFHS was the recipient of a wonderful bequest. Gifts of this nature are vital to all non-profit organizations and Friends Forever is no exception. One of the items

on my list for the last two years is to have a volunteer develop a planned giving program for the shelter. I am still hopeful that we can cultivate someone with the experience and insight to develop such a program for the society.

Lastly, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, the annual meeting will soon be upon us. The Board of Directors has developed an application for individuals interested in becoming board members. The qualifications for application are included in this newsletter. If you're interested, you can obtain an application from the shelter or the society website.

Thank you everyone for your continued support – enjoy autumn!

Doug

Pet Pointers!



Email your good ideas to newsletter editor Marilyn Smit at marilyn.smit@m45.com.

Do you have a scaredy cat?

Much is written about socializing puppies and dogs, but cats are very social creatures too, and their socialization needs should not be overlooked!

If your cat is only shy or fearful around visitors, chances are he or she didn't have much of an opportunity for socialization as a kitten. So, if you have a kitten, take that as good advice: make sure you provide frequent opportunities to meet as many new and different people as possible in a fun, comfortable setting.

However, even cats who were well socialized as kittens can be afraid of types of people they aren't around often, like children or people with glasses (if you don't wear them). Here's how you can help.

1. Rule out any medical reason. Like most animals, cats often try to hide or be alone if they don't feel well. If you notice any unusual physical or behavioral changes, see your vet right away.
2. Ask guests to let your cat approach them instead of them approaching him.
3. Have your guests sit so they will seem smaller.

Show your love for the animals – join the Friends Forever board!

Looking for an opportunity to help homeless pets and serve our community? Please consider becoming a board member at Friends Forever!

What does a Board Member do?

The Board of Directors works to ensure FFHS never loses sight of our mission and what it takes to be successful. As a FFHS volunteer, you can help your local animal shelter continue to thrive.

Qualifications

- Membership in good standing at Friends Forever Humane Society (for over 3 months)
- At least 18 years of age and bondable
- Commit to a minimum of one term (3 years)
- Able to devote an average of eight to ten hours per month to FFHS business
- Willing to attend planning sessions, training programs and shelter events
- Ability to work as a team member
- Not a relative or family member of or in a significant relationship with a FFHS employee

Expectations

- Attend monthly Board meetings and participate actively in Board decisions
- Chair and/or actively participate in one or more Board committees

- Promote and participate personally in Society fundraisers and special events
- Promote the recruitment of members and volunteers for the Society
- Learn as much as possible about the Society; get to know the staff of the Shelter

How do I apply for a Board position?

Applications are accepted year-round but must be submitted by November 1 for applicants to be considered at the annual meeting in January. Contact the Shelter to obtain an application at 815-232-6164 or download from our website at www.friendsforeverhs.org



4. Don't make a lot of noise when you're acquainting your cat with a visitor, and avoiding direct eye contact is also a good idea.
5. Try to get your cat to play or enjoy a treat as far away from visitors as necessary to make him comfortable. Gradually entice him closer with the same treats or toys and let your visitors toss them in her direction.
6. If you cat is hiding, try coaxing him out by rattling his food bag or opening a can of his food.
7. Try closing doors before visitors arrive so your cat can't hide in another room.
8. Provide plenty of perches for your cat, such as cat trees, shelves, or cat beds on top

of furniture – cats may prefer observing visitors from on high.

9. Never force your cat to get close to someone he's afraid of – that will only make him more afraid and could lead to unnecessary bites or scratches.
10. If nothing seems to work, talk with your vet about anti-anxiety medication or pet pheromone sprays, particularly if you have frequent visitors or your cat is especially fearful.

Cats have short attention spans, so don't get discouraged if these tips don't work right away. Just try again later. And if you're hosting a Halloween party or other gathering, don't

expect your shy kitty to join in the fun: set up a comfortable retreat for her in a quiet room with the door closed. Follow these tricks and in no time, your scaredy cat should be a treat to be around!

Friends share good ideas, and the Friends Forever newsletter is eager to hear yours! Do you have a tip about how to get your cat to take medication? A favorite game you invented to play with your pooch? The best formula ever for getting doggie smell off your sofa? We want to know about it! Send via email to newsletter editor Marilyn Smit at marilyn.smit@m45.com

Our first Adoption Event – a success!

All animal shelters have the same goal: finding forever homes for homeless pets. That being the case, I thought that it would be a great idea for area shelters to join together and work for that cause.

On August 3, Friends Forever hosted the first of what will hopefully be many future Adoption Events. “Leave the Shelter, Find a Home” was sponsored by J.H. Barkau & Sons – thank you so much!

Eight area shelters participated, bringing their adoptable animals and information about their organizations. Everyone who attended had a great time and is eager to participate again next year. A number of shelters could not attend this time but have told us they will get the next event on their calendars (short staff and not enough volunteers can make it hard for smaller shelters to attend without a good deal of advance planning).



A steady stream of potential adopters and information seekers enjoyed the event, including a sled dog demonstration and a dock dog demonstration, both bringing cooler pursuits to mind in the middle of a hot Illinois summer. A live DJ kept things hopping, and a cake walk was enjoyed by many. Lunch and snacks were available from Leo's Hot Dog Stand and the bake sale sold out.

It was rewarding to gather together on a beautiful day to share ideas, promote each shelter, and search together for homes for our animals. I was inspired, and I know our attendees and volunteers were too. I'm committed to help ensure that we can feel that way **every** day at Friends Forever!

Carol Falconer •
Friends Forever Shelter Manager





Donations

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Wish List

We appreciate all donations!
Here is our wish list, including both daily-use items and those we have included as special, larger donations that will add to the safety and security of our staff, visitors, and animals. If you have questions, please contact the shelter.

Daily Use: We ALWAYS need these Items!

- Purina Dog and Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat and Kitten Chow
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Double pocket folders
- High efficiency (HE) laundry soap
- Garbage bags (55, 39, and 13 gallon)
- Copy paper
- Gift cards from Staples, Menards, Farm & Fleet, Walmart and Home Hardware
- Clay cat litter
- Chew bones
- Treats
- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Glass cleaner

Shelter/Park Improvement and Maintenance Items

- 6x6 treated posts 8' long
- Security camera system
- Picnic tables
- Benches for the dog park
- Riding lawn mower
- Large dog kennels
- Grooming table
- Gator or similar UTV with dump box for park maintenance
- New(er) van or conversion vehicle

Special Request

We need to better insulate the ceilings and the attic to reduce heating and cooling costs, and have identified the following as the right product to meet our requirements:

- Menards item number 161-7940
- Price per roll = \$10.44
- R30 un-faced roll, 15" x 22' (27.5 sq ft)
- 50 rolls needed
- We would also be happy to receive Menards gift cards to use toward this purchase.

Know a veteran who could use a pal?

This Veterans' Day, take a cue from Washington, where Congress has passed legislation that directs the Department of Veteran Affairs to carry out a pilot program to train service dogs for veterans in need of therapeutic care for post-deployment mental health.

The Dog Training Therapy Act could lay the groundwork for a large-scale program that could benefit the hundreds of thousands of veterans suffering from PTSD without resorting to antipsychotics or other drugs. To learn more and add your name to a petition to ensure the program's success, go to <http://theveteranssite.greatergood.com/click ToGive/vet/petition/VetServiceDogs>

Friends Forever may have just the right companion for a local veteran of any age. Come visit us and find out!



Save Saturday, November 23 for fun and games at FHN's you place a bet on the power of pet therapy...and support



On Saturday, November 23 you can enjoy one of the biggest holiday parties in the area while supporting two wonderful pet efforts, FHN's new therapy dog program and Friends Forever!

It will come as no surprise to animal lovers that the benefits of pet therapy are well-documented. As a result, pets are also becoming integrated in mainstream traditional healthcare. In treating depression, for example, pets lend a strong therapeutic effect both in provider offices as well as at patients' homes. With depression directly affecting 10% of us every year (indirectly impacting up to 25% of a community), the human health value of a furry friend shouldn't be underestimated!

The annual FHN Festival of Trees Holiday Gala this year will raise funds for the first therapy dog program at FHN. All dogs in the program will be certified by accredited trainer Jan Carlson and Carlson Canine Camp. Proceeds will also benefit overall depression treatment ef-

forts, and 10% will be donated to Friends Forever!

The event this year has been dubbed *Casino Loyale* (with just a bit of a nod to James Bond 007). It'll be a great night of Vegas-quality casino-style games from poker to roulette, food, music, and silent auction shopping. Attendees from last year's casino event are still talking about it, so be sure you don't miss out!

As a supporter of Friends Forever, Carlson Canine Camp, or previous FHN Holiday Galas, you're receiving this issue of *The Companion* courtesy of FHN, and you'll soon be receiving an invitation to *Casino Loyale*. You can also buy tickets online at http://fhn.org/festivalofTrees/casino_loyale_purchase_tickets.asp.

So as man's – and woman's – best friend joins clinical practices from cancer treatment to psychological therapy, we hope you'll join us at this wonderful holiday event and support both the FHN therapy dog program and Friends Forever; start the holiday season right at FHN's *Casino Loyale*!

Beyond Words

FHN's Therapy Dog Program Sit. Stay. Heal.

Therapy dogs like those who will be part of FHN's Beyond Words Therapy Dog program are naturally interactive and provide relief during long days in healthcare settings, helping patients shift their focus away from discomfort or anxiety.

The animals' unconditional love and attention brighten everyone's day - patients, families, visitors, and staff alike. Among other benefits, medical research has shown that a visit from a therapy dog can initiate and sustain physiological signs of relaxation such as decreased blood pressure, heart rate, and respiratory rate as well as providing encouragement and lightening the environment in physical and/or emotional therapy and rehabilitation.

Each therapy dog team (dog and handler) will need to meet strict eligibility criteria and successfully complete a nationally standardized behavioral exam. Their services will be available throughout the hospital and other offices, and patients will be able to request a dog to be present for specific times or treatments, such as chemotherapy sessions, a patient's

Casino Loyale as t Friends Forever!

og Program

birthday, or even just to make a young-
ster feel better about getting a shot.

More details will be available at www.fhn.org as the program is finalized, and
dog owners interested in becoming part
of the program are very welcome. Thank
you for your support of the FHN Beyond
Words Therapy Dog Program at the FHN
Casino Loyale Holiday Gala!

Sit. Stay. Heal.



Jan Carlson, owner of Carlson Canine Camp and certified
therapy dog trainer and examiner, with two of the dogs she's
certified who will be part of the FHN therapy dog program.



TREASURER'S LETTER

Generous Geraldine – thank you!

Last Month I received notification of a bequest left to us by Geraldine Trandel, a longtime supporter of Friends Forever who passed on earlier this year. The Board decided to use most of her last gift to put the Humane Society back on a firm financial footing by replacing the money taken out of the investments in 2013 to pay operating costs, and by funding the reserved funds from 2011 that were not kept aside at that time.

On the day I made those transfers I felt like we had just climbed out of a hole that we had been in since before I joined the board in September 2011. We have kept trying to fill in the hole when we could, only to have to turn around and dig it back out later. Having it totally filled in means we can turn all of our attention and resources to caring for the animals.

I am confident that Geraldine would be pleased to see that her generous gift is instrumental in providing for the needs of our furry friends now and into the future. Without her love for the animals, it would have been difficult to fill in our financial hole while still providing for the animals in our care at the level we all expect.

Keeping ourselves from falling back into that hole will be an ongoing challenge. With the help of all of our friends and supporters, the Humane Society will be helping animals find forever homes for many years to come.

Terri Matthews, Treasurer • Friends Forever Humane Society

Please note that in order to help with newsletter costs, we have elected to discontinue publishing actual financials in the newsletter. However, these are always available to you by calling the shelter or emailing us at info@friendsforeverhs.org.



The best doctor in the world is the veterinarian.
He can't ask his patients what's the matter. *He's got to just know.* – Will Rogers

We're pleased to include an article from a Freeport-area vet in the Friends Forever newsletter!
Authors will change from issue to issue and will focus on a seasonal or other timely pet concern. Thank you, veterinarians!

Going to the vet doesn't have to be

SCARY

While some of my clients say their pet likes coming to my office – and we try hard to make that our standard – there are many who tell me their pet hates vet visits. I'm sure that every pet owner has heard (or told) at least one horror story about a stressful veterinary encounter. It doesn't have to be that way! Here are some ideas to make your trip to the vet a more pleasant experience.

Bring your pet “just for a visit.”

Whether or not you actually visit the vet, just bringing your pet to the office and allowing some sniffing and acclimatization time will help deliver the message that the vet's office doesn't have to trigger trauma. You're welcome any time – just stop by sometime when you and your pet are out for a drive!



Help desensitize your pet – continuously

Less-stressed vet visits are usually the result of good socialization and ongoing desensitization. For example, make sure your pet is comfortable being handled all over – check their teeth (or at least lift their lips), play with their paws, hold them on their backs in your arms if they're small enough. Look in their ears and lift their tails. If your pet seems anxious sometimes at home, like during storms, try a pheromone spray or a Thundershirt. If that works at home, use the same therapy when you're headed to the vet. If you would like suggestions for some “calming” treatments, just ask us!

Calm down before you come

That applies to both you AND your pet. Try to avoid squeezing a vet visit into an already-busy day. If you do, chances are that you haven't had any time to spend exercising or playing with your pet so they could already be itching for some

action, which won't make it easy for them to be calm and obedient. If you're stressed too, they'll definitely pick up on that vibe and it will only make it worse...for both of you. Try to spend at least a little time petting and playing before bustling pets into the car and heading off for the appointment.

Make the carrier a happy place

If you are bringing your pet in a carrier, don't let them make the association that getting into the carrier is only for going to places they may not enjoy. Leave it out at home where they can explore it, crawl into it, and even nap in it. A few treats to be discovered inside wouldn't hurt, or you could invent a game that involves getting in and out of it or playing around it.

Make the car a happy place too

Many pets don't spend much time in a vehicle much except for trips to the vet, so when they do have to be a passenger, they're already getting stressed out long before they arrive at the office – no wonder they don't like to “go for a ride!” While some pets never do like car trips, taking them on short rides or to places you know they'll enjoy can really help when it comes time to visit the vet.

Don't let the waiting room be “the room of doom”

Everything can go just fine the whole way to the vet's office and then chaos breaks out when you get into the waiting room. Why? It could be due to the combined effect of infrequent or unfamiliar surroundings all along the way to the vet. It could also be due to the other animals there, who may be ill (or just ill-tempered) – if you sense a confrontation in the making, go to the other side of the waiting room or even outside or back to your car. We'd rather come get you when we're ready for your appointment than create a reason for another one!

Maintain your sense of calm during the appointment

In addition to desensitizing your pet before the appointment, there are a couple of things that may help during the exam itself. Some pets are afraid of the scale, probably because its surface is different and it may be a little wobbly. Practice at home by having your pet stand on your bathroom scale or a low bench and rewarding with a treat when they stand quietly for



a few seconds. Another thing that can be scary is the exam table, high off the ground and probably equated with surfaces at home that are off limits. While you probably don't want to make it less scary by practicing with your kitchen counters or dining room table, it might help to bring something from home such as a towel or blanket to set your pet on for the examination. Or, just let me examine your pet on the floor – most of the time that is perfectly acceptable.

Like your vet

Animals are very perceptive. If you don't like your vet or find yourself getting stressed out during your pet's appointment and questioning or arguing with the vet – in front of your pet – your pet will get stressed out too from the anxiety in

your voice and your touch. Find a vet you like! Stop by to chat, without your pet, before you choose one, and once you're comfortable with your choice, make sure that you are as calm and positive as possible when you bring your pet for appointments. If you want to discuss your vet's recommendations, which is certainly always fine to do, consider doing that with your pet out of the exam room or over the phone.

Remember that we're here to help you and your pet – we don't want to be the haunted house of pet nightmares! We know what important members of the family pets can be, and we're honored when you choose us to be your pet's care provider. Give the tricks above a try, and we'll be sure that our treat jar is full and ready for your next visit!

Dr. Patrick J. Heitzman, DVM
Tender Loving Care Animal Hospital
1633 S Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032
815-235-1401



CHOOSE ME! HERE ARE TWO FABULOUS PETS READY TO BE YOUR FOREVER FRIENDS!

For more information on these and other wonderful adoptable pets, call the Shelter at 815-232-6164 or visit us at www.friendsforeverhs.org

ADDIE SFD (single female dog) – Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Or, in English, do you speak German? Never mind – it doesn't matter to me, even though I'm probably a purebred German Shorthaired Pointer. I mostly speak the language of love. I'm less than two years old and everyone I meet says I have the most beautiful, expressive eyes. I don't know about that, but I DO know that I have a super silky smooth chocolate coat, I like other animals, I'd never be aggressive, and I'm more than ready to meet my forever family. Stop by and say hi to me soon!



MISTY SFC (single female cat) – Would you like a companion who's a little more refined? I could be just right for you! I'm about six and a half years old so I'm not a kitten any more – I won't climb your curtains or knock over your knick knacks. But I will rub up against you for some ear scratching, and I'd love to keep your lap warm. And don't forget that cats can live to be over 20 years old, so I have a lot of years of love to give! I love to snuggle down in my cat bed at Friends Forever, but snuggling with you would be better. I've been here since 12/12/12 and I'd like to be remembering a new date soon – the date I go to my forever home. I hope you'll come meet me and let me purr my way into your heart



Help us meet the challenge!

As 2013 begins to wind down, please don't forget about the generous matching challenge for Friends Forever from Friends Forever Lifetime Members Jim and Sandy Dixon. They have pledged to match donations to the Shelter through the end of the year up to \$5,000. That means that when we have \$5,000 in donations, they'll give us another \$5,000!

As of 21 September,
we've received
\$2,158.45 of our
\$5,000 goal!

\$5,000

Please help us be sure that we are able to take advantage of this very generous challenge, which comes with no strings – we can use the funds we raise for whatever we need most. There is no minimum contribution needed to secure a match – anything you give will be matched by the Dixons. In addition to considering a contribution yourself, please pass this challenge along to your friends and family to help ensure that we hit our \$5,000



goal, which the Dixons will then turn into a total of \$10,000 for the Shelter.

Remember that to add to the fun, we've pitted dog lovers against cat lovers to see who can raise more. Of course, if you love both you can support both! (a tie would be OK!) Right now, the dogs are ahead by almost a 2 to 1 margin so come on, cat lovers – help even that score! We look forward to reporting the “winner” in this friendly competition.

“Sandy and I hope this moves others in the Freeport community to help with the financial shortfall at Friends Forever this year,” says Jim. “We believe that this facility is very important in the care of man's best friends, and we're happy to give. Let the match begin!”

Thank you...

To the generous people who've helped Friends Forever through memorials and donations. The following lists cover the timeframe from July 13 to September 21, 2013.

In Memory of...

Geraldine Trandel

Geraldine Trandel Trust

Nancy Franz

Bette-Jon Schrade

Chris Wilson

Cheryl Rice

Patty Sanderson

John & Trudi Rosazza

Laurel Anne Fitzsimmons

James Fitzsimmons

Beatrice Winkelmann

Pamela Livingston

George Koehler

Ronald Detjen

Magdalene Ostapik

Emmett & Terri Gray

Iris Sweet Mateika

Rock Valley Cat Club

Smokey Stevens

Barbara Schony

Coconut

Marilyn Janssen

Sydney (dog)

John & Kris Zajicak

Sophie, Beloved dog of Ann Kaser

Frederick and Nanette Mosher

Carole Dickerson's star, Stella

Marilyn Smit

Owen, Loving dog of Pam & Jon Wolfe,

Stuart, Oliver & Elly

Sandra & Eric Holtzscher

Bill & Norma McLenahan

Dave & Deane Thomas

Jon & Pam Wolfe

Zeus

Knollwood Estates

Maggie, Terry & Mary Brinkmeier's best friend

John Watkins

In Memory of Augusta

Marilyn Smit

Duffie, Kippy, Sam, Soxs, Heidi, Heiditoo and Buddy

Chery and Harold Book

NeNa-Siberian Husky

Audrey Hildebrand

Midnite

Jill & Mike Rohner

Boomer

John & Kris Zajicak

Beloved pets

Royce & Janet Piefer

Hawkeye

John & Kristine Zajicek

"Tooty" Jim and Betty's Beloved Cat

Jeanie & Stan Krok

In Honor of...

Jeanie and Stan Krok's Anniversary

Arnold and Betty Wood

Bandit

David & Angela Snyders

Anita Streckwald

Freeport Family Chiropractic

Sandra Cannova

Marsha Kerkhoff

Mom and Dad's Birthday (Jim and Betty Wood)

Jeanie & Stan Krok

"Rex" Scott Riddell

Patricia Riddell

"Sunny" 11 years old

Liz Spooner



Don't forget to buy your
FFHS 2014 Calendar!

These calendars feature photos of
area pets and are **just \$15.**

Stop by to get yours soon!

Friends Forever Board and Staff Board

Doug Toepfer – President
Karen Christen – Vice president
Pat Toth – Secretary
Terri Matthews – Treasurer
Diane Heeren
Melinda Kluge
Connie Larson
Rick Leininger
Brian Wheelock
Pam Wilson

Shelter

Carol Falconer – Manager

**Contact any of these
folks through the Shelter**

Email: petsrus966@hotmail.com

Phone: 815-232-6164

Friends Forever Humane Society

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Freeport, IL 61032

Phone: 815-232-6164
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MEMBERSHIPS

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)

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 \$ _____

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