



The Companion

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Friends Forever Humane Society Newsletter

2015: CELEBRATING 62 YEARS OF GIVING COMPANION ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE



Our overarching message in this issue is to thank the many individuals and organizations who contributed supplies, money, and time to help the three partnering organizations in the Heitter Road hoarding situation.

For those who may not know, together with the City of Freeport Animal Control and Stephenson County Animal Control (headed by Stephenson County Veterinarian Dr. William Condie of the Freeport Animal Hospital), Friends Forever assisted in the rescue of over 80 dogs from a rental property on Heitter Road just west of Freeport this spring. The dogs ranged in age from puppies to 14 years. According to Friends Forever Shelter Manager Carol Falconer, who assisted in the rescue, at least 50 dead cats and dogs were also found.

The public response to this situation was almost unbelievably heartwarming, as you will see in the list of donations and contributions listed in this newsletter – and we know that there were more than we have records for, too.

Having been finding homes for dogs and cats since 1953, we are proud to have been involved in this team effort. It's our mission to find homes for animals

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Interested in adopting a Heitter Road rescue dog?

At this time, all adoptions are being handled through Stephenson County Animal Control Warden Kristin Laue. Kristin plans to post photos of the dogs on Illinois and Wisconsin lost-dog Facebook pages to try to reunite any pets with their owners before the animals are made available. Interested individuals can pick up applications at Freeport Animal Hospital, 321 E. South St. in Freeport or email Kristin at klaue@co.stephenson.il.us Please direct questions to the Freeport Animal Hospital at (815) 232-4916.

CALENDAR

JUNE

All month

- Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

4 International Hug Your Cat Day

5-11 Pet Appreciation Week

6 Dog Park Work Day

12 World Pet Memorial Day

13 German Valley Days Parade, 1 p.m.

19-25 Animal Rights Awareness Week

24 Take Your Dog to Work Day

26-27 Cub Foods Brat Stand –

Join us for lunch and support FFHS!

JULY

All month

- Dog House Repairs Month

15 Pet Fire Safety Day

31 National Mutt Day

WFRL 1570AM **Talk of the Town** –
3rd Tuesdays, 12:30 PM

Board Meetings – 4th Wednesdays,
5:45 pm – Friends Forever Shelter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy summer everyone!

It was a pretty hectic Spring at Friends Forever and first and foremost I want to offer, on behalf of the board and staff, my heartfelt appreciation for the **outpouring of support** during the situation involving tens of dogs in rural Stephenson County. It was inspiring to see so many come together from all over the country to support Friends Forever and the Freeport and Stephenson County Animal Control departments. As I put words to paper, some of those dogs are already being adopted out through the county animal control office. As has been mentioned in previous news releases, the county has decided to handle all adoptions. Anyone interested can contact the Stephenson County Animal Control Office.

Several events have taken place since the last newsletter including our **annual Chili Day** and the **Raise the Woof Comedy Night** held with Critter Camp. There have also been several **adoption and information outings**, sharing our mission and animals. I encourage you to mark your calendar for our special events coming up over the summer such as the **Cub Food's Brat Stand**, **Stephenson County Fair**, and the **Dog and Pony Car Show** just to name a few.

This year the board is busy working on several behind the scenes projects as well. One of those projects is **volunteer training and coordination**. FFHS will be coming out with a new Volunteer Application soon and I encourage both old and new volunteers to update your

information. This time of year also brings the **need for outdoor volunteers** who are interested in helping to keep our large dog park looking great. Projects such as painting, weed whacking and pulling, mowing, and mulching are just some of the things that are a never ending job. In addition to dog park volunteers, we are still looking for a large wish list item: a gator or UTV. Doing work around the park, which includes lots of hauling, would be made so much easier for staff and volunteers with the addition of a little horse power.

Lastly, I invite everyone to **stop out and visit, take a tour or a walk around the park**. Thank you all for helping us fulfill our mission.

Doug



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THANK YOU!

who find themselves without one, and through the generosity of many individuals over the years, we have placed literally thousands of cats and dogs with loving families. While this hoarding story has brought the plight of these dogs to the public's attention, we also want to remind our readers and friends that we rescue animals every day, year after year, and we are always in need of contributions to continue that work.

The three organizations involved in this rescue are extremely grateful for the public response to the Heitter Road situation. All contributions are supporting their efforts as ongoing partners in rescuing and finding homes for lost, stray, or unwanted animals. THANK YOU!



Great teamwork, great people

I'd like to echo the common theme you've read throughout this newsletter:
working together allows us to accomplish so much.

Over the years, Friends Forever has worked hard to establish strong ties with many other animal rescue organizations, both in Stephenson County and throughout the Midwest. The quick response to the recent hoarding situation would not have been possible if those ties had not already been in place, and because they were, we were able to move fast as a team and rescue the large number of dogs involved without missing a beat. I cannot say enough about the commitment of Stephenson County Animal Control, headed by Stephenson County Veterinarian Dr. William Condie of the Freeport Animal Hospital, and the City of Freeport Animal Control. Together, I think we all exemplified what teamwork really means.

I also want to say that while we were removing the dogs who were alive and identifying those who were not, my faith in people was tested. It's hard to see how anyone could treat animals like that. However, my faith was quickly restored by the outpouring of generosity from so many people in and around our community. What a testimony to the fact that the good really DO outnumber the bad!

Thank you, everyone.

Carol Falconer

Friends Forever Shelter Manager

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The best doctor in the world is the veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what's the matter. *He's*

We're pleased to include an article from a Freeport-area vet in the Friends Forever newsletter! Authors will change from



Whether you're bringing home a new kitten from the Shelter or a dog rescued from a hoarding situation like the one on Heitter Road, "homecoming" is a great day for your pet. However, it can also be scary, confusing, and exhausting – for both of you. Early summer is "kitten time" at many shelters, when many are available for adoption, and it's also a great time to adopt a dog since housetraining may be easier for some during nicer weather. So, here are a few timely tips for making homecoming easier for everyone.

1. MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE IS PET-FRIENDLY. Especially with young animals, know that they are going to chew on whatever is available. While you can't remove everything in their path, identify obvious temptations and remove them at least temporarily. Try to think like they will – do you have houseplants that would be great for digging or chewing? Many can be poisonous or create tummy troubles, so best to just move everything out of reach if possible. Don't set your pet up

for scoldings either – if you don't want to risk making Aunt Nelly's vase the victim of pet playtime, just put it away for a while.

2. HAVE A PLACE RESERVED JUST FOR YOUR NEW PET. It's often a good idea to start small when introducing a new pet to your home, maybe just in a room or two until they get used to their new digs. Do you have a child-gate that you can use to close off sections of the house? If not, it's a good investment! Crate-training is a wonderful way to

help housetrain a new puppy or dog as well as being a safe, comforting spot just for them. There are many great resources on crate-training, from the internet to local trainers to your vet if you would like more information.

3. MAKE TIME TO BE WITH YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER. Try to arrange your schedule so that you are not dashing out the door as soon as you get your new bundle of joy home. You are their new family, and they need to get to know you! Adopting on a weekend or when you can arrange time to stay at home for a while is ideal.

4. TAKE A TOUR. For new kittens, accompany as they wander through your home and begin to get comfortable. For puppies, keep them on a leash and escort them around, and then take the opportunity to do the same thing on a walk outside in the yard and around the block. Make sure they know where food and water is, and for cats, point out the litter box. Allow plenty of time for sniffing as you go!

5. SAY HOWDY TO OTHER PETS. If you have other pets at home, the introduction process may take a little longer. The current pets already have their relationship arrangements all worked out, and here's a newcomer to toss it all up in the air! For both kittens and puppies, one of the best – and safest – ways to introduce them to an existing group of pets is as follows:

- For puppies and dogs, it's great to start with introductions on neutral territory, like a park or doggie daycare. Enlist a friend or trainer to have the new dog on a leash while you keep your current dog on a leash too. Let them meet each other and get acquainted for a while – taking a walk is a great option.
- On the way home in the car or in their first crate, give the newcomer a towel that they snuggle in, which will

transfer their scent to it. Do the same with existing pets. NOTE: if possible, don't bring the newcomer home at the same time as a current pet – being in the car is a lot of togetherness in a close space for animals who've just met.

- Before the newcomers meet the current residents “in person,” swap towels and allow time for the scents to be sniffed and understood by all.
- A crate is a great tool for keeping introductions safe and polite. Whenever you are not actually in the room with a new pet – and even when you are, if you're otherwise occupied – put the newcomer in a crate in the midst of the existing clan. The current pets and the newcomer can sniff

each other through the crate and get to know each other, and the newcomer will feel safe. A plastic crate works better for this than a wire crate, which can leave the pet inside feeling pretty exposed – if you must use a wire crate, toss a blanket over part of it to create a den at one end to which the newcomer can retreat.

- When all pets are out together, keep an eye on them but don't over-protect the newcomer – as long as everyone is getting along pretty well, an occasional growl or hiss is just part of the process of getting the new relationship patterns in place. Give them space to work it out (and for newcomers who are a first or only pet, STILL give them time to them-

selves; they have a lot of “processing” about their new home to do!).

If you have specific questions or concerns, your vet is a wonderful resource – just ask! Welcoming a new family is a special time for everyone involved, so also don't forget to capture it with photos....you won't believe how fast that puppy or kitten grows!

Dr. Patrick J. Heitzman, DVM
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Thank you...

To the generous people who've helped Friends Forever through memorials and donations.

The following lists cover the timeframe from mid-February to May 20, 2015.

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The Friends & Family of Joy Robinson

Patricia Schradermeier & her Cat, Smokey

Mike & Tazzy Christ

Audit/Financial UPDATE

The audit for 2014 has just been completed and it has gone very well. The final report will be delivered at the May board meeting. We ended 2014 in a stronger financial position than we've been in since 2011 and are currently in a positive cash flow situation, so here's to keeping that trend going for the remainder of 2015 and beyond!



Will you be a Friends Forever BFF?

Our Best Friends Forever (BFFs) commit to a monthly contribution to Friends Forever, automatically charged to a credit card or handled by check. If you choose to donate by credit card you don't ever need to do another thing!

Suggested monthly levels are \$10, \$17, \$33, and \$48, but you can designate any amount you wish and whatever level you choose, your contribution will help provide quality food, housing, and medical care for animals who through no fault of their own have found themselves waiting here for their forever homes!

Just go to www.friendsforeverhs.org and click on the BFF logo to sign up today, and we'll send you a BFF window cling that you can proudly display to show everyone how much you care. Thank you for remembering our furry friends by being their BEST friend!

These generous folks said YES!

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June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month!

We'd love to introduce you to all of the fine felines at Friends Forever! Like any other pet, choosing a cat requires thought, so here is a short list of things to think about.

- 1. Consider taking home two.** Cats require exercise, mental stimulation, and social interaction. Two cats can provide this for each other even when you're not around.
- 2. Find a cat whose personality fits yours.** We at Friends Forever can help you find the perfect feline friend – we're great matchmakers!
- 3. Have a veterinarian selected ahead of time** and schedule a visit within the first few days following the

adoption so you're sure to start out on a healthy note and get the proper medical records started.

- 4. Make sure everyone in the house is prepared** before you bring kitty home – pets are a family affair. When adopting a new cat with existing pets at home, our shelter staff can give you tips on how to make a proper introduction. Socialization is very important, but don't expect it to be successful immediately.
- 5. Make sure you've thought about the short- and long-term costs of a cat.** While it may not be a major part of your budget, any pet is a responsibility and there's a cost associated with that.

- 6. Be prepared** so that your new cat can start feeling at home right away, with a litter box, cat litter, food and water bowls, food, scratching posts, safe and stimulating toys, a comfy bed, and grooming tools.

- 7. Cat-proof your home.** Don't leave food on the counter – that could teach your new friend to jump up for a bite. Watch to ensure the kitten isn't chewing on electric cords, and pick up small items like paper clips or toy parts, which could be swallowed.

Please stop and visit anytime – we're ready to help you adopt your first cat, or bring home a friend for whoever might already be enjoying your home!

anonymous

My letter this time is short, but for a very good reason. I am leaving lots of room in this newsletter for the many, many contributions received recently.

A great number of these were in connection with the Heitter Road hoarding situation, and it has touched me greatly to see the way our community cares. When I say "community," I don't mean only our geographic community, but the community of animal-loving friends we have all around the country. Contributions came in from hundreds of miles away from

Freeport, all in the name of saving these dogs who needed to rely on "the kindness of strangers" to escape a potentially grim destiny. Thanks to all of you, mission accomplished!

I'd also like to take a moment this month to especially recognize Anonymous. Anonymous is a regular contributor to Friends Forever, and he/she makes a difference every month, every year. In the recent hoarding situation, Anonymous gave literally hundreds of dollars in supplies and cash, and did it without any

thought of thanks. I, however, would like to let Anonymous know that in this case and every other month of the year, we appreciate you.

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.

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, and thank you!

Daily Use

We ALWAYS need these items!

- Purina Dog & Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Double pocket folders
- Garbage bags (39 and 13 gallon)
- Gift cards for Staples, Menards, Farm & Fleet, Walmart and Home Hardware
- Clay cat litter
- Nylabones
- Treats

- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Scotch tape

Shelter/Park Improvement and Maintenance Items

- Kitchen-type brooms with soft nylon bristles
- Galvanized pails (5-7 quart)
- Grooming table
- Gator or similar UTV with dump box for park maintenance

Thank you!

Friends Forever Humane Society

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Homes Since 1953

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Yes! I wish to become a member of Friends Forever Humane Society.

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewed Membership

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☐ Patron \$250 or more

☐ Couple \$60

☐ Individual \$40

☐ Senior (62 and over) \$25

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In memory of _____ Gift amount \$ _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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