



## Friends Of Strays, Inc.

No-Kill Animal Shelter

July/August 2009

### Friends Of Strays

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### Upcoming Events

8/15 – Bark in the Park

8/21 – Lunch in the Park

8/22 – Cookout at Sullivan's

8/22 – Desserts at Hennepin  
Pig Roast

### Open Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday:

1:00 p. - 4:00 p.

Thursday: 1:00 p. - 4:00 p.

Friday: 1:00 p. - 3:00 p.

Saturday: 9:00 a. - 1:00 p.

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Or call 815-872-7387

for an appointment!

### Monthly Meeting

August 17, 6:30 p.m.

September 21, 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

### PetSmart Dates

#### East Peoria

September 21 through September 27

October 19 through October 25

#### Davenport

September 21 through October 8

#### Peoria

October 3 and October 4

## Kittens and Puppies Baby Shower

Each year, Friends of Strays hosts a Kitten and Puppy Baby Shower. These events generate essential donations of items like receiving blankets, Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR), cozy puppy

beds, and financial support to pay for the many things the Shelter uses to ready a kitten or puppy for adoption. Kittens and

puppies, especially orphaned babies and babies born to a mom cat or dog who has been malnourished, nearly always need nutritional support, medicines and special care. All will eventually require spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations.

This year, just since Mother's Day, the Shelter has taken on the responsibility to care for 15 puppies, 90 orphaned kittens, and 12 nursing mom cats and their combined total of 53 kittens. Of the nursing mom cats, 9 developed mastitis, a painful bacterial condition in the mammary glands requiring the kittens to be bottle-fed. All of

these new babies, the special needs of the moms and the huge influx of adult animals taken in due to the economy and foreclosures have stretched our volunteer staff. The animals are

our priority, and as a result, we simply could not manage to hold our Annual Kitten and Puppy Shower. That said, the needs of these babies still must be met,

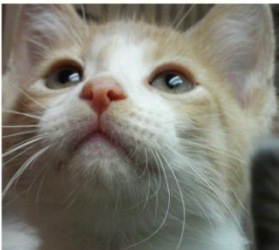
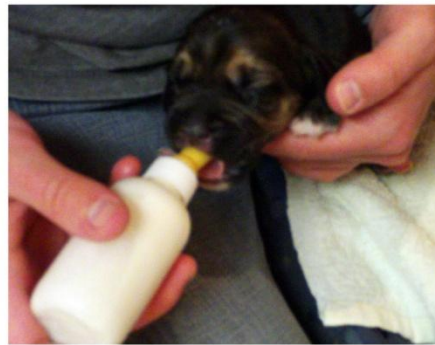
and, to that end, we are asking for donations to cover just the cost of the spay/neuter surgeries for the puppies and kittens. Your donation will be a very real and essential part of the humane work we all support.

A donation in the amount of \$45. will cover the surgery for one male puppy; FOS is now caring for 7 male puppies; a donation in the amount of \$55. will cover the surgery of one female puppy; the Shelter is now caring for 8 female puppies.

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Celebrating 15 Years





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A donation in the amount of \$20. will cover the surgery for one male kitten; right now, the Shelter is caring for 64 male kittens. A donation in the amount of \$40. will cover the spay surgery for one female kitten; the Shelter is currently caring for 79 female kittens.

We are very aware that the economic hardships that we hear about every day on the news are happening in homes everywhere and quite possibly in your home. We know that in our region, people are out of work, struggling to keep their families fed, and a roof over their heads. Donations are dramatically down, and the financial need at the Shelter is very great. If you can possibly help these puppies and kittens with a donation, we would be very grateful. Photos of a few of the kittens and puppies are included in this newsletter. Donations are tax-deductible, and can be made via PayPal, credit card, check or cash.

## How We First Met

Some of you may recall the story of Jossi, an abandoned puppy who has become quite a sensation in the agility world. If you attended the Shelter's Art...Well-Groomed park event in 2008, you may have seen Jossi run her agility course, and may have met Handler, Katrina Horwath, the other part of the "team." Here is the update of Jossi's career. Jossi and Katrina teach obedience and agility in Princeton.

When Jossi came into my life she was scared. She was thrown from a car window on the interstate in a blizzard. She was only three weeks-old -- a tiny Border Collie. She has changed my life in more ways than I could ever have dreamed.

When she was old enough, I enrolled Jossi in obedience classes and was immediately impressed with how quickly she learned. She would discover what I wanted her to do and then complete it every time. Obedience was effortless so instead we spent time together working with the horses. She learned by herself to bring the horses from pasture.

When Jossi was six months-old and bored with farm adventures, we began agility training. Jossi was never afraid of any obstacles and never refused to do them. She just assumed that doing them for me was her job. The problem began when we worked off leash. I realized that she was unsure of herself. When Jossi was off leash, she became afraid. It wasn't a fear of the obstacles -- it was a fear of letting me down. I watched as my normally confident dog was reduced to scratching and shaking because she didn't know how to do this job. I tried to encourage her, but nothing worked.

We started over -- one obstacle at a time, and then things started

coming together. Jossi began running with me, off leash, without fear. In fact, she started to smile -- with her eyes, her body and her spirit. She began to get faster and more accurate and we were once again, a team.



Then, in an accident, Jossi tore a muscle and shattered a bone in her back right knee. She was on limited mobility for 6 months and in physical therapy for another 2 before she could compete. During her recuperation, Jossi was sad, and it reminded me of the scared little puppy I held in my arms so many years ago. I realized that Jossi missed our agility teamwork. When we competed again, I was thankful for every run she gave me and she ran full of joy. We competed only 4 months, but managed to qualify for nationals because Jossi made every run count with accuracy and speed. We ranked above teams who had been competing the entire year. I know that Jossi ran every course for me. We would finish a run and she would look up at me and her eyes would say, "I did that right didn't I, Mom." I have never before had a dog who is so willing to please. She is the greatest dog I have ever had.

At the 2008 UKC Nationals, held on June 11 – 14, 2009, we ran because we were just happy to be there running together. From the best dogs in all the U.S. and Canada, Jossi placed top 4 in 10 of 15 runs and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in two others. She qualified in 14 of 15 runs, an extraordinary achievement and an extraordinary joy!

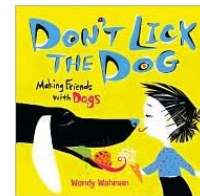
## New Website -- We've Moved!

The Friends of Strays new web address is:

[www.friendsofstrayshelter.org](http://www.friendsofstrayshelter.org)

Visit us. The website changes almost daily as pets are adopted and new pets arrive at the Shelter, so check back often. As time permits, we are adding pet photos and videos as well as posting new FOS event information. When you visit the site, if something does not display for you, we would most appreciate hearing about it. Please report any difficulties to: [brittany@friendsofstrayshelter.org](mailto:brittany@friendsofstrayshelter.org)

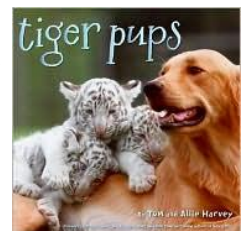
## Family Reading



*Don't Lick the Dog* by Wendy Wahman – a lively picture book that

teaches good people behavior around dogs. Well thought out tips. Great information for kids...and grown-ups, too.

*Tiger Pups* by Tom and Allie Harvey – based on a true story about



orphaned white Bengal tiger babies and their foster mom, Isabella, a Golden Retriever. This heartwarming and remarkable tale is told in both pictures and words.

## Event Volunteers Needed

FOS needs volunteers to help make the Sullivan's Cookout and Lunch in the Park events a success. No training necessary -- just a smile! These are fun events that raise needed funds for the Shelter. Call Bev at 815-925-7251. Bev manages all of these events; she sets up, works the event, tears down, and does a good deal of the delicious baking. Call Bev and let her know you'll help.

The dachshund is one of the oldest dog breeds in history (dating back to ancient Egypt.) The name comes from one of its earliest uses - hunting badgers. In German, Dachs means "badger," Hund is "hound."

## Couch Potato No More

In the 1960's, a typical hour-long American TV show ran 51 minutes; today, an "hour" program runs only 42 minutes and commercial minutes have doubled. Viewers watching 3 hours of TV today are spending nearly an hour's worth of time on commercials.

Take advantage of your TV remote's "mute" button, and make those breaks into fun, interactive time with your pet.



Most cats adore open paper grocery bags. Tear a tiny opening in the bottom of the bag and lay the bag on its side. Fish a strip of scrap fleece fabric through the tear. By now, most cats are already in the bag. Slowly, pull the fleece out of the hole. Next break, take a hand mirror and let it reflect light on a

wall; move the mirror to move the image. Finally, use any household tape to fasten a few craft feathers to a 36" piece of lightweight cotton clothesline. Encourage your cat to chase the feathers; finish with a roly toy.

Dogs enjoy sharing toys with people. This is a great time to teach the "give" command. Have a tiny special food treat handy. Offer your dog a favorite toy, but hold one end while your

dog mouths the other end. After a few moments, ask your dog to "give;" as soon as she releases the toy, reward with the treat. Repeat once, then again at the next two commercial breaks.

Fourth break...top of the hour...time to go "out."

## Bark in the Park

On 8/15, join us at Washington Park, in Ottawa, Illinois, for "Bark in the Park," an event that brings together all things "dog," from groomers and shelters to trainers and vendors, each offering canine services and fun activities – 8:00 a.m. to noon.

At the Friends of Strays booth, visitors will be able to view photos of the Shelter's current ready-to-adopt canine residents. We'll be ready to answer your questions about the dogs.

As a fundraiser, the Shelter will offer "Arf Work," packages to visitors. Dogs, with the encouragement of their persons, will create their own masterpiece using non-toxic, dog-safe paints on canvases. For an additional donation,



volunteers will video-record the artist creating the artwork, and will provide a DVD of the recording. The Shelter will also raffle three framed pieces of art, created by FOS dogs, and will sell items from the FOS gift shop, including the FOS exclusive "Hope" bracelet.

So plan to bring your dogs and their artistic talents! A "one-of-a-kind" event for your "one-of-a-kind" dog!

### Recycling Helps FOS

Please save aluminum cans, printer cartridges and cell phones for FOS. All can be recycled, and earn money for the Shelter. In fact, since beginning our own Shelter recycling program, we have seen a jump in the cash we receive from the recycler. Trash for cash! Help our planet, and all the animals at FOS.

### FOS Shopping List

Fancy Feast dry and canned ground cat food

Friskies, 9-Lives, Whiskas ground canned cat food

Pedigree canned and dry dog food

Baby food – beef, turkey, chicken

C and D size batteries

6 volt square lantern batteries

Safe-Cat brand cat collars

Laundry Detergent

39 gallon garbage bags

Water-packed canned tuna

Cats see 6 times better than a human at night.

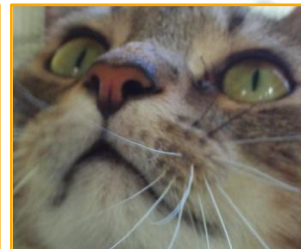
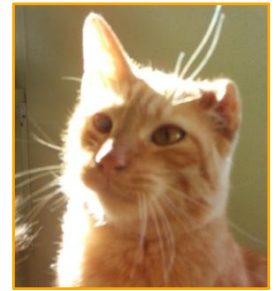


### Adoptions!

In June, 9 cats and 9 dogs were adopted.

In July, 19 cats and 8 dogs were adopted.

Thank you for giving them loving homes.



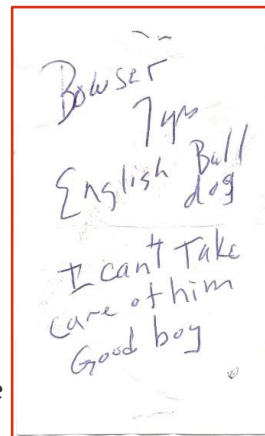
### You Are Hope

The familiar car drives away, and the once family pet is left abandoned on a gravel back road, in a vacant, foreclosed house, at animal control, or in countless other circumstances all with death looming nearby.

with the cats are an assortment of toys and photos of the cats as kittens.

Heartbreaking? Yes, but Friends of Strays volunteers don't dwell on those feelings. Friends of Strays focuses on HOPE...hope

This note was left with a dog who was tied to the fence outside Friends of Strays. The note said, "Bowser, 7yrs, English Bull dog. I can't take care of him. Good boy."



supported by hard work and commitment to restoring the bodies and spirits of abandoned, neglected and abused pets. The Shelter is not a sad place; it is a place where hope begins. You are that hope.

On another day, in the same week, an FOS volunteer hangs up the phone and rushes to the back door of the building having been advised by a caller that pet taxis were outside. Sure enough, three bewildered adult cats are found, abandoned with a note that says, "Please love them." Along

The need is very great. Please join us. Call Bonnie at 815-872-7387 or complete our on-line application at: [www.friendsofstraysshelter.org](http://www.friendsofstraysshelter.org) Make hope possible for the animals who desperately need the safety and comfort of FOS.

## Things We Can Learn from a Dog...



- ❁ Never pass up an opportunity to go for a joyride.
- ❁ Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- ❁ When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- ❁ Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- ❁ Take naps and stretch before rising.
- ❁ Run, romp and play daily.
- ❁ Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- ❁ Be loyal.
- ❁ Never pretend to be something you're not.
- ❁ If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- ❁ When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- ❁ Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- ❁ Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- ❁ On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- ❁ When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.



- ❁ No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- ❁ Bond with your pack.

- ❁ Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

## Treasury Reports

<b>Balance Beginning June 1st:</b>	<b>5,488.85</b>	<b>Balance Beginning July 1st:</b>	<b>3,478.63</b>
<b>Money In</b>		<b>Money In</b>	
Fundraising	627.25	Fundraising	653.00
Raffle	329.00	Raffle	333.00
Lunch in the Park		Lunch in the Park	320.00
Print Cartridges	298.25	Print Cartridges	
Donations	1,720.00	Donations	4,119.21
Adoptions	3,020.00	Adoptions	2,400.00
Pledges	550.00	Pledges	405.00
Gift Shop	167.52	Gift Shop	317.99
Renewals	115.00	Renewals	
Memorials/ In Honor of	610.00	Memorials/ In Honor of	285.00
Matching Funds		Matching Funds	400.00
Petsmart Adopt. Program		Petsmart Adopt. Prog.	1,275.00
Recycled Cans	88.80	Recycled Cans	
Microchipping	25.00	Microchipping	
<b>Money Out</b>		<b>Money Out</b>	
Vet	5,264.35	Vet	4,773.16
Vaccine		Vaccine	313.95
Food	5,734.16	Food	3,693.78
Supplies	286.44	Supplies	1,719.50
Litter	815.82	Litter	1,068.93
Van Ins./Exp.	283.27	Van Ins./Exp.	238.11
Utilities	607.58	Utilities	1,130.77
Disposal	151.53	Disposal	146.53
Fundraising		Fundraising	
Postage	143.69	Postage	44.00
Copier Rental	116.00	Copier Rental	
Clerical Supplies	149.60	Clerical Supplies	126.55
Payroll Taxes/Ins.	771.42	Payroll Taxes/Ins.	913.67
Shipping		Shipping	19.66
Returned Checks & Fees	81.00	Returned Checks & Fees	74.53
Payroll	3,247.60	Payroll	4,043.68
M&I Monthly		M&I Monthly	
Charge	51.08	Charge	49.92
Gift Shop Inventory		Gift Shop Inventory	36.78
Property Insurance		Property Insurance	907.80
Maintenance		Maintenance	939.38
Advertising	305.25	Advertising	100.00
Subscriptions		Subscriptions	14.95
Adoptions Refunds		Adoption Refunds	50.00
Annual Renewals	25.00	Annual Renewals	
<b>Balance Ending June 30th:</b>	<b>3,478.63</b>	<b>Balance Ending July 31st:</b>	<b>1,428.18</b>

**Note: \$9,100.00 taken from Building Fund & Bingo accts. for bills.**

**Note: \$8,500.00 taken from other accts. for bills.**

Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in family and holiday portraits.

## Dogs Ready for Great New Homes Like Yours!

**All of our dogs are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and are kept on heartworm preventative.**

**Abby** - Gentle and housetrained, this Black Lab is about 3 years-old. Abby is a perfect fit in any household that offers her exercise and affection.

**Barney** - If you love Cocker Spaniels, then Barney is your boy. He is 6 years-old, a purebred, calm and quiet -- the kind of dog that wants to curl up with you. Barney is looking for that perfect person.

**Brie** - Almost all white with a touch of brown, Brie is 4 years-old and a Boxer mix. She is very athletic and adores adults. Brie is hoping for a home without kids, but with lots of love and attention.

**Brussels** - This sweet Cocker Spaniel came to us horribly neglected and ill. He has made a remarkable recovery and is now ready for adoption. Brussels is a special dog for a special person.

**Buster** - This little boy is a medium-sized, very short-haired Coon Hound mix puppy, about 2 years-old. His brindle coat is as warm as his brown eyes. Very much a people dog. Buster graduated in basic obedience.

**Cookie** - This little girl is only 8 weeks-old. She might be a Terrier/Boxer mix...with a gentle Boxer expression and beautiful eyes, but a tiny Terrier size. Feminine, cuddly, a little darling.

**Corrie** - Full of feminine sparkle, Corrie's stunning red coat and sparkling eyes are just her

outward beauty. Inside, Corrie's heart is bursting with love for people despite being dumped by her adopted family and left for disposal by animal control authorities. Corrie is a Red Heeler/Chow mix, about one year-old.

**Dodger** - This little guy is a year-old English Setter mix. He is very quiet and beautiful. He is in dog training -- join him!

The largest and the smallest dogs to live in the White House where both there during the tenure of president James Buchanan. The president had a Newfoundland named Lara. And his niece, Harriet Lane (who served as White House hostess because the president was unmarried), had a tiny toy terrier named Punch.

**Hailey** - Hailey and her three puppies came to the Shelter from a kill facility. All were seriously infected with untreated demodetic mange that required months of treatment. Hailey and her puppies regained their health, and the puppies have been adopted. Now it's Hailey's turn! Hailey is a medium-sized Lab/Terrier mix, with a beautiful red-blond coat and a dazzling personality.

**Jake** - Beautiful and friendly, this 5 year old white Samoyed mix is magnificent for an "adults only" household without other pets.

**Jonas** - This handsome fellow is a perfect gentleman and is the quintessential Black Lab -- gentle, friendly and always with a big

doggie grin. Jonas is about three years-old and is good with other dogs...a "go anywhere, do anything" kind of guy.

**Karli** - This affectionate girl is a purebred Rat Terrier. She is crate-trained, loves to walk on a leash, and is crazy about squeaky toys. Karli is about a year old.

**Lyla** - Lyla, a small female Chihuahua mix is the picture of a wall flower. Rather shy, her manner is initially reserved, but be her pal and Lyla forgets her inhibitions and wags her entire body. Her small size and docile nature make her a perfect choice for adult and/or small households.

**Little Bit** - Five years-old, this girl is a miniature Dachshund. Her human went into a nursing home and was unable to find a home for her or Scooter.

**Lucy** - A black Lab/Boxer mix, Lucy is a delight. She loves people and is always ready for a walk or play. Perfect!

**Macy** - This girl is a year old, and the perfect purebred Beagle, a sweet tricolor with warm brown eyes. Macy delights in attention, loves long walks where she can "follow her nose," and enjoys activity.

**Maggie** - This sparkling 3 year-old Jack Russell Terrier loves exercise and to be challenged intellectually. Maggie graduated from the shelter's first dog training class -- and she got "high marks."

**Mark** - Personality packed into a pint-sized package, Mark is

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one cute puppy, whose adorable antics amaze. This little guy is not even a year-old, a Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. He's just a handful at 4 pounds, filled with curiosity and exuberance.

**Max** - Max is a handsome and charming Boxer mix, and only a year old. He is very willing to please but very strong. Max will begin training soon and hopes to be adopted by someone who is willing to continue his training.

**Misty** - Misty is a Coon Hound, and only 4 years-old... and wonderful in every way. She is sweet and attentive to everyone around her.

**Moose** - A 3 year-old, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Moose is as gentle and loving as he is big. Ready to be cherished by someone special.

**Princess** - This big girl is still a puppy at 10 months-old. She's already house-trained. Princess is a Yellow Lab/Collie mix, exuberant and friendly.

**Reilly** - This boy, a Shepherd-Beagle mix, was adopted as a puppy and then returned. He is a bit shy, but becoming more confident. Under 2 years, Reilly is very sweet, and needs a special home.

**Rex** - Rex is two years-old, very playful and tuned-in to people. His dashing coat of black and white is very short. Rex is a Terrier mix.

**Robbie** - Robbie is about 2

years old. He is a Shepherd/Border Collie Mix, very tuned-in and very willing to please...for a lifetime. Adopt Robbie we'll help you continue his training.

**Scooter** - This girl is a 5 year-old Chihuahua – long-haired, light grey, and k...home with you! Scooter and Little Bit must be placed together.

**Shadow** - This Black Lab boy came in abused but has made a great recovery. He loves everyone and is hopeful that someone will love him. Kind eyes and a doggie grin.

**Sid** - Just out of puppyhood, Sid is playful, funny and happy. He is a Shepherd mix, with Shepherd characteristics but a much smaller size. Sid is pleased to play any game with anyone, or all by himself. What a great dog!

**Skeeter** - Gentle and handsome, Skeeter is a very likable Chocolate Lab mix, about 6 years-old. A charmer. Loves his toys...very quiet, and currently in training.

**Trixie** - Sister to Buster, she is a little Red Coonhound, very sweet, alert and fun. Adopt both for twice the love. Trixie graduated from Basic Obedience.

**Zappa** - This beautiful boy was born at FOS. Adopted as a puppy, he was returned because he chewed, as puppies will do. He is a very active, beautiful red merle Australian Shepherd. He is 2.5 years-old and house-trained.

**Zoe** - A truly beautiful Aussie-Heeler mix, is about 3 years-old, very willing to please. Zoe has been easy to train, loves her treats and toys...and people!

**Macy's puppies** - Only one left, a little female 9 wks old, all ears, adorable! This special little girl loves to kiss, play and lapsit.

**Karli's puppies** - 4 girls, 2 boys...9 weeks-old, and just as cute and expressive as can be. Romping, pouncing -- perfect.

### Volunteer Needed for Dog Care – Please Help

FOS very much needs a mature, responsible and reliable person to walk crated dogs on Friday evenings between 7p.m. and 9 p.m. Sometimes this includes crate clean-up. Volunteer will be trained by experienced Shelter staff. If you love dogs and want to make a real difference in the lives of Shelter pets, please complete a Volunteer Application at the Shelter or online.

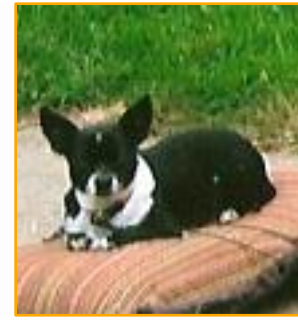
### Dogs adopted in June:

Tina, Michael, Bullet, Dora Rusty Tootsie, Crocket, Coco, and Penelope.

### Dogs adopted in July:

Chewie, Scrappy, Jiggers, Cristo, Reuger, Clark, Bernie, and Josh.

**Congratulations to all of you on the wonderful, new addition to your family!**



## Kids, Kool-Aid and a Mission

Four kids from Walnut, Illinois are making a difference for Friends of Strays. Brook Ferrell, Sidney Kolb, Karolyn Kolb and Lexy Jacobs decided to host a fundraising event to benefit the animals at the Shelter. You can tell by the photos, that they did a good deal of work on marketing the event. They sold cookies and Kool-Aid, the ideal snack menu for a summer's day in Illinois! The kids raised a whopping \$133.54 for the Shelter, AND Mrs. Ferrell matched the funds...for a total donation to FOS of \$267.08. You may have noticed that in addition to the plush toy dog on the table, their real dog was on hand to provide a perfect example of the important relationship between kids and their pets, not to mention excellent canine manners! This event was a great example of people taking action to support the humane work done at Friends of Strays every day. Hats off, and a big round of applause to Brook, Sidney, Karolyn and Lexy!



# It's a Carnival!

## Friends of Strays

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BowWOW Fun Fair & Dog Walk



Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. until noon  
Registration until 9:30 a.m.

Soldiers and Sailors Park  
Princeton, IL

For more information on all the activities and vendor booths, or to receive your Early Bird registration Goodie Bag, please call the Shelter at 815-872-7387, or, download your event brochure and pre-registration form at [www.friendsofstraysshelter.org](http://www.friendsofstraysshelter.org)

