

# Friends Of Strays

No-Kill Animal Shelter



May/June 2009

Friends Of Strays  
PO Box 315  
2845 North Main Street  
Princeton, Illinois 61356  
(815) 872-PETS (7387)

**Upcoming Events**  
7/10 - Bake Sale  
8/21 - Lunch in the Park  
8/22 - Cookout at Sullivan's

**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!

**PetSmart Dates**  
**East Peoria**  
June 22 through June 28  
**Davenport**  
June 27 through August 12  
**Peoria**  
August 10 through August 16

Visit Our Website:  
[www.geocities.com/  
friendsofstraysshelter](http://www.geocities.com/friendsofstraysshelter)

Thanks for your daily vote in the  
Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge.  
Keep voting. Challenge ends July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Go to:  
[www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)

Volunteer – Make a Real Difference  
for Shelter Pets.

## FOS Steps In to Help Threatened Cats and Puppy Mill Dogs

Beginning early on Mother's Day and on two additional "expeditions," Friends of Strays, with the help of Tri-County Humane Society, rescued and provided care for 42 cats and kittens who were threatened when the County Health Department cited the owner of an area trailer park with violations related to the growing numbers of cats roaming the property. Residents of the mobile home community routinely fed the population, but nobody had stepped in to provide necessary vaccinations and the all important spay/neuter surgeries. The owner of the property planned to satisfy the health department by eliminating the cat population using a financially-effective means -- poison.

Volunteers mobilized early Sunday morning, pooling together to amass as many humane animal traps as they could find. While volunteers

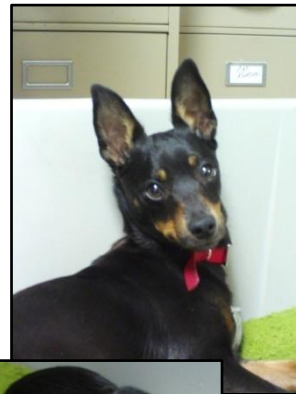
from Tri-County Humane Society and Friends of Strays waited

hours for the more timid cats to enter the traps, they utilized their "wait" time packing up the more outgoing cats and kittens into comfortable pet taxis. Other

FOS volunteers were at the Shelter, setting-up crates for the newcomers. Arrangements

were made to take all cats and kittens who could be spayed or neutered, for those surgeries the next day. The same was true for those pets rescued over the next week.

All animals were given a complete health checkup. They were vaccinated. Those that were feral, (and who would be very stressed indoors) were re-homed on the farms of several FOS



Celebrating 15 Years!

## How We First Met

It was October 30, 2007, a nice crisp autumn and I was clearing out the last of the garden. All of a sudden I heard a quiet meow and out of the blue, a small black cat with white whiskers and four white paws appeared. It was obvious he was lost and starving. Me, being a lover of animals went in the house and brought him some food. After he ate, he disappeared, probably trying to find his way home. The next morning I went to get the newspaper off the porch and who should be there but the starving cat. Well, I could not let him in the house as I have two other cats, so I invited him in the attached garage. Gave him some food, water, litter box and a place to sleep, after all it was Halloween and you know what can happen to black



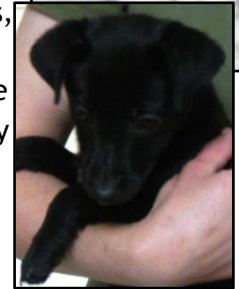
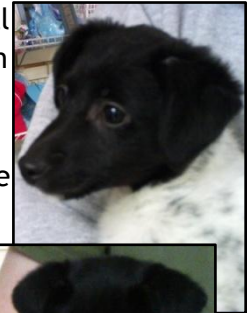
cats. Meanwhile I tried to find his home: ad in newspaper called all over and etc. I finally took him to the veterinarian because he kept begging to come in house. He had fleas, tapeworm and etc. After everything was cleared, he came into the house. The other cats did not greet him with open arms but he was tolerated. Nobody ever claimed him and now he lives with us as an indoor cat. My cats do not go outside and they are all fixed. We named him Puss in the Boots—Boots for short. He is well loved and no longer a skinny cat.

~ Junedale Straka

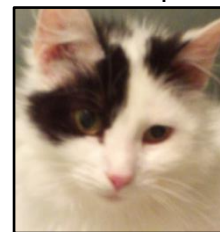
*Send us your story!*

## Threatened Cats and Puppy Mill Dogs (cont'd)

members, where they will be cared for on an ongoing basis. Those animals who were friendly, or nursing moms, or kittens remained at the Shelter. They will soon be ready for adoption.



That same week, FOS participated in the rescue of animals impounded from a puppy mill located downstate. In all, 95 dogs & puppies were impounded



and the puppy mill closed down. The dogs were sent to shelters where rehabilitation and eventual adoptions will give them a bright future. FOS took two 6 weeks-old puppies, and a pregnant female, who gave birth to 6 delightful pups just hours after her arrival at the shelter. All are doing well.

## Raffle Tickets

There's still time! Get 6 tickets for \$5.00. The lucky winners will take home prizes that include a beautiful Coach purse, a ladies' Wittnauer Swiss Watch with a jewel face, a hand-crafted cat-themed quilted wall-hanging, a practical FOS sweatshirt, a stylish FOS cap and T-shirt, and a \$10 Friends of Strays Gift Shop Gift Certificate. Raffle proceeds directly support the Shelter animals. You can get your tickets - or more tickets - by calling the Shelter at 815-872-7387.

## Lunch in the Park

Join us, Friday, July 10th for "Lunch and Bake Sale in the Park" at Princeton's Soldiers & Sailors Park from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Enjoy a delicious lunch, and shop for perfect bake sale treats to take home. If you can contribute baked items, please choose YOUR favorite recipes! Bake Sale items may be dropped off at the Park after 10:15 a.m. on July 10th, or, arrangements can be made for "pick-ups" if you are located in Princeton. Also, we need people to help at the event. Please call FOS for details!

## Book Reviews

Perfect for the young dog enthusiast, *Always in Trouble*, by Corinne Demas, introduces a lovable pup and his doggie misdeeds. Off to training he goes...and earns a diploma, but doesn't quite give up his old habits. Great illustrations. Fun.

## June is Adopt a Cat Month

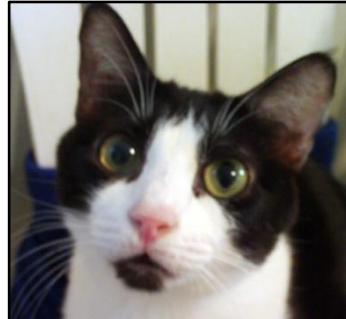
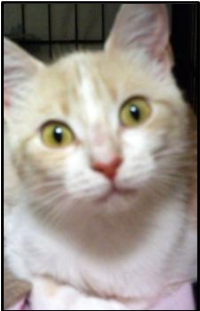


### Adoptions!

In April, 34 cats and 10 dogs were adopted.

In May, 17 cats and 13 dogs were adopted.

Thank you for giving them loving homes.



## Dog Agility

The sport of Dog Agility has surged in popularity. It is fun, exciting and both mentally and physically engaging for dogs and people. There are clubs all over the world, right in Princeton, and in the Illinois Valley. If you don't know much about dog agility, visiting one of these groups will give you a first-hand look at both beginners and experienced dogs and handlers.

If you think your dog would enjoy agility, first check with your vet to determine what kind of agility activities would be appropriate for your dog. If your dog is a couch potato, you'll want to start with easy agility tasks. Until your dog gets used to the agility routine, you'll want to have a helper to ensure your dog's safety when your dog works with equipment

that could lead to a fall, like the teeter or the A-frame. Start slowly and make it "just for fun." Building experience takes time, and advancing in little steps will make agility fun for both you and your dog. Below are a few sites that provide plans for do-it-yourself agility equipment. Use these simple plans to make safe but inexpensive equipment, and have some fun.

<http://www.caninecrib.com/dog/training/agility-course.asp>

<http://www.dogplay.com/Activities/Agility/agilitye.html>

<http://members.peak.org/~helix/Agility/>

Slippers, a polydactyl gray cat, was favored by President Theodore Roosevelt and was allowed to appear at diplomatic dinners.

## Treasury Report

Beginning Balance May 1<sup>st</sup>: \$1,322.28

### Money In

Fundraising		7,938.28
Raffle	397.00	
Garage Sale	1,024.60	
Drawdown	6,516.68	
Donations		2,689.60
Adoptions		3,280.00
Pledges		400.00
Renewals		200.00
Gift Shop		62.50
Memorials/In Honor of		1,039.00
Recycled Cans		50.00
Insurance		
Refund		125.00
Shelter Feeding Program		689.50

### Money Out

Vet		2,590.44
Vaccine		171.97
Food		511.56
Supplies		966.91
Van Ins./Exp.		132.00
Utilities		1,324.09
Disposal		146.67
Phone		404.70
Copier Rental		116.00
Clerical Supplies		5.77
Payroll		
Taxes/Ins.		1,099.56
Shipping		26.99
Payroll		4,240.57
M&I Monthly Charge		98.74
Gift Shop		
Inventory		251.34
Adoption		
Refunds		185.00
Subscriptions		35.00

Ending Balance May 31<sup>st</sup>: \$5,488.85

Please help us provide bright futures for homeless pets, with your monthly donation, in any amount. The Shelter relies entirely on private donations and fundraising to provide rescue and rehabilitation for pets in need.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who made the Drawdown and the Garage Sale successful. Whether you donated, worked, or purchased, your support benefits the Shelter animals.

## Dogs Ready for Great New Homes Like Yours!

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

**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.

**Chewie** - This boy is less than a year old, medium-sized and adorable. His chocolate and white coat is wavy, but short with a whiskery face that always grins.

**Cristo** - Love white Shepherds? This handsome boy is 3 years-old, friendly and fun. Cristo loves to participate in just about any activity that involves people.

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

**Fritz** - This boy's medium size makes him a perfect companion for kids. He is a Terrier mix, joyful and ready to play.

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

**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!

**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."

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Savanna** - A very quiet and polite 4 year-old Red Heeler mix, Savanna came to the shelter frightened and sick. Now, happy and healthy she's ready for adoption. Savanna's two favorite activities are riding in the car and rolling.

**Scooter** - This girl is a 5 year-old Chihuahua - long-haired, light grey, and always ready for a walk...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.

**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!

Puppies! - **Penelope and Dora** - Two tumble-bumble Terrier/English Bulldog mix puppies. Both are tan and white - irresistible!

### Dogs adopted in April:

Anne, David, Erin, Kelli, Shawn, Red, Petals, Popcorn, Snowball, and Buttons.

### Dogs adopted in May:

Allie, Tawny, Grizzly, Chelsea, Ruby, Mowgli, Sampson, Ferguson, Sarge, Pokey, Bambi, Annie, and Snoopy.

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

### Volunteer Needed for Dog Care

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.

### 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, FOS has started its own recycling program because we believe that the lives of wildlife and our environment are important. The Shelter generates many aluminum cans which are being washed, bagged and converted into cash!