

WHO ARE FRIENDS OF STRAYS?

WHAT WE ARE: Friends of Strays, Inc. was formed in 1994 and is a 501c3 non-profit corporation that rescues stray, abused and abandoned animals in our area. We operate a state licensed no-kill shelter on the edge of Princeton, IL that is home to our "kids".

OUR SHELTER: We built our current shelter in 2005 at 2845 North Main Street in Princeton, Illinois. Many rooms in the cat section of the shelter are virtually cageless except for those who become ill, new arrivals that need to be tested/spayed/neutered or nursing moms with kittens. The dogs comfortably live in 24 individual enclosures where they can be inside during inclement weather and outside when Mother Nature permits. This gives them the best of both worlds. They also have outside exercise areas where they can run, play and socialize. We ensure the comfort and safety of all while providing the care and love they all deserve until that new forever home can be found.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY: We work closely with local animal control agencies and veterinarians in an effort to reduce the unnecessary euthanization of adoptable homeless pets. They will contact us if they have a special animal they can no longer keep due to time constraints. If we have space, we will accept and care for that animal until a permanent loving home is found. We also have a low cost spay/neuter clinic on premises that assists those pet parents with financial hardships. This helps eliminate future unwanted litters of pets that could possibly end up abandoned and homeless.

EXPENSES: Our expenses are considerable and we must raise every single dollar on our own. We do not receive any revenue from our city, county or state--we are 100% responsible for generating all of our income.

REVENUES: Part of our income is raised through adoptions, donations, membership fees and memorials. We also hold raffles, cookouts, bake sales and sponsor Pet Pictures with Santa. We host Bingo, sell t-shirts, and have donation boxes in many of the local businesses. In 2013 we opened Finders Keepers, a resale store located at 1225 North Euclid, Princeton, IL. The store is staffed strictly by volunteers and is doing well. We present an annual Drawdown/Auction each spring that everyone looks forward to. Our website and Facebook page assist those who prefer to make their tax deductible donations online. We also participate in Birdies 4 Charity during the John Deere Golf Classic.

ADOPTIONS: In addition to doing adoptions directly from our shelter, we also partner with PetSmart in Peru, Peoria, & Moline, IL and Davenport, IA. They allow us to use their adoption facilities which broadens our territory and increases the number of pets we can place into homes. We have saved and re-homed thousands of wonderful animals since we first formed.

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