

# Pet Cetera

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## Quincy Humane Society's 3rd annual Fabulous Fur Ball fundraiser to take place March 29th!

The Quincy Humane Society's 3rd annual Fabulous Fur Ball: Viva Paws Vegas, is set to take place March 29th at Town & Country Inn and Suites. The Fur Ball is a Las Vegas style event that starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m. Each ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, 2 cocktails and \$500 worth of gambling chips that can be used to play poker, blackjack, craps and more!

The top 3 gamblers to cash out with the most winnings will get their choice of one of 3 grand prizes including an "Uptown Quincy" package, \$500 certificate for Quincy Med Spa services and a trip to the Ozarks!

The night will also feature an Elvis Impersonator contest to raise money for extraordinary veterinary care of rescued animals here at the Quincy Humane Society. Tickets are limited and on sale now! Please call us at 217-223-8786 to ensure your ticket.



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### **A letter from the President:**

It is time again to look back over our successes of 2013 and look forward to what we can accomplish in 2014. We have extended our reach beyond Quincy and Adams County to assist animals in need in other locations. This past year, two teams of four travelled to an undisclosed location to assist the ASPCA with over 200 dogs taken from the second largest dog fighting bust in US history. Each team worked for one week in the temporary shelter helping to care for the dogs. Through spay neuter transports from as far away as Fairfield, Iowa we help other shelters and individuals with affordable spay neuter services and animal adoptions across the country. We have also assisted with passing animal welfare legislation on the local, state and national level.

In our spay and neuter program we have started off aggressively with several new grant opportunities thanks to the generosity of Pet Smart Charities. January's grant was "Happy Neuter Year" and we neutered 200 cats and dogs with this funding. February was also busy with our "Beat the Heat" grant spaying 180 female cats. Before February even began we had all available spots filled with 44 cats on the wait list. We still have funding for the targeted Quincy areas for this year and another year of funding when that is exhausted. In June we will have a "Precious Not Parents" grant for 100 puppies and kittens, 6 months or younger, to highlight the benefits of early age spay and neuter.

We look to build upon these successes throughout the year and to continue to save lives not only in our area, but across the nation. With your help, we have made great strides in not only 2013 but the past 134 years since the founding of the Quincy Humane Society. We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares about and supports its animals and those of us who work each day to make their living situations better.

One of the relationships I am most thankful for is the bond I have with my pets, both at home and at work! I simply can't imagine life without them. The joy, love and laughter they bring to our lives make it richer and more fulfilling. From new beginnings to every stage of an animal's life, we witness this pet/guardian relationship every day. It is the core of our mission.

As you read the stories in our newsletter I invite you to think of your own pets, the moments they have changed your perspective, given you comfort, brought you peace and made you feel loved. We want these great experiences for every person and pet that comes through our doors. Your support makes this possible. With the donations we receive, we can mend the bodies and spirits of the homeless animals we serve and find them a new home to live out their days. Together we are building life-long bonds. Thank you for helping us be the safety net for the animals and people in our community. In tribute to all of this, I hope you will send a lifesaving donation today. Celebrate the joy of family with a gift that will ensure we can be there for every animal in need. Thank you for your commitment to the animals in our community!



**Visit us online at [www.quincyhumesociety.org](http://www.quincyhumesociety.org)**

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# QHS staff and volunteers help with ASPCA/HSUS multi-state dog fighting ring bust



On August 23rd, the ASPCA alongside the Humane Society of the United States and local and federal officials, executed search warrants for 13 sites throughout Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Texas. The result was the recovery of 367 dogs, ranging from several days old to 12 years, who were living in terrible conditions. They were found outdoors in extreme heat with no visible food or water, tethered by chains to cinderblocks and car tires. Many of the discovered animals were emaciated and presented scars and wounds consistent with dog fighting. Ten suspects were arrested and indicted on felony dog fighting charges.

The recovered animals were transported to temporary shelters in undisclosed locations and will remain there until the trial comes to its conclusion. While in the temporary shelters, the dogs are being cared for at the highest of standards. Behaviorists have also been called in to work on rehabilitating the dogs, so when the time comes they are ready to re-enter society, but this time in a home that loves them.

Properly caring for such a large number of animals calls for a lot of man-power. The Quincy Humane Society participated in two separate, week-long deployments offering the services of 4 responders for each. Our responders were Chris Sprague, Betty Sprague, Renee White, Celeste Battocchi, Jane Holt and Sally Westerhoff. Jane and Sally were able to provide their assistance for both deployments.

So how can **you** help end dog fighting? We encourage you to research and become aware of signs of dog fighting in your area and to report suspicious activity to the appropriate groups. Educational materials can be found on both the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA's websites.

For our responders, seeing the dogs and knowing the torture that they had been subjected to was very difficult, but the work was necessary. When asked to look back on his deployment, Chris Sprague said, "It was one the most fulfilling and enriching things that I have ever done in my life. No matter what an animal has been through, no matter what their past is... all they want is love. "





# 2-Day Old Doberman Puppies' Journey Home



This past November, the Quincy Humane Society received a call from an animal shelter in Macomb in need of assistance. A Doberman had just given birth to 9 puppies. The 10th puppy got stuck inside of the mother, which unfortunately resulted in both her death and the death of the puppy.

Caring for puppies at such a young age with no mother can be extremely difficult and requires bottle feedings every 2-3 hours, bathroom stimulation and special care to ensure that their body temperature is kept within a healthy range. Close attention must also be paid when socializing the puppies. They need to be slowly introduced to new things in a way that will help them grow-up to be confident adults.

This type of care requires multiple foster homes in order to keep up with the puppies' needs. This is why they reached out to us. While they were able to find placement for a couple of the puppies, they could not take care of them all. We received the puppies when they were only 2 days old and 5 of the puppies went into foster



care. The puppies were fostered out in a pair of 2 and a group of 3 to ensure that they received exposure to another dog and learned how to interact properly.

Fosters brought in their puppies once a week for a month to make sure that they were progressing healthily. Once the puppies reached 4 weeks old, they came in for vaccinations and deworming every 2 weeks. At 8 weeks, they were old enough for adoption and were brought back to the shelter until they found their forever home. We are happy to report that all 5 puppies have been adopted into loving homes!

Fostering is a great and fun way to volunteer for the Quincy Humane Society. There are all different kinds of animals in need of a temporary home. If you are interested in fostering please contact our Community Relations Manager by calling us at 217-223-8786 or emailing [voluntr@adams.net](mailto:voluntr@adams.net).



# Inspiration



Missy is not the same cat we brought home a few months ago. At the shelter she was scared and timid, but once we brought her home that changed. Missy fits into our family like it was meant to be. In the mornings when I am getting ready for school, she jumps up on the sink and sits there and watches me get ready. She loves attention and she always makes her presence known. When I walk in the door the first thing she does is lay on her back so i will rub her belly. At nights she lays in bed and sleeps with me.

Adopting Missy was a wonderful experience and one of the best decisions I have ever made. I recommend that more people adopt from the Quincy Human Society and give all the animals their homes.

Thank you for allowing my family to adopt and welcome her into our family. I has been such a great experience!

- Harlee Flesner

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, "I made a difference to that one."

Adapted from "The Star Thrower"  
by Loren Eiseley





## Sturhahn Jewelers Partners with Sarah's Hope and Donates to QHS



This past August, Sturhahn Jeweler's announced that they would be partnering with Sarah's Hope Jewelry again as part of their Give Back Local Campaign.

Throughout the months of August and September, our community was asked to vote through Facebook for which local charity they would like to receive funds generated through these efforts. There were 6 worth-while organizations presented to the public including Big Brothers and Sisters of West Central Illinois, Altrusa International of Quincy, Quanaa, Great River Honor Flight and Salvation Army Food Bank

On the first of October, Sturhahn Jeweler's announced that the Quincy Humane Society had been chosen! 20% of all Sarah's Hope Jewelry sales in the months of November and December were donated back to QHS totaling \$750! Thank you Sturhahn Jeweler's and everyone in our community who participated in the voting process. We truly appreciate that so many of you support our cause and value the services that we offer to the community.

### Did You Know...

Did you know that you could save money AND help the Quincy Humane Society at the same time?! We are happy to announce that in the very near future, we will be launching our pet supplies online store—powered by Petango.com!

This store will be accessible through our website, [www.quincyhumanesociety.org](http://www.quincyhumanesociety.org). Food, treats, flea and tick control, heartworm prevention, toys, grooming tools and much more will all be available to you at your fingertips.

When you shop with us through our online store, not only will you save money, but Petango will also send a **donation equal to 10% of your purchase** back to us! This store will be up and running not too far from now so be sure to keep checking back with our website.

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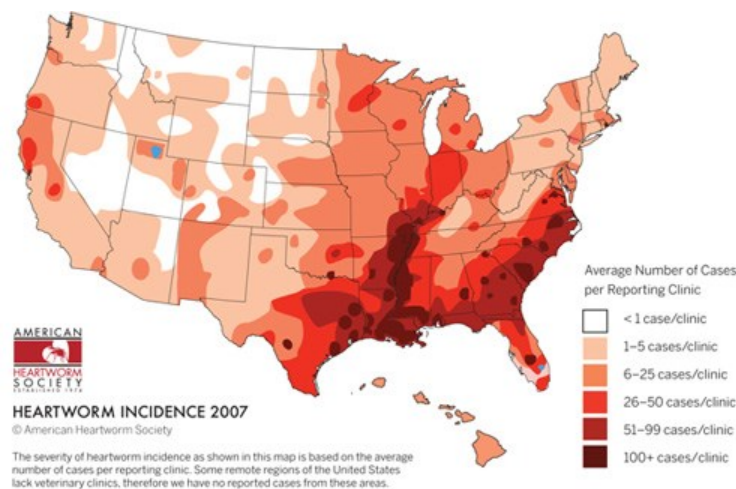
**Shop. Save. Help Save Homeless Pets.**

## Understanding Heartworm Disease

Heartworm disease is a serious and if left untreated, potentially fatal condition caused by the infestation of a type of parasitic roundworm found in the lungs, arteries and heart of the infected animal. Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. Areas with the highest rates of infection are those found within 150 miles of the east coast from Texas to New Jersey and towns/cities along the Mississippi river.



Heartworm disease is transmitted from infected mosquitos. Immature heartworms, called microfilariae, will transmit through a small mosquito bite into its' new host, your pet. Once inside of your pet, the microfilariae will continue to mature and begin to work their way through his or her tissues. The parasite will usually make their way to heart between 70-90 days of first entering the host. Once they reach the heart, they remain here and grow rapidly in both length and size.



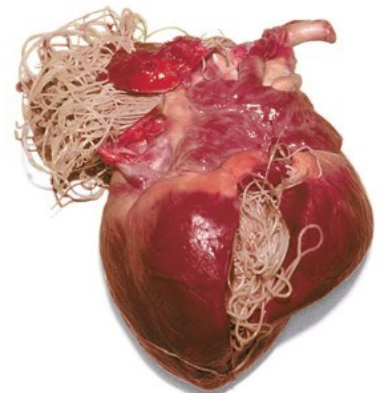
Dogs are the natural host for heartworms, not felines, but that doesn't mean that your cat cannot become infected. In cases where cats develop heartworms, having only a few can create serious problems due to the small size of both their heart and arteries. For both dogs and cats, it can be extremely difficult to detect heartworm disease during it's early stages. Even through blood testing, the microfilariae need at least 6-7 months to mature before tests can detect their presence within your dog or cat. Without testing your pets, it isn't until the disease has progressed to a dangerous

level that they will begin to show signs of the condition.

Signs in dogs include coughing, a drop in energy levels, easily fatigued during exercise and play-time, reduced appetite and weight loss. Signs for cats are difficulty breathing, vomiting, lethargy and weight loss - which may mimic other chronic diseases found in felines. These signs are complications due to the damages and blockages that can be found in the major arteries connecting the heart to the lungs. As heartworm disease progresses further it may cause blood clots, aneurysms and eventually lead to heart failure.

This is why it is important to keep your pets on heartworm preventative medications like Heartgard. Heartworm medications work by attacking the parasite at its immature stage, when it first enters your pets body. Talk to your vet about which medication is right for your dog or cat.

Heartworm medication can range in price depending on the size of your animal, the brand you choose and where you buy it. Their price is only a fraction of what it cost to treat a dog or cat who has heartworms, let alone the potential risk of losing your beloved furry family member.



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## A Special Way to Remember...

If you would like to remember a deceased family member, friend or pet you can send your gifts of condolence as a memorial to the Quincy Humane Society. Not only do these gifts help the many animals at the Quincy Humane Society, but it also lets the family of the deceased know that they are remembered.

If you would like to make a donation to honor the memory of a person or pet, please:

-  Send your gift to P.O. Box 3173 Quincy, IL 62305
-  Enclose a note with your check including the name of the deceased, whether it is a person or a pet and the name and address of the family to notify of your gift.
-  The family will receive a card of acknowledgement. The amount of the gift remains confidential.

**Thank you for remembering your friends and family in such a generous way.**

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## A Special Thank You To...

### Event Committee Members:

These dedicated individual's take time out of their busy schedules and put in countless hours towards our two largest fundraiser's of the year, Mutt Strut and Fur Ball. Because of them, we are able to organize and generate monies that are a vital part of our operating budget. QHS thanks you for all of your hard work!

**Avery Scott:** Avery fund-raised for the Quincy Humane Society by selling arm-bands to her fellow students at school. Thank you Avery!

**Carla Karr:** A special thank you to Certified Professional Dog Trainer Carla Karr! Carla volunteers her time and talents by allowing us to offer free dog training every Saturday to all dogs adopted from the shelter for their lifetime! Whether it's obedience or behavior she is more than happy to help. We also want to thank Ann Seymour and Donne Burke as they assist her with these training sessions!

**Christina Hanna:** Christina is the crowned 2013 Miss Quincy. Throughout her pageant journey, she fundraised on behalf of QHS! Thank you Christina and congratulations on your title.



**Katie Schuecking:** Thank you Katie for taking the time to make bracelets and sell them at school on behalf of QHS!

**Our Volunteers:** Our volunteers increase the quality of life for the animals inside the shelter by providing them with additional love and attention until they find their forever home. They also assist us with various adoption weekends, pet visits with the elderly and fundraising events!



# Pet Cetera



**The Quincy Humane Society**

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***Join Us***

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 4TH**

**10AM TO 1PM**

**SOUTH BARK**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

**MARCH 12TH AT 6:30 PM**

**QUINCY HUMANE SOCIETY, COMMUNITY ROOM**