

Pet Cetera

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Save the Date for the Quincy Humane Society's 5th Annual Fabulous Fur Ball: Under the Catwalk!



This year the Quincy Humane Society's 5th Annual Fabulous Fur Ball: Under the Catwalk 2016, will be held on Saturday March 19th at Town & Country Inn and Suites. The event will start at 6:30pm and go until 11:30pm.

The Fabulous Fur Ball is a casino themed event where all guests can join us for a night of fun as we gamble the night away with a game of craps, poker, or another one of your favorites! Guests will enjoy live music throughout the evening performed by the Cheeseburgers!

There will be several silent auction items that you won't want to miss out on! There is also a raffle item that you can purchase tickets for, 1 ticket for \$10 and 11 tickets for \$100. This year, we have a moonstone and diamond ring, that was made specially for Sturhahn Jewelers by designer Philip Zahm. This beautiful piece of art is designed with moonstone, with the sides of the ring set with .22ct weight of diamonds, in 18K yellow gold. This piece is valued at \$2,500.00

Tickets are on sale and sell quickly. Guests can purchase their tickets at the Quincy Humane Society. The ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, 2 cocktail vouchers, and \$500 worth of gambling chips, which can be used to play poker, blackjack, and more! Please call us at 217-223-8786 to purchase your tickets today!

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A Letter from the President:

Dear Friends and Supporters:

We have a crisis with cats in our community. As we anticipate the approach of spring, we, in animal welfare, begin preparing for the onslaught of unwanted litters of kittens. In 2012 we took in 214 kittens; in 2013 we saw 240 kittens come in; for 2014 we took in 232 and in 2015 we took 259 kittens into our care. These kittens would otherwise have ended up at tax funded animal control shelters.

It is time for us, as a community, to look at and endorse programs that will provide long term, cost free solutions to the problem. Cats and kittens that enter our city animal control shelter cost a minimum of \$95 per animal. Traditional trap and kill programs do not work because cats reproduce according to the available food source. Trap and remove programs can actually potentiate reproduction in the cats that remain in the colony. Trap return neuter return programs help stabilize the colony (keep other cats from moving into the territory), prevent reproduction, and can eliminate the problematic behaviors of intact cats, such as fighting, aggression, urine marking and vocalization.

In addition, other communities having introduced Community Cat programs are saving thousands of tax payer's dollars. We need these programs and we need them now. The Quincy Animal Control Commission has endorsed these programs and have sent ordinance language to the city officials. Once approved, it will be up to the city council to adopt and the community to accept proven programs that save lives and reduce the tax payer burden for managing cats in our city.



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Shelter Updates

Mutt Strut 2015 was a great success!

We moved the event from South Park to Upper Moorman Park and could not have asked for better weather! We were honored to have special guests from the 501st Midwest Garrison, a group who come dressed in full Star Wars apparel, attend our event! They were available for various photo opportunities and were a hit throughout the day! A great time was had by all and we look forward to Mutt Strut 2016 on **October 1st!**



For the first time ever we added a 5K-9 Run/Walk. The path took participants through the park and loop around at the Quincy Mall and back to the festivities. We also added a Puppy Dash for children between the ages of 4 and 11! Every child that participated was a winner and received a medal thanks to the Petco Foundation!

A huge thank you to all community members who attended our event and made Mutt Strut 2015, not only a great success but a day we will never forget.

Most importantly, another big thank you to all of our sponsors!

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Shelter Updates

If your child loves cats and kittens and most importantly, loves to read, the Read to Cats program would be a fun activity for your and your family! The Quincy Humane Society has partnered with the Quincy Public Library to provide a unique opportunity to help children become more comfortable reading aloud and to help make some new feline friends!

To join us for the next "Read to Cats" day, please contact Natascha Will at the Quincy Public Library to set up a 15 minute time slot to read to our animals! We hope to see you at the on **Monday March 21st from 2:00 to 4:00!**



The ongoing love and devotion a pet gives to each Veteran is the best way to thank the men and women who fought for our freedom.

Vets Adopt Pets is a program that helps to connect Veterans, Active Duty and their families with a shelter animal that will turn into a companion animal. They have created this program to say a big "Thank You" for their service to us all! The Quincy Humane Society looks forward to working with this organization in the future.



The Quincy Humane Society is proud to announce that since the induction of our low cost spay neuter clinic in 2008, there have been a total of **22,758** free or low cost spay and neuter procedures.

The Quincy Humane Society is proud to announce that we received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmer, Ted Schuster, of Adams County. The donation will help the organization assist area residents with offsetting the cost of spay, neuter and vaccinations of cats and dogs.

America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across rural America. Grow Communities is one program in the America's Farmers community outreach effort, sponsored by Monsanto Fund.

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work.



A Special Thank You

A **big** thank you to our volunteers and supporters for your kindness and generosity throughout the year. We appreciate all of time and efforts that you put toward helping our organization. We appreciate you and we look forward to serving you and your pets in the years to come.



First Banker's Trust Services: The employees at First Banker's Trust Services nominated the Quincy Humane Society to be a recipient of the money raised to have a "jean day" at work! Thank you for thinking of us!

Pictured: Left: *Sherry Zuspann*
(nominator)

Right: *Sally Westerhoff*



People's Prosperity Bank: The employees at People's Prosperity Bank collected various items from our wish list, such as canned cat food, stuffed toys, and treats for our animals.

Thank you for thinking of the Quincy Humane Society this holiday season!

We appreciate your continued support.

Pictured: Left: *Sally Westerhoff*
Right: *Kelly Stupasky*



Farlow Real Estate Experts: Farlow Real Estate started a contest for a \$1,000 Christmas Giveaway.

Thanks to all of our Facebook friends, we were fortunate enough to win the contest! Thank you to everyone at Farlow Real Estate Experts, for all of your kindness and generosity.



St. Dominic 6th Grade: Mrs. Parrot's came to tour the Quincy Humane Society and learn more about our organization and learn about all of the different things we do to help the community. They also donated supplies that we can use on a daily basis. They brought in donations that were not only for our animals, but they also brought in office supplies and surgical supplies.



Andrew, Betsy and McCoy Eisenbeiss:

To celebrate McCoy's 1st Birthday, the Eisenbeiss family asked family and friends to bring in various items from our Wish List in lieu of presents! Thank you Eisenbeiss family for thinking of us! Happy Birthday McCoy!

Pictured:

Top:

The Andrew Eisenbeiss Family

Bottom:

McCoy with shelter cat Aurora



Early Childhood and Family Center: Thank you for your kindness and generosity this past holiday season. The entire school came together and collected a wide variety of items off of our Wish List and collected over \$700 dollars that was donated to us to care for the animals. We think it is great that an entire school worked together to help raise money and collect items



that we can use to serve our animals on a day to day basis. Thank you for everything!

Members First Community Credit Union: The Quincy Humane Society had five employees from Members First Community Credit Union come and volunteer for a day! They helped walked dogs, clean the cat room, and made tons of treats that we could freeze for our dogs! Thank you for coming and volunteering your time for the day!



Success Stories

In mid-January, Angie was surrendered to our facility after she had been abandoned by her previous owners. Angie was not alone; in fact, she was left with her six month old daughter, who was surrendered to us as well.

Every animal that is brought to our facility for intake receives a full medical examination, vaccinated, given flea prevention, and heartworm tested. We patiently waited for her results and it showed that Angie was heartworm positive. The next course of action was to give her heartworm preventative in hopes to kill the microfilariae.

Upon intake we noticed that she had a fuller figure and we suspected that she may be pregnant. We had an ultrasound done right away, which showed that she was not only pregnant, but it also showed that she was pretty far along. We needed to find a foster that would be willing and able to foster Angie for a long period of time, along with being able to handle a heartworm positive dog and keeping her calm and relaxed.



The Quincy Humane Society is extremely fortunate to have a group of volunteer fosters who, at a moment's notice, foster animals that come from various situations. Fostering Angie was not going to be like any other foster opportunity. We were hoping to get Angie into foster care immediately so she could become acclimated to her new surroundings and most importantly, have your comfortable for when she would have her puppies. We also needed to make sure that she was closely monitored and kept calm throughout this process, not to mention being familiar with situations for when she would give birth.



Three short weeks after being brought to us and placed in our foster program, Angie gave birth to 10 beautiful puppies. She has 5 girls and 5 boys, and all puppies and momma are doing very well. The foster has been in constant contact with us and says that Angie is a natural and "she is great with people she is familiar handling her puppies when she goes to change out the bedding".

We love happy ending stories such as Angie's story and we are grateful for our volunteers who help us when we have various foster opportunities. Angie and her puppies are continuing to do well in their foster home and will remain there for another 6 to 8 weeks, until the puppies are old enough to be weaned and will then come back to our shelter and will be placed for adoption.



THINKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE...

Do **YOU** love Mutt Strut?

Planning for Mutt Strut 2016 will be underway soon and we would love your input!



Mutt Strut 2016 is up to you!

We are looking for a theme that will attract adults, kids, and animals!

If you have a theme that you think would be best for next year's Mutt Strut, please submit your theme ideas to voluntr@adams.net with the subject heading "Mutt Strut Theme Idea".

Deadline is May 1.

Volunteer Opportunities for Everyone!

Are you looking for opportunities to be more involved at Quincy Humane Society?

Without the assistance of our loyal volunteers, we would not be able to do the variety of different things that we do throughout the year.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the following:

Day to Day Shelter Tasks

Transport Drivers

Adoption Events

Committee members for

Fundraising Events

Pet Visits to Nursing Homes

Callers for check in's with
patients from surgery

Foster Care

If you are interested in learning more about the various volunteer opportunities, please contact Pilar at 217-223-8786 or email voluntr@adams.net

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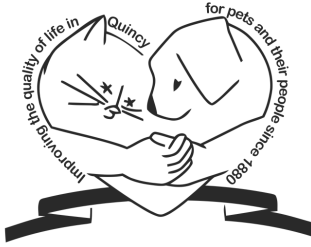
If you would like to remember a deceased family member, friend, or pet, you can send your gifts of condolence as a memorial to the Quincy Humane Society. Not only do these gifts help the many animals at the Quincy Humane Society, but it also lets the family of the deceased know that they are remembered.

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.

Pet Cetera



The Quincy Humane Society

PO Box 3173

Quincy, IL 62305

Save the Date

March 19, 2016

6:30pm to 11:30pm

at Town & Country Inn and Suites



The Fabulous FurBall is a Vegas themed cocktail event with casino tables & professional dealers

All proceeds benefit the Quincy Humane Society



Join us for our Annual Meeting
March 9, 2016 at 6:30pm
Quincy Humane Society Community Room