

Pet Cetera

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Quincy Humane Society's 19th Annual Mutt Strut fundraiser set for October 5th, 2013!

On Saturday, October 5, 2013 dogs and their people will parade through South Park for the Quincy Humane Society's 19th annual Mutt Strut. Registration begins at 10AM and the 1 mile walk around South Park kicks off at 10:30AM with a Pet Blessing by Fr. Walt Wilcoxson from The Crossing—Lima.

The day will be filled with all kinds of activities and contests that you and your pooch can participate in. Activities include silent auction, basket raffle, cake-walk, an agility course and more. Contests will take place throughout the day to choose best costumes, best bark and our Mutt Strut MVP with best trick! Vendor booths will be set up with goodies as well as information about some of the best businesses that Quincy has to offer!

You may register your dog on the day of, or join us **on October 3rd from 4PM-7PM at Petco to pre-register** and avoid long lines.



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A letter from the President...

Dear Supporters:

There are few things in life as comforting as the companionship of a pet! There is absolutely nothing that can improve your day like the enthusiastic greeting you get from your dog when you get home. For those of us who have cats, the purring of a cuddling cat is so soothing. These loyal companions ask nothing more than the promise of a safe and loving home.

During 2012, we placed nearly 1,000 animals through our adoption program. Nearly 4,000 animals were spayed or neutered and received vaccinations through our High Quality, High Volume, Low Cost spay and neuter program. More than half of these were free or at a severely reduced cost. Also, nearly 2,000 animals received their annual vaccinations through our low cost health clinic.

We began 2013 with our Beat the Heat grant through PetSmart Charities and our goal of spaying 240 cats in the month of February, preventing the potential births of 2,250 unwanted kittens. Through our Fix Quincy Pets two year targeted grant from PetSmart Charities we have provided free spay, neuter, vaccinations and micro-chipping for 1,760 dogs and cats in Quincy. We were fortunate to have our funding for this program renewed for two years. We are targeting 1,800 animals for the duration of the grant.

As we continue to expand our programs that improve the quality of life and end pet homelessness, we are grateful to **YOU** who support our mission. We are only as strong and successful as those who support us! **Thanks to you**, we continue to make a difference in the lives of both animals and the people in our community.

Our Mission: The Quincy Humane Society is committed to the welfare and responsible stewardship of animals:

- We believe all living creatures possess intrinsic value
- We shall provide shelter and care for animals
- We will provide programs and services that enhance the companion animal human bond
- We will foster compassion building through education
- We shall be advocates for animals; a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves
- We will enrich the communities we serve



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Did You Know...

The Quincy Humane Society offers **one-on-one training classes** and group puppy socialization/manners sessions with our Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Carla Karr! Carla can work with your dog on obedience training as well as behavioral or social issues!

Dogs adopted from the Quincy Humane Society receive free training and socialization throughout their entire lifetime! Classes for the general public are offered at \$20 per half hour time block.

Training is offered every Saturday and by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call us at 217-223-8786 for scheduling.



Head Trainer: Carla has been working as a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT) for 10 years, but has been working with dogs for 20! She specializes in positive reinforcement training that not only teaches your canine the skills you hope for them to learn but also works to strengthen the bond between you and your pet.

Positive reinforcement training includes the usage of treats as rewards and other cues including the use of clickers or hand gestures to achieve the desired results.

Assistant: Ann Seymour has been assisting Carla in her training for 1 year and has been volunteering at the QHS for 3 years. Ann's favorite volunteer activities are playing with the dogs, taking them out to adoption events and fostering! Ann has a 4 year old Boxer named Abby whom she adopted through the Quincy Humane Society!

Assistant: Donna Burke has been helping Carla with training classes for 1 year and has been volunteering at the QHS for 4 years. Helping with dog training is Donna's favorite volunteer activity but she also enjoys fostering animals and bringing QHS dogs to visit nursing homes. Donna has 5 dogs, 3 cats and a frog at home!

Awareness

What Are Babesia?

Babesias are microscopic blood parasites that cause disease in many animals. In the United States, babesiosis of dogs are spread by the Brown Dog Tick or the American Dog Tick. When your pet encounters a tick that has fed on an infected dog, the disease is transmitted. Transmission may also occur through infected blood transfusions, pregnant dogs to their unborn puppies and potentially through a dog bite.

Two kinds of babesia, *B. canis* ("large" babesia) and *B. gibsoni* ("small" babesia) cause the sudden destruction of blood known as acute hemolytic anemia in dogs. These parasites live within the red blood cells of your pet. In the past, *B. gibsoni* was associated with Asia, Africa and the Middle East. But from 1979 on, it has been found in several locations in the United States. Most dogs infected with this babesia show no symptoms. However, occasionally young dogs will become quite ill. These ill dogs are very pale, anemic and their blood fails to clot. Dogs that have improved on their own may relapse with stress and exertion.

Prevention and Removal

The secret of keeping your dog free of babesia is good tick control. Use a tick preventative like **Frontline Plus**. Preventatives are important but are not a guarantee in keeping your pets safe, so checking your pets is extremely important. To check your pet, run your fingers slowly over the dog's body feeling for bumps. If you locate a tick, use a small pair of tweezers to get as close to the mouth of the tick as possible. Then, pull outward in a straight and steady motion. Be sure to check that you have removed the entire tick, since anything left behind can lead to infection or disease transmission.

TickEncounter Resource Center

Dermacentor variabilis (American Dog ticks)



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Rhipicephalus sanguineus (Brown Dog Tick)



Success Stories

My previous Cocker Spaniel and Shih-Tsu both passed away last year within 3 weeks of each other from Cancer and Diabetes. I had them since they were 6 weeks old. I was just devastated! Within 2 weeks I adopted a Shih-Tsu. He didn't like being left alone so I went to the Quincy Humane Society's site and saw a Cocker Spaniel named "Roxie". I called and was told she already had someone interested in adopting her and to check back. I called back and was told she was still up for adoption. I immediately drove to Quincy, with my Shih-Tsu, to make sure they got along together. They did, so I adopted Roxie. Roxie was unsure of her new surroundings to begin with. I worked with her "housebreaking" and she was easy to train. She is very attached to me now. She will even walk over and step on my other dog in order to sit next to me or sit on my lap. She loves her fenced in backyard and waits for the squirrels in the trees to come down (but they don't). She is a good "watchdog". My other dog follows Roxie from room to room and even cleans (licks) her eyes. He is much happier since Roxie moved in. I will always miss my two other dogs but "Roxie" and "Rudy" have filled that empty place in my heart. They are the best relatives you can have and I'm very thankful I have them.

- Patricia Kelly



"Prince charming has arrived at our house!" He came to our home on June 3rd of this year. His name is "Chase" and we adopted him from the Quincy Humane Society.

Our family likes to frequently come by the Quincy Humane Society to visit all of the animals. Our grand-daughters enjoy this very much. One day we came by to see who was available for adoption. We met many animals that day and all of them were hoping for a good and loving home, but we fell in love with Chase. A wonderful, more enriched life is being had by our whole family. Chase is our "Prince Charming" in every way. He even came to us in tux, as you can see from his coloring! He is a handsome cat and has a great personality. You're never lonely with Chase around, he likes to be around people at all times. He is playful and fun with the grandchildren, but quiet when you need him to be. He understands what you say to him. He gets a lot of attention and enjoys his life. Our life is more fun with him in it and we are so full of thanks for our new and special family member, named "Chase". He is very loved in our home.

- The Rost Family

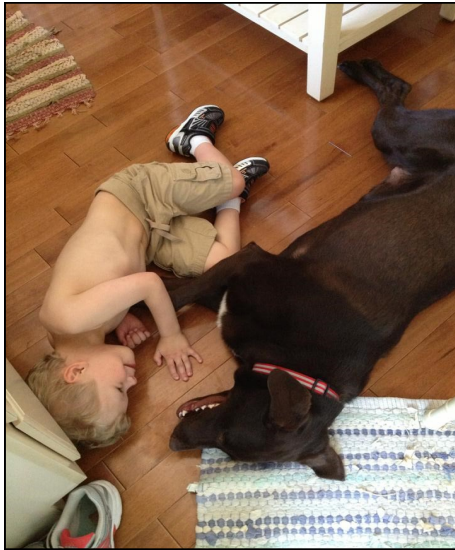


For Valentine's Day 2013, we had our minds set to expand our family and adopt a dog. We were not searching for a puppy. We had all but given up after a very bad experience and possible adoption. Todd was searching online and found what could possibly be the perfect pet for us. Todd has always had labs and I have had English Mastiffs. To our surprise this was a Black Lab/English Mastiff mix. His name is Hooch. His picture was absolutely stunning. Todd was on duty at the Fire Dept, so I drove to Quincy the next day to meet him. Amy Kientzle met me at the desk with a huge smile and told me what an awesome dog he was and that she loved him. She escorted me to a room where I could get acquainted with Hooch. He came barreling around the corner and jumped straight into my lap! That was all she wrote. It was a done deal. Everyone was so helpful and happy for us! I put him into my car to go home and he sat in the front seat-UNTIL I started my windshield wipers. At that point, he climbed into the back seat and proceeded to "keep one paw" on me at all times as if to make sure I wasn't going anywhere. He was immediately part of the family. We love him so much! He was even in our wedding in June. He is the best dog we have ever had. We post pics of him on Facebook all the time so Amy can see him and keep up with his progress. Hooch is very in tune with our feelings, he can tell when we are happy. He can tell when we are sad or upset. He is always there to lend a paw. He has never shown any aggressive behavior toward us or our cats, only love. One of his best friends, Evie, is also from the Quincy Humane Society! We love Hooch very much and the feeling is mutual. We look forward to many, many years together. Thank you Quincy Humane Society and Amy Kientzle!

-Cindy and Todd Warrick



Success Stories



We often hear stories about amazing things that animals can do. The Quincy Humane Society is proud to share the story of Duncan, a service dog that was selected from our shelter.

In December of 2011 Melody Seybold, former Volunteer Coordinator for the QHS, adopted a lab puppy on behalf of Paws Giving Independence. Paws Giving Independence is a non-profit group run by volunteers that adopts and fosters dogs while they are going through training to become service dogs. Typically, a service dog can cost families up to \$15,000 but, through this program they are given to families in need - free of charge.

For a dog to be selected they must first pass a basic temperament test. This test is used to rule out any issues regarding aggression or high levels of dominance. It also ensures that the dog is food or toy motivated which is important for the training program. Once a dog is selected they are placed with a foster family who is committed to training the canine throughout the entirety of the service program. Training can take anywhere between 12 and 18 months.

Duncan's first round of training included basic obedience skills. Once he mastered these skills, he moved onto the second level where he passed his public access test. Passing this test meant that he was allowed to enter into public settings like restaurants, movie theaters and stores with his handler. At this point in training, Duncan began to meet with potential families to find the perfect match for both Duncan and his future handler.

This May, Duncan was placed as a full service dog for a boy named Michael who has a genetic disorder and Autism. Michelle Kosner of Paws Giving Independence tells us, "through Duncan, Michael has started to interact with his environment. He has also begun giving Duncan hand signals to communicate with him. Duncan is trained to lay with his head firmly on Michael's lap to provide pressure, which yields a calming effect for Autistic individuals. He is also trained to maintain a static stay that helps to keep Michael safe by stopping him from running into the street." The family has also reported that Duncan does a good job of decreasing Michael's anxiety when out in the community.

We are proud of Duncan and thankful for both Paws Giving Independence and Michael's family for providing Duncan with a fulfilling life and a loving home.



Did you adopt an animal from us? We would **love** to hear from you! Send us a picture along with an update about how your new furry friend has become a part of your family.

Email voluntr@adams.net and maybe you and your pet will be featured in our next **Pet cetera Newsletter!**

Shelter Updates

ASPCA Dog Fighting Rescue — Puppies Join the Quincy Humane

In March of 2013, the ASPCA, alongside various other groups, assisted in a multi-state dog fighting raid in Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Dog fighting is a felony in all 50 States and the District of

Columbia. Through this raid, they were able to remove 100 dogs involved in the investigation. The dogs were transported to a temporary shelter where they received veterinary care as well as enrichment activities including exercise and socialization.

As an approved placement partner with the ASPCA, the Quincy Humane Society contacted for animal placement. On July 13th, we received 4 puppies that were rescued during the raid. Through a DNA test we discovered that the puppies are American Staffordshire Terrier, German Shorthair Pointer and Bull Terrier mixes! We are happy to report that all 4 puppies have been adopted into loving homes!



Red Hat Ladies of Sunset Home Present QHS with donations:

The Red Hat Ladies are "an international society, dedicated to reshaping the way women are viewed in today's culture. The RHS supports and encourages women to pursue fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment of lifelong dreams and fitness". This year, the Red Hat Ladies of Sunset Home came together and decided to hold a supply drive on behalf of the Quincy Humane Society.

These generous women were able to gather much needed supplies that we use at the shelter every day for both upkeep and animal care.

To add their own personal touch, they baked home made treats for the dogs to enjoy at the shelter! On top their donation of supplies and dog treats, they were also able to fundraise and contribute to the cause monetarily. *Thank you Red Hat Ladies!*



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Trudy & Mark Johnson
Gerald & Peggy Koettters
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Barbara Pyatt by
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Sandy Nachenberg
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Robert Hanson
Bruce & Lori Kruse
Susan Allen
John & Betty Gebhardt
Susan & Terry Asher
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Quentin Miller by
Ione Miller
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Amy Kientzle & Kathy Mixer
Alta Rose by
Shirley Vogel
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Alta Rose continued
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Bruce & Marla Meredith
George Reckers by
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Margaret Keppner
John Deem
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Deborah Schuster
Kenneth Ridder by
Susan Souders & Diane Morin
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William & Barbara Gully
Roy Rosendale by
Meg Ely
Sally Westerhoff
Bill Schuckman by
Heather & Kaedyn Gilliland
Randy Moritz
Everett Jackson
Lois Schneider
Jerry & Jayna Shepard
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Carl & Sally Johnson
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C. Edwin Waters
James Icenogle
Roy & Deanna Shepard
Russell Schuette by
Diane & Ky Hamann
Vernon & Donna Riggs
James Rankin by
Phillip & Joan Parkhill
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Standbridge by
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Brice Michel
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Vicki Allen by
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Wilbur Schaffer by
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Meckes
Marilyn Retzer by
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All memorials received between
1/31/13 until 8/23/13

In Loving Memory

Margie Ross by
Ann McDonald
Pearl Walburn by
Patti Staff
Melva Tucker by
Warehouse Friends
Charles & Joan Brown
Nina Thomas by
Jan Seibert
Louis Woerman by
Virginia Mudd
Scott & Sally McCarl
Mary Sloan by
Dr. Shahan Office Staff

Robert Dittmer by
Kristin Soebbing
Jonques Bissell by
Barbara Gerdes
James Schnellbecker by
Phyllis Grussemeyer
Mary Lovell
Dana Aschenbrenner
Norma Bennett
ACHD Sunshine Committee
Barb Kenady
Betty & George Belker
Kathy Mixer & Amy Kientzle
Barb Leapley

James Schnellbecker continued
Sierra Noble
Mildred Kuhlman by
Kristopher Kutcher & Todd
Shackelford
Mary Geising by
Janice Colvin
Peter Waber by
Sally Westerhoff
Dennis Carter by
Jeanne Martin
Jack Douglas by
Meg Ely

Anna Steinman by
Jan Colvin
Dorothy Dickhut by
Jane Meginnes
Dan McLaughlin by
Barbara Gerdes
John Pyles by
Barbara Pyles
Claire Fischer by
Jane Meginnes

Pet Memorials

"Malcolm" by
Alan & Amy Schmuck Family
"Cassie" Turi by
Barbara Turi
Marian Donohue
"Friday" Thomas by
Marian Thomas
"Timmy" Ward by
Rebecca Ward
"Prince" Wilkinson by
Barbara Turi & Family
Marian Donohue
"Libby" Schanbacher by
Barbara Turi
Marian Donohue
"LuLu" Bayles by
Kristopher Kuther & Todd Schakelford
"Callie" Beaston by
Susie Souders & Diane Morin
"Bella" Stroot by
Susie Souders & Diane Morin
"Annie" Smith by
Mike & Deana Smith
"Charlie" Savage by
Mike & Deana Smith
"Romeo" Crouch by
Amy Kientzle & Kathy Mixer

"Romeo" Crouch continued
Sue Allen
"Showboat" Mitchell by
Becky Crouch
Alice Morrill
Amy Kientzle & Kathy Mixer
"Byron" & "Bogart" Schullian by
Jane Meginnes
"Hugie" Clemens by
Jane Meginnes
"Gidget" Bick by
Jane Meginnes
**"Cokie" "Freddie" "Tippy" &
"Smokey" Mays** by
Ruth Mays
"Arthur" McFarland by
Jean Gilchrist
"Maggie" Cooper by
Gail & Pat Henderson
"Macy" Mangold by
Kelsey Smith
"Fritz" Landwehr by
Michael Landwehr
"Precious" Leckbee by
Gisela Leckbee
"Petie" Loos by
Kevin & Lynn Fischer

"Walter" Hellhake by
Ruth Hellhake
"Simon Charles" Hummelsheim by
Deborah Schuster
"Penny" Foster by
Michael & Michele Foster
"Eddie" Foster by
Michael & Michele Foster
"Buddy" Shepard by
Michael & Michele Foster
"Molly" Fischer by
Kevin & Lynn Fischer
"Scamp" Foster by
Rosie Foster
"Grady" Fincher by
Mary Beth & Aurie McGee
"Lucky" Heckman by
Meg Ely
"Doe" Ely by
Meg Ely
"Stella" Eaton by
Mike & Peggy Eaton
Susie Souders & Diane Morin
"Bear" Dopheide by
Kathy Dopheide
"Mac" Dopheide by
Kathy Dopheide

"Chloe" Daly by
Walter & Darlene Stevenson
"Morgan" McClain by
Sue Allen
"Brady" Leimbach by
Janet & Joe Conover
"Cocoa" Bevelheimer by
Janet & Joe Conover
"Jake" Kuykendall by
Diane Gerards-Benage
"Dean-O" Bringaze by
Meg Ely
"Nicky" Bricker by
Earl Bricker
"Quincy" Cardianl by
Kymberly Cardinal
"Sheba" Staff by
Michele Foster
"Latte" Kientzle-Mixer by
Sally Westerhoff
Susan Allen
Jean Mitchell
Larry Kuszmaul
Rebecca Crouch
"Jake" Kuykendall by
Diane Gerards-Benage

Honorariums

Tina Marie by
Cheri Snider-Birdsell
Phyllis Smith's Birthday by
Walt & Barbara Siemens
Catherine Ison by
Collin Prizy
Sue Allen by
Kai & Tom Ortbal
Becky Crouch
Lynn Fischer
Jill Neal
Victoria Kelley by
Sally Westerhoff

Larry & Sharon Anderson Anniversary by
Joe & Patty Lanning
Linda Griffin Birthday by
Joe & Patty Lanning
"Muffin" Ellis by
Gene & Vivienne Ellis
Jennifer Davidson by
Sally Westerhoff
Ed & Kim Blaesing's Marriage by
Andy Blaesing
Terry & Sandy Austin
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Rupert
Mr. & Mrs. William Veihl

Ed & Kim Blaesing's Marriage continued
John & Bonnie Hamilton
Holly Henze
Diane & Donald Carpenter
Taylor Becker
Kevin Blaesing
Chadwick Johnson
Larry & Maureen Burkemper
Vicki Huse by
Jennifer Davidson
Barbara Schleppenbach by
Jay Schleppenbach

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 PO 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 remember your friends and family in such a generous way.

A Special Thank You To...

Our Volunteers! Our volunteers help us with everything from providing love to the animals, shelter up-keep, front desk, events... and pretty much anything that you can think of! We would not be able to provide everything that we do for the animals or run as efficiently without each and every one of them!

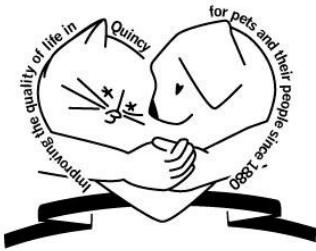
O'Donnell's Termite and Pest Control: Thank you for providing us with your services!

Samuel and Sawyer Mulherin and Jake Hoyt: These three thoughtful children collected money throughout their neighborhood on behalf of the Quincy Humane Society!

Jordan Hummert: For the past decade, Quincy Senior High School has sponsored a charity event called "Mr. QHS". All participating students are asked to choose a charity to fundraise on the behalf of and Jordan chose the Quincy Humane Society. Thank you Jordan!



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