

Happy Tails Humane Society

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SUMMER 2013

NEW FENCES SPRUCE UP SHELTER, GIVE DOGS BIG SPACE



Decorative fencing and a large dog run are part of the shelter's strategic plan to make the shelter both "homey" and park-like.

When you drive up the lane to Happy Tails these days you may feel as though you're headed for a cozy cottage. The white decorative fencing along the lane definitely gives the shelter a homey feeling. Even better than the fencing at front, though, is the fencing at the back of the property.

The dogs at Happy Tails can really let loose these days. They have just over an acre of fenced-in property where they can play and race around for fun. A chain-link fence has been installed that is specially designed to prevent the dogs jumping over it. Both the decorative fencing at the front of the shelter and the chain-link fencing at the back were generously donated to Happy Tails by a local business owner who says the expense was well worth the joy of watching the dogs race across the yard.

This generous business owner has helped Happy Tails since before the new shelter was built, stepping in to meet some very big needs. The donor prefers to remain anonymous but there is something the donor does want to make known: Other businesses and individuals can help. Whether it's \$1, \$10,000, or a donation of time or services--everything helps. And everything is needed.

Happy Tails is very much a product of the community, built by money, time, and labor donated by the community and its businesses. We are extremely grateful to everyone. And to the wonderful and generous donor who has spruced up our lane and given our dogs a glorious place to run free, we can say "thank you," but the most rewarding message is the joyful barks from our dogs as they run across their amazing new yard.



GOLF OUTING SET FOR AUGUST 9

Golfers, gear up! The annual Happy Tails "Paws Open" Golf Outing is coming up on Friday, August 9, at Emerald Hill Golf Course in Sterling. Registration and lunch start at 12:00 p.m. and golf starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$65/person or \$250/foursome, and includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, a cart and prizes. Lunch will be available to non-golfers for \$15.

Sponsorships are available for \$100. To sponsor this event or to donate items for silent auction or raffle, please contact Jeff and Stacey at (815) 632-7115 or staceydetra@yahoo.com. Golf outing registration forms are available at the shelter and on the shelter web site (happytailsanimalshelter.org).



SAVE THE DATE!

If you missed Raise the Woof in May, don't worry. The live comedy show will be back next year! Here are some other events you won't want to miss. Check our web site for calendar updates.

July 13	Sky Box Sports Bar Cookout and Car Wash
July 27	Cookout and Adoption Event at the shelter
August 9	Golf Outing at Emerald Hill
August 31	Craft show at the shelter (tentative date)
September 7	Open House at the shelter (tentative date)

TEEN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer Happy Tails kicked off its first intern program. Happy Tails interns are integral to our success as they participate in the daily work of the shelter. The internships encompass animal care, shelter operations, fundraising, and promoting adoptions. The interns are the voices on our phone and the greeters at the Adoption Center.

Internships are an excellent opportunity for individuals who are considering a career in animal welfare, are interested in animal sheltering, or want to learn more about animal care and behavior. Four interns are taking part in the pilot program.



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Happy Tails operates a limited-intake, no-kill facility that shelters and cares for stray and abandoned dogs and cats until they are adopted into loving, permanent homes. We promote pet adoption and humane education. Happy Tails is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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Jessica Knotts comes to us through ABC AmeriCorps. She began her service with AmeriCorps when she was a student at Sauk Valley Community College. She was a Kindergarten Teacher's Assistant throughout the school year. She is finishing her service hours at Happy Tails. Jessie graduated from Sauk Valley in May with an Associate's degree in Science. She'll be a Junior at the University of Illinois-Chicago in the fall, studying computer science with a minor in philosophy.



Lauren Shaw attends Sterling High School, where she will be a senior in the fall. She's in the National Honor Society. Lauren says her favorite part of working at Happy Tails is interacting with the animals. She enjoys their many different personalities. She also says she's learning many different skills at Happy Tails, including animal care. Lauren is considering a career as a veterinary technician.



Allison Furr has been volunteering at Happy Tails for the past several months through the Teen Program. She comes to us from Newman High School. She admits to an excessive love of animals and says that's what makes volunteering at Happy Tails fun and worthwhile. Allie has a talent for machine embroidery and has lent her talents to several projects for Happy Tails, including our medical team scrubs, modeled here by Allie and Jake Czyzyk, son of Site Administrator Donald Czyzyk.



Cari Argaves attends Sterling High School where she'll be a senior next year, and would like to pursue a career in nursing or veterinary care. At the shelter she works mainly with cats but at home has both cats and dogs--lots of them!

A DAY AT THE ZOO



In late May some of the Teens for Happy Tails spent the day at Brookfield Zoo. The teens love the dogs and cats at Happy Tails, but a day with giraffes, monkeys and the like was most welcome, and the teens had a blast!

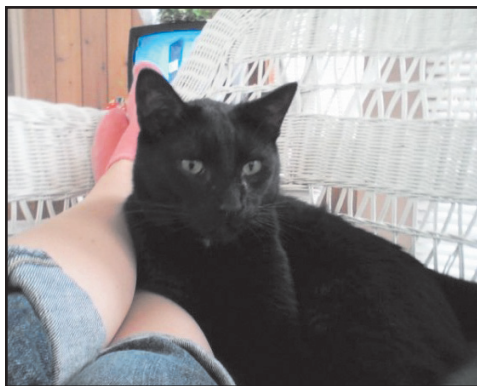
HOT WEATHER TIPS CAN SAVE YOUR DOG'S LIFE

Tip #1: Don't leave your dog in your car, even with the windows slightly open. A car's inside temperature can increase as much as 40 degrees in an hour, largely within the first half hour. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows cracked slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes.

Tip #2: Don't transport your dog in the back of a pickup truck. He may look like he's having fun, ears flapping in the wind and a big smile on his face, but you are endangering both your dog and other motorists. If you have to stop suddenly or swerve your dog could be thrown out of the truck bed and killed or could cause other drivers to swerve, causing an accident. Dogs can't be safely transported in the back of a pickup truck, even with a restraint. There have been cases where dogs restrained by leashes or harnesses have been strangled or dragged after being thrown from a truck bed.



SABADO'S DAY OUT



Allison Furr

Sabado came to the shelter in 2007 when he was 2 months old and has never left. That is until June 2nd, when I took him on a little vacation. We went to my grandma's house, where he was the only animal and he had a blast. Sabado loved watching the TV, which he had obviously never been around. He LOVES playing with his toys. Sabado also loved to look out the windows. He is a sneaky and fun cat who loves attention. During the night, Sabado slept right next to me—it was so sweet. Sabado is a great cat and it is so amazing how easily he adapted to the home setting. He is unique in appearance and personality. Sabado would be a great cat for a family looking for a humorous new pet to love.

Sabado cuddling with Allie at Grandma's place.

RUN FOR THE PAWS

Seventy-five people and their dogs turned out for the first Happy Tails "Run for the Paws" 2k run/walk. It was a great event with lots of happy faces, human and canine. The run brought \$1,350 to Happy Tails. This very successful event could not have happened without our amazing volunteers!



Left to right are Brittany Mitchell, Jennivee Westfall, Allison Furr, Rayeann Kobbeman, Ann Spencer, Kristin Sigel, Tammy Sigel, John Mowrey, Happy Tails President Mark Razo, and Antonio Mitchell.



HAPPY TALES

Bandi

Bandi got her name from being abandoned in a house when her owners moved. A neighbor noticed her in a window and called Happy Tails. When we arrived she had no food and no water, and was very happy to be rescued. She was at the shelter for nearly six years but didn't seem to get noticed by potential adopters, probably because she held back and didn't approach people. But when Marge Sadowski came to the shelter, Bandi not only approached, she signaled her intent to be adopted, and Marge got the message! Here is Bandi's story.



My name is Bandi. I am a senior cat that lived at Happy Tails. One day a senior lady came in to get a cat. I was one of the last ones in the senior room that she petted. She was looking at my friend who was a long-haired calico, but because of arthritis she thought that brushing would be a problem. As she turned to talk to the other cats I reached out

and tapped her shoulder. She turned and said "Okay, you are the one." I now live in Marge's and my home. I am loved by her and all her friends (especially her homemaker, who accompanied Marge in her search). I have a special place on the sectional in front of the two front windows. I am very careful not to be near her feet when she walks. I receive treats, great meals, grooming, petting, and I am the queen of the realm. Please come and see all of my Happy Tails friends; they need a good, loving home. I know that they will return your love and will be loyal to you.



Samantha

This is how Samantha (called Precious at the shelter) is spending her summer. Her mom Kerri Knapp tells us "As you can see, she is a ham and loves lounging by the pool. She is a lot of fun and a great companion. Thanks for letting me adopt such a wonderful addition to my family."

LET IT GROW



Work has begun on our "Let It Grow" Donors Tree, where donors will be recognized with inscriptions on the components of the scene. Contributions can be as little as \$5.00 per month. A signup form for Let It Grow is available on the Happy Tails web site under "Donations and Programs." If you have questions, please contact the shelter at 815.626.2994.

FIND YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND



These are just a few of the wonderful kittens available for adoption at Happy Tails. Our volunteers spend a great deal of time socializing these babies, holding them and playing with them. As a result, they don't scratch and they're eager for human companionship. Kittens need vaccines against feline distemper and upper respiratory viruses at 6, 9, and 12 weeks of age. Happy Tails is committed to giving kittens a healthy start in life, so their first three sets of shots are included in the adoption fee. Also included are a microchip and spay or neuter, when they're old enough. The adoption fee is just \$75. That's a small price to pay for a furry bundle of love!



Evan, meet Evan! This is our kitten Evan meeting another Evan, the grandson of Happy Tails president Mark Razo.



Koda Bringer and three of his friends celebrated his ninth birthday by bringing gifts of food for the animals. Koda, Griffin, Brennen, and Brayden, thank you for your gifts! Koda also sponsored a Happy Tails cat, Scooter, with \$50 of his own money. Scooter was born with no back legs, but she gets around well and keeps up with her friends. Koda, you are very special, and Scooter and all the other animals at Happy Tails send you a big hug.

Thank you, Jamie's Candle Loft in Sterling, for the donation you generated through the sales of Easter candy at your shop!

A big thanks to Judy Cogdall for donating catnip--dried, fresh, and plants. Volunteers have wanted to start a catnip garden and now have the plants to do it.

The front of the shelter is looking very sharp these days, thanks to mulch donated and put in by volunteers Pete and Diane Micale. Thanks for the mulch and for the many other things you do for Happy Tails, Pete and Diane!

Many groups and individuals have donated to us over the recent months. Kids have brought us birthday donations--gifts for the animals instead of themselves. Families have brought us pet food, cleaning, and other supplies. Donated items are so important--thank you to everyone!

We would like to thank Larry Stevens for donating grooming items in memory of his wife Edith Stevens, who was a groomer for many years in Rock Falls. Such items mean a lot to us, as they help take care of furry friends, just as they did in Edith's hands.

Our thanks to the many people who have brought us food and supplies, including the ACE Club of Rock Falls High School. The Girl Scouts from St Mary's in Dixon stopped by with donated items and money from a jeans day. Every item that's donated means that we have that much more money to dedicate to medical care for our animals and other expenses at the shelter.

Our friends at Riverview Estates in Prophetstown held a bake sale, bringing in \$222 to help Happy Tails. Our thanks to everyone who baked and who bought goodies!



DONATIONS

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In loving memory of our Ciera who battled her cancer so courageously and who left so many paw prints on our hearts and such a huge hole in our lives. — Mom and Dad

Pamela Lumsden, in honor of her friend Barb Wagner's 62nd birthday

Marcia Street, in memory of Rowdy

The James/Murphy Gang, in memory of Peggy Prescott

Wendy Marks, in memory of Carolyn and Curt Kreider's beloved beagles, Hayley and Sophie

Jerry Lancaster, Lawrence and Carol Steinhagen, Robert Card and family and friends, in memory of Sandra Card

Joan McDonald in memory of Lori Saunders

Nelda Doan, Wallace and Shirley Feldman, Johnathon and Susan Logsden, Jean Galloway, Donna Jean Berry, Joyce Frank, William Fisher, Pete and Theresa Grunder, Ted and Marjorie Kontos, and Jerry and Judy Welbourne, in memory of Charles Berry

Rose McCann, in memory of Marita Bittorf

Donna Janssen, in memory of Eric Peterson, Jeff Peterson, and Jean and Price Barber

Debra Knapp, in loving memory of her lab Molly Anna

Thomas and Tammy Shaw, in memory of Lloyd Pletsch

Laurel Cassens, in memory of John E.H. Cassens

Howard Jones, Patrice Estes, Dick and Nancy Gebhardt, Darrell and Nancy Holbrook, Debra Totten, William and Mary Grant, Keith and Margaret Hasenyager, Harold and Margie Packer, Geraldine Wike, Jerry and Sharon Anderson, Catherine Capp, and the WCSC Dining Room and Kitchen friends, in memory of S. Jean Knuth

Leanne and William Boylan, John and Carol Crady, and friends and family in memory of Linda Pettenger

In loving memory of my aunt Elaine who recently passed away and who dearly loved animals all of her 95 years. — Judy

Gloria Grant and other friends, in memory of Scootie Tooker, beloved companion of Nancy and Larry Tooker