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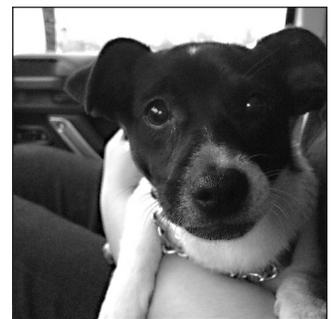
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FROM THE EDITOR

Given the positive comments we received about our Summer issue, which featured an expanded selection of dogs and cats looking for their forever home, we have decided to do that again in our Fall issue.

Foster parents took time out of their busy schedules to write down the stories.

Of course, we cannot feature them all, but visit our web site:

www.helpinganimals.org, to see these and other fosters who are waiting for a loving home.

Also, in this issue we include some opportunities to volunteer. We are in particular need of people who are willing to bottle-feed kittens.

Beatriz Mendoza

Newsletter editor

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SPECIAL NEEDS FOSTERS

LEXY

(AS TOLD BY HER FOSTER MOM)

Lexy was found under a bush by a friend's dog while on a walk. Harley sniffed and would not leave the bushes alone. Until her owner looked under the bush and found this very dirty, crusty-eyed, flea-infested single kitten. My friend took her home, gave her a bath, cleaned her eyes and gave her a hearty meal. She was only 6 weeks old, alone and afraid.

I took her in the next day to foster. As was expected, this little sick girl was blind, probably due to the untreated infection in her eyes. But blindness does not stop this little girl from having a lot of fun with resident cats. She knows the house and can navigate quite nicely. The other cats try to ambush her, but she can sense and hear them coming, so she is ready to pounce right back. Very cute to watch them interact!

Lexy is the ultimate dainty little girl. Around 6 pounds, she will always be quite small. But don't let that fool you! She is filled with energy and yet very calm and cuddly, too.

She will be low maintenance too, having short and very soft fur. She gets along great with other gentle



cats and kittens but we don't know about dogs.

Her needs are simple.....she would love a quiet home with gentle children over 4 years old, possibly a mellow cat or two. A sunny window, and she is in heaven.

If you have it in your heart to adopt sweet Lexy, and have a family that can give her the time and attention she deserves, please fill out the adoption application and contact us for information on how to meet her. Your whole family needs to meet her.

EDMUND

This is Edmund, he is looking for his special forever home.

Edmund was saved from a local shelter. He is such a sweet, loving all around great cat.

We couldn't understand why anyone would give up on this gorgeous boy. Turns out he had bladder stones.

After a few months of trying to dissolve them with a diet he needed to have

surgery. The wonderful vets at Cleveland Animal took care of Edmund and did his bladder surgery.

Edmund had a bladder stone that was rare in cats so he needs to be on a low protein diet so his stones do not come back. He eats Hills k/d now and loves it.

He's great with dogs and other cats, kids. He just needs a home that will love him forever.



LONG TIME WAITING...

BAILEY

How can this beautiful girl still be available to adopt? Please help Bailey find her forever home.

Bailey is a 2 year-old American Fox Hound/Boxer mix. She was DNA-tested with proof of this exciting identity. Bailey is around 60lbs and is up to date on vaccines, microchipped and spayed. She is very athletic and loves to stay active throughout the day.

If given a simple toy, Bailey will entertain you with her goofy antics and amusing behavior. She loves to go on walks and let her "hound" show by tracking anything that has left a scent.

She has had extensive basic command training and isn't afraid to show off. She is crate and potty trained.

When the day is done Bailey is a cuddle bug. She will climb into your lap if given the chance and nuzzle next to you. She gives soft kisses and hugs. She adapts well to her surroundings whatever they may be.

Bailey is great with other dogs and loves her foster sister Addie, a beagle mix, who she spends most of her time playing with. Her puppy dog eyes show her true spirit. One that will be loyal, fun, and extremely loving to anyone who gives her a chance.



DAISY

Daisy is still waiting for her forever home as well. Daisy is the girl with the beautiful long and silky fur. She was found outside eating what she could find, so she is a bit shy and slow to warm up to new people. Once she gets to know you she loves to be held and cuddled and will follow you around the house. She is ok with dogs but is not comfortable around other cats, so she would



do best being the only pampered furball in the house. She is up to date on her shots and is ready to find a forever home.

CASH

Cash is still waiting for his forever home. Although he loves his foster mom, he would love to meet his new forever family.

Cash is a real Lover Boy with his human BFF's. He is 3 years old, born April of 2011, and weighs approx. 9 lbs.

Cash tends to be too rough, and will pick on submissive kitties in his



foster home, so he is best suited as an only cat in the family.

He is in a foster home with dogs too, and would be ok with one that is cat-friendly. He truly is affectionate and more dog-like rather than acting like a cat. He has been a strictly inside cat, and has good indoor manners.

If you are searching for a boy cat that will give you all his love and seeks out your attention, Cash may be the one for you! Did we mention he likes to be held and loved on???

TEDDI

Teddi is a sweet, gentle 1 year-old tortie. She was found in Chicago with her 6 litter mates when they were only days old. She got her name for being as soft and cuddly as a teddy bear. Teddi loves to be held like a baby and will sleep with you every night. She is very calm and relaxed but loves to play with her siblings sometimes too.



Teddi loves her dog foster brother and is great with other cats and kids as well. She enjoys sunbathing and looking out the window. She is the first to greet you at the door, but be careful since she is very determined to get outside!

Teddi would be the perfect addition to any home, but she would love to be in a home with other animals for her to play with!

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

REX

"Hi, my name is Rex, I'm 4 years old and I've been told I'm a German Shepherd/Hound mix. I weigh about 80 pounds and I'm really strong, so I'm kinda a big boy, but I don't care about things like appearances because I just know I'm 100% fun.

Before my foster dad Mike took me home, I was in the shelter for over 3 months because my old parents didn't want me anymore. It made me sad. I was mostly an outside dog, but sometimes got to go inside if it was really cold outside.

My new life is so much better... I'm house and crate trained, but all that time spent outside made my manners kinda rusty, so you have to keep an eye on me so I don't mark my spot. If you tell me "no" I'll stop, but sometimes I forget so me and foster dad are working on it.

I really like my soft toys and tennis balls but squeaky toys aren't my thing. I also like a good nylabone to help pass the time while watching TV. I really love playing with my fur brother Dexter and fur sister Nikki and we play "keep away", "steal the toy" and what I call



"mouth wrestling" where we lay on the ground and try to mouth each other. Sometimes I just lay on the ground and let them give me kisses.

I like exploring during our long walks together and I'm good on leash but sometimes pull dad if there's a really good scent somewhere and I just have to get to it. I like watching people but meeting them makes me nervous sometimes because I don't know if

I can trust them, especially men, but dad says I'm getting better at it.

When I meet people I really prefer to approach them instead of them approaching me. After we've hung out for a while I might even want to climb on your lap for kisses and treats. You can give me scratches but you have to watch my ears because I've had some infections in them and they're sensitive.

I get nervous around small children, but I'm better with older kids like teenagers who will have fun throwing the ball for me. I'll bring the ball back too, but you'll probably have to trade me for a treat. Did I mention I love treats?

My foster dad's parents come over to visit with us sometimes and I like hanging out with them too, so I'm good with people who don't have any kids. I really like being around other dogs and hanging out with them, but cats make me kind of crazy so it's best if I'm not around them.

I'd really like to find my forever home, so if you're looking for a strong, loyal fun dog I'm the guy for you!"

CUBBY

Cubby is such a sweet natured boy! He is still an active puppy, will fetch a ball, play chase with other dogs, and loves to run!

He has been in a foster home with all sizes and shapes of dogs, and simply wants to play, play, play! He is okay with cats, but still a bit too active for most of them. Cubby loves attention, activity, walks, along with human and canine friendships. He is not a couch potato, but does settle down in between playtime and then is easy going. He is house-trained, has good indoor manners, is crate-trained, but has too much energy to be crated all day. He will sleep in his foster mom's room all night till time to get up.

Cubby is now 57 pounds, at 10 months of age.



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AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

LUCY



Lucy was an outdoor stray cat for most of her short life. Being an unaltered outdoor cat she had 4 litters. A neighborhood cat lover fed her and tried to make friends with her. And that she did! They bonded and then Lucy just cried and cried to come into the cat-lovers home.

This wonderful lady took her in and got her spayed and up to date on all of her vaccinations.

She introduced Lucy slowly and carefully into her home with the few resident cats. Unfortunately, after months of trying, the other cats ultimately did not want her to join their family. Very reluctantly the cat lover had to find another home for Lucy.

She really socialized this little Lucy into a beautifully social and sweet girl. I wanted to foster Lucy!

So when I got her, I thought she would be hard to socialize to my home with all my resident and foster cats, but alas...no problem there! After her "get acquainted time" in her private room, I let her out to mingle and play a few minutes at a time. What a joy to watch as one by one, each cat came up to her to touch noses. Sure, a few hisses at first but after a few days of slowly letting them get to know her, they all accepted her as a family member.

SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP

"We are 3 orange babies full of energy and love to play. We are typical kittens that get into trouble and will help you when you are on your computer.

After we have been running around we love to snuggle on the back of a couch or a lap, we just want to be by people. If interested in adopting us we are at the adoption center in Petsmart in Geneva.

We won't let you down!!"



HARRY



Harry is a 2 year-old Bearded Collie approximately 70 lbs. He is a cheerful, happy go lucky, affectionate boy who loves people and other dogs.

He loves chasing Frisbees and tennis balls in the backyard and he walks very well on a leash. He likes to swim and go play with friends at the dog park.

Harry is a very special dog and will be a great addition to any home who wants a playful and cuddly guy. He is healthy, up-to-date on shots, house-trained and learning his basic commands very quickly.

TINY



"Tiny" is a 7 month-old puppy - but a big dog in a small package. The vet says he is a Jack Russel/ Chihuahua mix. He hasn't grown much in the last six weeks, I don't think he'll get much bigger, but he is so much fun and has tons of personality.

Tiny knows how to sit and is almost potty-trained. He gets along great with his 80-lb lab foster brother and 30-lb foster sister. He does well on a leash, but would benefit from more practice.

Tiny sleeps on his back or under blankets whenever he can get away with it and loves snuggling in your lap. He is the perfect size for a lap dog at 10lbs. He is such a fun character!

A SUCCESS STORY

HELP acquired 2 Bengals this past summer. These are special cats that need special homes.

If you didn't know, Bengals are a very special breed and not for everyone. They are very high-maintenance cats, but can be great cats with the right home that understands them.

Bengals are considered curious and highly active. They love to climb to high places, enjoy playing fetch and going for walks on leash and love an outdoor enclosure where to do bird-watching.

Thank you to Susan Saunders from Great Lakes Bengal Rescue for the useful information on Bengals and for helping us by posting them on their site. They do a wonderful job with these great felines which, like many others, are looking for a forever home.

As of press time Nepal has been adopted.



WAITING FOR A FOREVER HOME

PADDINGTON

Paddington was given to me at just one week old.

Paddington is the ultimate sweet little girl. Around 6 pounds, she will always be quite small. But don't let that fool you! She is filled with energy and yet very calm and cuddly.

It is so funny to watch all of them tear through the house with wild abandon and collapse with exhaustion for a nice long nap. Expect to be entertained for hours.



She will need low maintenance, having long silky very soft hair, she will need her brushing once a week. (I don't brush her once a week, and she has no mats.) She gets along great with other cats and kittens, but we don't know about dogs.

Her needs are simple. She would love a quiet home with gentle children over 4 years old, possibly a mellow cat or two (or his mom or sister,) a sunny window, and she is in heaven.



THANK YOU!!



A big THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped make Swedish Days a success. Only Tuesday and Saturday were rain free but they managed to smile through the rain.

Thank you to Ann and Tony Cobb of Riverview Banquets in Batavia for helping us with our Swedish Days Supplies this year and for their continued support of HELP.

A huge thank you to Trellis garden center in St. Charles. Joyce Sexton had her first adoption show there, and everything went very well. A great group of people and they all love animals. We are going to try to host a cat show there once a month. Look for facebook posts when the shows are, or you can contact Joyce at orkiddoc@aol.com.



H.E.L.P.'s Annual Spayghetti Dinner

November 10th
6:00pm – 8:00 pm
Riverview Banquets
1117 N. Washington
Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510



Support us by attending and eating all the spaghetti you can!
Invite your family and friends to join us too! All proceeds benefit the
animals in our care.

Dinner includes:
all you can eat spaghetti with sauce (meatless available), tossed salad,
bread, beverage, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available.

We are also offering To Go Dinners.
Pre-pay for them, stop by and pick them up to take home and enjoy.

Tickets may be purchased at www.helpinganimals.org under
“Events on November 10th”
or mail your check to:
HELP, P.O. Box 972, St. Charles, IL 60174



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KIDS UNDER 10

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DOOR:
\$10 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR
KIDS UNDER 10

Pre-purchased tickets will have your
name at the door.
Tickets are not mailed out.



BOTTLE FEEDERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of people to take care of nursing mom cats and bottle feeding babies. Help has taken in over 60 kittens this year and our fosters have done an awesome job helping these babies. We have a person that will train you and be by your side if you have no experience. It is so rewarding to know you helped in situations where tiny babies or momma cats would not have survived without your help. If interested in becoming a foster parent or want to know more, please email Sharon at srgreiner2@gmail.com.



Pictures with Santa and Bake Sale

Thank you to St. Charles Veterinary Clinic located at 530 Dunham Rd, St. Charles, for once again offering to host our annual Pictures with Santa and Bake Sale! This year's event will be held Saturday, November 7 from 8 am - 2 pm and Saturday, November 28 from 8 am to 2 pm. Families are welcome to sit with their pets!

If interested in baking or volunteering for this event please email info@helpinganimals.org

DESPERATELY SEEKING ..

Reliable, self confident, motivated person to help our cats find homes. Must be able to talk to the public and do paperwork. Cat knowledge helpful.

Training provided. ***Make a difference!***

Volunteer at Petsmart, the third Thursday of every month, from 6 to 8 pm.

Call Pat at 630-845-8239, or email at patfullcircle@aol.com!

We look forward to YOU joining our team !

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Thank you to those of you who have made contributions since our last newsletter.

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Christy Cirino, *rescue pledge for Rex from AACC Transfer Team*

Donations allow us to follow our passion of saving animals. Although we do our best to track every donation, once in a while, one is overlooked. It saddens us when something so important isn't given the recognition it deserves. If you have made a donation before July 30, 2015 and weren't acknowledged in a newsletter, please email contacthelp1982@yahoo.com

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Purina ONE

Friskies canned cat food

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St. Charles, IL 60175
(630) 377-6660

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530 Dunham Road
St. Charles, IL 60174
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Geneva, IL 60134
(630) 232-9193

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-Dianna Regan

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-Maureen Alsip

Ruby and all our missed pets

-Ronald and Susan Kittleson

SPECIAL DONATIONS

- 🔔 Sharon Greiner made a donation of \$200 for Mistletoe's surgery.
- 🔔 Lisa Thom made donations at Swedish days: in honor of 2 cats, Juju and Nobuoka, who live in Japan; and in honor of Susie, Gary and Daisy Thom, all adopted from HELP.
- 🔔 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Balint made a donation in honor of Madison Paine's Bat Mitzvah, for the Emergency Fund.
- 🔔 Banfield Animal Hospital at Petsmart in Geneva donated 3DX heartworm tests.
- 🔔 Grace Kelly donated cat houses, bowls, blankets, baskets, pillows, toys, litter boxes, scratching posts and cat trees.
- 🔔 Lois Smith and an anonymous donor sent coupons.
- 🔔 Joseph McGee and Steve Kulis contributed money to HELP through the AT&T Employee giving campaign.
- 🔔 Jesse Smith donation match from the Kraft Foods Group Foundation Matching Gifts and Dollars for Doers Program.
- 🔔 Zoey and BooBoo's mom donated a \$125 gift certificate to St. Charles Veterinary Clinic.

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