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FROM THE BOARD

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, HELP US GIVE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

As you may know, Homes For Endangered and Lost Pets (H.E.L.P.) is funded completely by donations, adoption fees and fundraising activities. Since 1982, every donation, each cookie, every lemon shake-up, even that t-shirt you purchased has gone towards helping local animals in need.

In 2015, during the peak of kitten season we answered pleas from local animal controls and took in over 60 kittens. Most required formula and to be bottled fed. We

also stepped up and rescued three heartworm positive dogs.

These are just a few examples of the over 300 animals that work their way through our system each year. That may not sound like a lot, but tell that to the 300 dogs and cats sitting comfortably on your couch while you read this. And if you look at that 300 per year since inception, H.E.L.P. has placed over 10,000 animals into loving homes!

We know there are many other

organizations you could support. We are forever grateful that you continue to choose us. The work we do would not be possible without your generous support.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation and/or become a volunteer of our organization. Together we do make a difference.

Happiest Holiday wishes to you and yours,

H.E.L.P.'s Board of Directors



Some of the litters we rescued this year

SPONSOR A PET PROGRAM

Ever want to help out a special needs animal but could not take on the responsibility of adopting one?

H.E.L.P. is pleased to welcome our new **Sponsor A Pet program**.

We have many cats and one dog in our system that require daily medication, special diets, repeat bloodworks, and multiple vet visits. H.E.L.P.'s foster homes are wonderful to keep them in their homes, care for them, medicate and take to vet appointments. However the vet bills start to add up.

With the new program you can pick out a cat or dog to help and make a donation in that pet's name.

We will send you a letter about their condition and a picture of your sponsor pet.

You can make monthly donations in that pet's name or just a single donation. Any amount helps keep the care going for these great animals.

H.E.L.P. BOARD MEETINGS

For more information on dates and place of HELP board meetings, please call 877-364-2286 and leave a message.

NEWSLETTER:

Beatriz Mendoza



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

BonBon is a 30-pound Italian greyhound/terrier mix who is approximately 6 to 8 years old.

BonBon ended up at Chicago Animal Care and Control after he was attacked by another dog and his family could not afford his treatment. HELP rescued him from CACC and got him the treatment he needed for his injuries (which thankfully were not serious) and he has healed completely.

The vet guessed BonBon's age at 6 to 8 years, although he acts much younger. He is house-trained, does not chew, and sleeps quietly through the night on a dog bed in our bedroom. He gets along well with our medium size dogs. He enjoys running around the yard, playing with dog toys and curling up on a fuzzy blanket for naps.

He loves going for walks and is also going out for runs with me and my two dogs. He does very well and certainly has the energy and stamina for it, running as far as 10 miles. BonBon has very short hair and is not a fan of cold weather. So in addition to fuzzy blankets, BonBon likes to wear sweaters when it is cold and has a couple of coats for outdoors.

BonBon was diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease, which

BONBON



improved when he started taking steroids. He currently takes a half pill every other day (the cost for 100 pills is \$26 at Walgreens) and also takes probiotics once a day.

He is also currently eating a prescription dog food that we obtain from the vet. He should be able to be weaned off of that food once he has settled in to his permanent home.

Before starting the steroids, BonBon spent most of his days curled up sleeping, often not even wanting to get out of bed. Now BonBon is active and playful, always happy to receive attention, wagging his tail and talking to us. It's obvious that he is a happy dog now that he is feeling so much better.

While we hope that BonBon's IBD will remain in control with the steroids and probiotics, he may always have bouts of diarrhea. As a result, he would be best with someone who is home most of the day or can let him out every 4 hours during the day.

BonBon's history left him wary and a little fearful of other dogs. He is nervous when meeting new dogs but once he realizes the dogs are not aggressive, he gets along fine with them. He is a very well behaved dog and is eager to please.

BonBon is neutered, micro chipped, and up to date on all of his vaccinations. He is ready to find his own family to love. He has quite a few good years left in him and he is hoping to find someone willing to give an older guy a chance. He is definitely worth it!

So if you have room in your heart and a warm spot in your house for BonBon, please come meet him.

BELLA



Meet Bella. She came to us when her loving owner passed away. She is a sweet DLH 4 year-old calico cat who loves to play and run around.

Bella likes to be held on her terms, and will sit on your lap when she wants to. She loves to be in the same room with you, and enjoys a occasional brushing.

She is ok with children if they understand her personality. She needs to be a only cat. Please come meet her and give her a new forever home.

LUCY



Lucy is part of a bottle fed litter that we took when they were just days old. She is 6 months old and an orange tiger.

Lucy is very nosy and loves to watch what your doing. She is good with kids and ok with some cats.

Lucy has been held like a human baby by a 5 year-old and was calm as could be, she has a great personality. She has had no exposure to dogs.

ELLIOTT



Elliott is a super sweet 6-month-old orange tabby. He came to help when a homeowner found them in his yard with a hawk circling over his litter.

He loves to be held on his back and loves to be the center of attention. He is quite a character and will keep you entertained. He is good with children and other cats. He has had no exposure to dogs.

Can you make his Christmas wishes come true and give him a forever home?

WOULD YOU ADOPT ME?

BAILEY



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 has good leash manners, but she could be better about not pulling. Her foster mom is giving her lots of time and love to make sure Bailey can be the best at everything she does. 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 has camping experience, and would do great with a home that stays active throughout the year to keep her mind and body healthy. Bailey is the all American dog, a happy-go-lucky pup. She adapts well to her surroundings whatever they may be. She has a great smile and is sure to share her happiness with everyone she meets.

She 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.

Hey! My name is Skittles! I would love to meet you—I’m very affectionate and love to play with my toys. I’m a gray tortoise shell cat with quite a bit of rosy red color in my collar area.

I’m about 2 years old and I have been spayed, micro-chipped and up to date with all my vaccines. I do still have my claws but I have been very respectful of furniture and the like.

SKITTLES



I was relinquished earlier this year with my brother to HELP. My brother picked on me where he played too ruff for my liking. I’m hoping to be paired with another mild-mannered cat or as a solitary feline.

I’m a bit nervous, under current conditions, to let my true super cat personality show but I know you’re going to like my sweet self. When do I get to meet you?

KEVIN (POE)

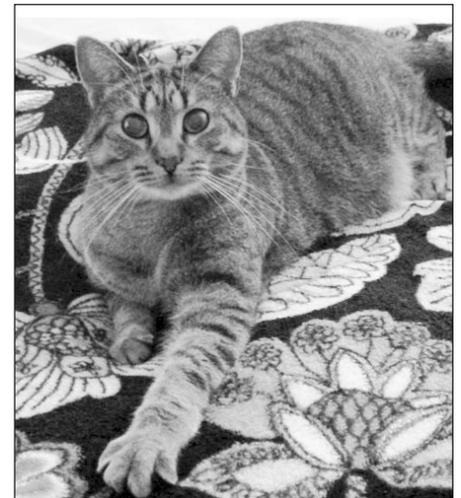
A SUCCESS STORY

“I adopted my kitty Kevin early this summer after my cat Hobbes passed away at the age of 13 from cancer. I have always had two cats, since I think they need friends, so I knew it wouldn’t be long until I adopted a friend for my remaining cat Dale. And, since I had adopted Dale 10 years ago from HELP, I knew I’d go through HELP again!

“I checked the web site a couple of weeks after Hobbes passed away and noticed Poe. At 3 years old and with a history of bladder obstructions requiring prescription food, I knew he might not be readily adopted. He looked perfect to me, though. I figured a little older kitty would be better for Dale, and Poe was just the right age. And, being front declawed (Dale was front declawed when I adopted him as well) they seemed to be a perfect fit.

“A few months later, Poe is renamed Kevin and he’s doing great! He’s affectionate, healthy, active and curious, and he and Dale have become good friends. Thanks, HELP, for another sweet kitty family member!”

Terri



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWS FROM THE H.E.L.P. FRONT



Wet Nose's Lilly's Giving Tree

H.E.L.P. is honored to be part of Wet Nose's Lilly's Giving Tree again this year.

The tree will be on display from the middle of November until December 25th at all 3 locations: Geneva Commons, Geneva; Oak Brook Promenade, Oakbrook; and The Glen Tower Center, Glenview.

When you visit Wet Nose, be sure to take a look at all of H.E.L.P.'s "wishes" waiting to be fulfilled.

Grab an ornament and bring it to the register with the rest of your shopping treasures.

They'll be happy to ring up your donation.

Tired of being told that you are too young ???

We are looking for a few reliable, cat knowledgeable teenagers! You would assist our adoption counselors at Petsmart. You would handle cats, direct traffic, scoop litter, etc.

It requires only two hours once a month. We have openings on various Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Also the first Saturday of the month from 12-2 p.m.

Please call Pat at 630-845-8239, or email at Patfullcircle@aol.com!!



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.



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

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PRIME RIB AT THE DINNER

TABLE (\$500 and up)

Lynn Fesenmyer

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 October 1, 2015 and weren't acknowledged in a newsletter, please email contacthelp1982@yahoo.com

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*In Loving Memory of the people
and animals we have lost:*

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-Lynn Rudberg

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-Don and Beverly Russell

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-Dianne Thrun Means

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-Dean and Taye Wiegell

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-Raymond Linsenman

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St. Charles, IL 60174
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321 Stevens St. Suite Y
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SPECIAL DONATIONS

- 🔔 Brian Woldford, Anonymous, Shea Finnegan, and two anonymous donors contributed to HELP through the Allstate Giving Campaign.
- 🔔 Joyce Rodriguez, donated towards a new backdrop for pictures with Santa events.
- 🔔 Steve Kulis, Joseph McGee, and an anonymous donor contributed to HELP through the AT&T Employee Giving Campaign.
- 🔔 Ashley Sillin, through the Medtronic Volunteer Grant Program, made a donation in honor of Lilly.
- 🔔 Grace Kelly donated cat houses, bowls, blankets, baskets, pillows, toys, litter boxes, scratching posts and cat trees.
- 🔔 Lina and Nora donated the proceeds of their lemonade stand.
- 🔔 Lois Smith sent coupons.

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H.E.L.P. UPDATE



Since our last newsletter, Edmund had his bladder surgery and is doing great!! The wonderful staff at Cleveland Animal Hospital took care of him and helped him through his surgery. Edmund had his stones analyzed, and has to be on a special diet so the stones do not reoccur.

He's such a great cat that loves other animals, dogs as well. He would love to get a home for Christmas!!



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