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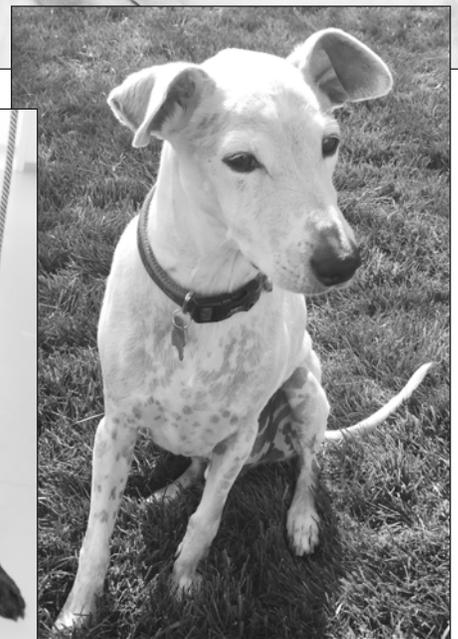
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## WOULD YOU HELP US?



SOME OF OUR FOSTERS  
NEED SPECIAL CARE IN  
ORDER TO GET ADOPTED.  
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## OUR VETERINARIAN PARTNERS

H.E.L.P. would like to thank all of the veterinarians that work with us every day. We would like to tell you a little bit about each of the vets that help us out. Each newsletter we will be featuring some of the vets that give special care to our H.E.L.P. animals.

We thought we would start with our emergency clinic, since they



**Dr. Lisel LB Ruterbories**

are the only ER clinic we work with on a routine basis. They have also started doing low cost spaying/neutering for H.E.L.P. as well.

Since Dr. Lynette Greenwood joined Emergency Veterinary Services of St. Charles (EVS) she has been involved with giving discounted veterinary care to various rescue groups. This mission continued after she became the owner of EVS in 1998.

Although EVS's primary focus is emergency treatment, they do have a new associate, Dr. Lisel LB Ruterbories, who has recently started doing low-cost spays and neuters for H.E.L.P.

Dr. Ruterbories attended Colorado State for Veterinary Medicine. During her enrollment at Colorado State, Dr. Ruterbories worked under the direction of a doctor for three years during her veterinary school and would assist in 6-7 spays/neuters weekly. She also volunteered for



**Dr. Lynette Greenwood**

Friends of Ferals in Fort Collins, CO and with a spay and neuter clinic in Montana.

Dr. Ruterbories would like to continue her support for rescue organizations and provide low cost spay and neuters for H.E.L.P.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

## RUTH ANN CHURCH (1930-2016)

*It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of one of H.E.L.P.'s founders, Ruth Church. Ruth was a pioneer in foster-based rescues, starting H.E.L.P. in 1982. Her principles were simple, help local animals in need. Although long retired, H.E.L.P. still follows the example Ruth set and to date has saved over 10,000 cats and dogs.*

*Below is a tribute written by volunteer Ruth Ann, who was fortunate enough to know Ruth.*

"We mourn the passing of Ruth Ann Church (March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1930 to February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

As one of the founders for Homes for Endangered and Lost Pets, Ruth cared for more cats and kittens than we could possibly count. She was a mentor, taught me the difference of "Upstairs" pants and "Downstairs" (kitten claws) pants. Ruth kept all of us laughing!

Along with how-to foster advice and answering the phone calls for H.E.L.P., (including some late night pranks!), Ruth worked very hard to arrange adoption potentials, as well as fostering many cats and kittens simultaneously. Ruth was

hard working, dedicated, and made a big impact in the lives of all her foster homes.

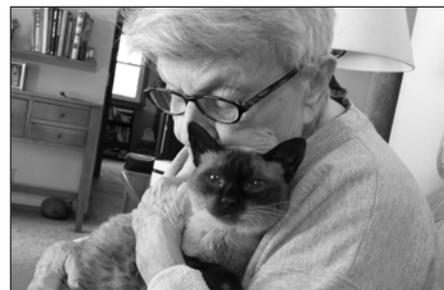
Thank-You for Coming to Turkey Day was held the day after Thanksgiving at Ruth's home, a dinner that included all the trimmings... We all ate well! She was a generous woman, always making sure we had what our fosters needed.

This is the end of an era (quoting Winkie Z.) We will all miss Ruth, but will have many memories remembering all she has done, and the good times we had together.

Thank you crazy Cat Lady, and love you Ruth!"

*A Celebration of Life open house will be held for Ruth B. Church on May 1, 2016 from 11am-4pm at 1427 Orion Road in Batavia.*

*She touched so many lives and made such a difference for homeless animals that we would love to have you come by and share your stories.*



# AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



**SKITTLES**

My name is **Skittles!** I would love to meet you- I'm very affectionate and love to play with my toys. I love to run and jump and I am a very active cat.

I'm a gray tortoiseshell cat with quite a bit of rosy red color in my collar area. I'm about 2 years old and I have been spayed and microchipped.

I still have my claws but I have been very respectful of furniture and the like.

I am currently being fostered with other cats but my foster mom feels I need to be the only cat. At one time cats picked on me and that has made me not want to be with cats.

I'd love to have a forever home. When do I get to meet you?



**LILLY**

My name is **Lilly** and I'm a beautiful 3 year old calico kitty. I'm a sweet, affectionate and very mellow kitty who loves sitting in laps and being petted.

I was a bottle-fed kitty, so I love being around people and am very quick to purr. I also love getting belly rubs, laying in the sun, and watching birds through the window. Did I mention that I really love belly rubs?

I am looking for a very special owner

who has a big heart and who can love me even though I'm not perfect. You see, sometimes I miss the litterbox by a couple of inches and poop on the floor.

I'm trying to be perfect, and my foster parents are helping me, but every now and then (about once or twice a month) I miss.

I know not everybody can love a cat like me, but I hope that you can. I promise I will love you right back.



**DAISY**

**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 need to be the only pampered furball in the house.

Recently diagnosed with eosinophilic granuloma complex (skin allergy condition) she is now on a special diet and the vets are working with medications to control her condition. She is up to date on her shots and is ready to find a forever home.

## FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

- \* Send your check to: H.E.L.P. ,  
P.O. Box 972,  
St. Charles, IL 60174
- \* Visit our Web site  
[www.helpinganimals.org](http://www.helpinganimals.org)

## H.E.L.P. UPDATE

Thank you to Brian at Hills Pet Food for supplying our Foster dog BonBon with several bags and cases of his prescription diet that is needed. BonBon has been diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease, which has been under control with a prescription diet, probiotics and a low cost prescription that he takes every other day. He is a 6-8 yr old 30 lb. Italian greyhound/terrier mix who is still looking for his forever home.

## BONBON



## OUR WISH LIST

- Dry and canned dog food: Purina Pro Plan, Purina ONE, and Iams
- Dry and canned cat food: Purina ONE
- Friskies canned cat food
- Kongs or Nylabones for dogs, all sizes
- Nylon leashes and dog collars
- Milk Bones, rawhide chips

- Puppy pads
- Dog and cat toys
- Cat Litter: Scoopable and clay
- Receiving blankets for orphaned kittens
- Cardboard scratchers or scratching posts
- Cat condos

Items may be dropped off at one of these locations:  
**Gateway Veterinary Clinic**  
3225 W. Main St.

St. Charles, IL 60175  
(630) 377-6660  
**St. Charles Veterinary Clinic**  
530 Dunham Road  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
(630) 584-7404

**The Water Bowl**  
321 Stevens St. Suite Y  
Geneva, IL 60134  
(630) 232-9193

# WOULD YOU HELP US?

## BUSTER



Buster came to H.E.L.P. with heartworm disease, and has spent the past 3 months undergoing treatment. He is doing fantastic with his procedures and should be ready to run and play with his buddies again soon! Being kept calm for two plus months is mandatory when treating a heartworm positive dog. The cost of \$350.00+ for the medications and vet expenses is over and above food and supplies we normally incur! Also, donated Nylabones and chew toys, which help keep our dogs mentally and physically occupied during cage rest are necessary and appreciated.

Buster is a young, awesome, energetic boy who because of donations has been able to have a successful chance at a full, healthy life! He gives a high-five and a kiss to those that have helped him! Woof!

Little Mikey was attacked by an animal or a hawk in the beginning of February, leaving him unable to walk and semi paralyzed. Fast-forward to spring: he is using his back legs (yeah!) and trying to use his fronts.

Since it is nerve damage, we are using home massage and stretching to keep him comfortable yet flexible as only time can heal. He will be trying acupuncture also, hoping he will be able to walk and

## MIKEY



be pain free again. He is such a sweet boy, and is trying so hard to

## HAWK



Hawk is a one-year-old Black German Shepherd mix Lab who unfortunately came to H.E.L.P. heartworm-positive.

He is currently on one month of antibiotics and then another month waiting for his first heartworm treatment. He has a long road ahead, but will have a brighter future!

Hawk is a sweet boy, and absolutely loves his humans! He is good with the other foster dogs, and loves to run and play.

Hawk will be available for adoption, but first has another 3 months of medical leave ahead of him. If you would like to donate towards his \$450.00+ medical bills, it would be deeply appreciated! Hawk would also love some tasty Nylabones and chew toys to keep him occupied and happy during his recovery time of cage rest! Hawk thanks you in advance for your generosity! Bow-Wow-Wow!

be mobile again. He always loved running and playing with his buddies at his foster home.

Mikey could really use donations for his medical care and for a temporary support cart to help him walk. He also needs some pee-pads as his foster mom must hold him over one so he can relieve himself. Mikey is scooting himself around with his hind end, and is happy to be with other dogs and people! He has a long way to go though.

## TORIE AND TRUDY

*(as told by their forever parents Caroline and Andy)*

We changed Beauty's name to Trudy (sounds similar), and Cinder's name to Torie.

We had a learning curve with Torie and the drinkwell fountain water bowl. She would just keep her paw under the stream (I guess she liked the feeling of water).

We changed the bowl to a different one where the stream runs down the unit, no splashing. On the first try, she stood her front paws in the unit in the water, and drank out of the top... Now she has been

drinking normally from it. It was pretty funny.

They are in the process of getting acquainted with our other cat, Maggie. There is still a little hissing/growling from all, but I feel in time it will work out.

Torie likes to investigate my dollhouse (see picture) so it's funny seeing eyes looking from its windows. She has a favorite squirrel cat toy that she has been



playing with so much, I may have to sew it together.

Trudy is enjoying investigating every inch of the house and testing out all the beds and couches.

They both like to play "Hallway Speedway" and go 0-60 mph after each other playing. They're so cute and funny, we're having a good time getting to know them.

Thanks for taking care of them and matching us up!

## A SUCCESS STORY

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### SWEDISH DAYS WILL SOON BE HERE!

H.E.L.P. is already in the planning stages of participating in another week of Geneva's Swedish Days. This year the dates are Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for sponsorships to help with the costs of the festival. Your help will be noted and on display at the booth. Our biggest expenses are the city permits, lemons, sugar, cups, popcorn supplies, bottled water and general supplies.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and if we could get our needs donated, that would be an even bigger help. We do provide tax donation receipts for you or your business. If you would like to help with our expenses or a sponsorship, please contact us at: [info@helpinganimals.org](mailto:info@helpinganimals.org). Any help is greatly appreciated!

We are making changes to the booth that simplify the set up, take down and daily operations. We are using an EZ tent that pops up and has zip down sides. It can be transported easily and set up by any volunteers that we have. It will be different, but this is the best way we can continue to participate in the festival.

There will be a coordinator there in the mornings to make sure the tent is open, stocked and to instruct any

new volunteers that may need it. We do ask that you pass on the instructions to the next crew that relieves you.

The afternoon crew on Sunday will be expected to help clean up everything and shut down the tent. There will be volunteers scheduled to fold it up and remove all items from the site.

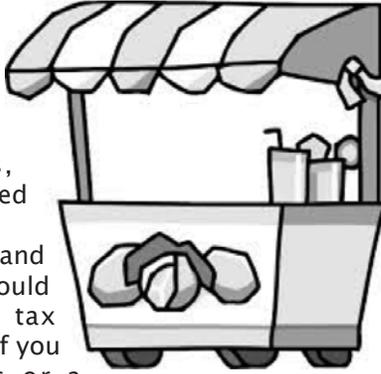
If you would like to sign up to make lemon shake-ups and help run our booth, there will be a sign up link through our Email News Blasts. If you are not signed up to receive those yet, go to our web site at [www.helpinganimals.org](http://www.helpinganimals.org) and sign up for our Email Contact on the front page.

You then will receive all the current communications from HELP. There will be a link on our calendar too.

Contact us soon to reserve full shifts for your group at [volunteers@helpinganimals.org](mailto:volunteers@helpinganimals.org). The shifts fill fast and we need lots of help during the days.

Please contact us if you wish to help with set up, take down, transporting, or daily help in any way. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this a success and we need you!

We are looking forward to a great fundraiser with great volunteers and a great way to raise funds for the animals we care for!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### SPRING-, A TIME FOR CHANGE?

Looking for new things to do?... Join our Petsmart volunteers!!

Help our cats find their forever homes. We need reliable, motivated, self-confident individuals! Must be able to do paperwork, talk to the public and have some cat knowledge.

Volunteer one evening a month (either the fourth Tuesday or the fourth Thursday) from 6 to 8 pm. Make a difference, join our team! Call Pat at 630-845-8239 or email at [patfullcircle@aol.com](mailto:patfullcircle@aol.com).

## 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

## AMAZON SMILE: ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO HELP HOMES FOR ENDANGERED AND LOST PETS

We'd like to thank Karen Deborah and Tom Richards for shopping with Amazon smiles. They made a donation of paper towels, laundry soap and puppy pee pads on behalf of Barbara Richards.

*How does it work?*

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your

eligible purchases to Homes For Endangered and Lost Pets when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). (You can select a different charitable organization after signing in.)

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know with the added benefit of supporting charitable organizations.



# HELP Contributions

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

## CATNIP LEVEL DONORS

(up to \$49)

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(up to \$99)

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Judy Miller

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

☀ Brian Woldford, Steve Kulis,  
Joseph McGee and two anonymous  
donors contibuted to HELP throught  
the Allstate Giving Campaign.

☀ Eileen Jensen donated a  
\$300 Petsmart gift card.

☀ Lois Smith and Robert and  
Denise Hartson sent coupons.

*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 March 1, 2016 and weren't  
acknowledged in a newsletter, please email  
contacthelp1982@yahoo.com*

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Donna Smith and Mark Montalbano  
Catherine Morask, *from Coco*  
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vet bills*  
Peter and Roberta Samson  
Virginia Sprawka  
Stephen Swift  
Patricia Walker

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

***Maxine Richards, may you  
always be in our hearts our  
sweet friend!!***

-Becky, Caleb and Jeff

***Pongo and Chloe***

-John and Beverly Kawa

***Ruth Church***

-Denise and James Kennedy

-Janice Kramer

-Richard and Carol Schroeder

***Edward A. Troogstad and  
beloved pets, Queenie, Annie,  
Max, Casey, Maggie, Norton  
and cousin Pete***

-Rita Troogstad

***Carter***

-Tanuja Singh

***Princess Grace, our foster  
kitten for HELP***

-Tracy Wolford

***Michael Chung***

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-Captain Kai and Weylin Laubis

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(Kitty) Knauf***

-Marcia Teckenbrock

***Black, Titan, Big Girl and Josh***

-Gary and Cheryl Wetherholt



## A BIG THANK YOU!



During the month of February, the law offices of Anselmo Lindberg Oliver, LLC of Naperville organized a donation drive for H.E.L.P. They were able to fill an entire car with animal goods such as food, toys, leashes, collars and other miscellaneous items donated by their employees.

Special thanks to Chrissy Mai for reaching out and asking for Our Wish List and delivering it all to us. Thank you for partnering with us to support the dogs and cats we rescue until they find their permanent homes!

To Brownie Troop # 550 from North Aurora! They made Happy Socks with Catnip toys for HELP's cats and Braided Fleece toys for our dogs.

They also brought donations of food and needed items for the cats and dogs in our care, earning their Animal Rescue badge from HELP and the Brownies!

The troop heard a little talk about HELP and each received their paw print bracelets!

