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*This is one of our fosters, along with lovable momma Izzy ( dog ) and her little pup Lulu.*

## FROM THE BOARD

*A lot has happened since our last newsletter.*

*Birdie, a cat who had been waiting for a forever home for a long time, was adopted this spring.*

*Also, during this time long-time HELP dog coordinator RuthAnn Pineda stepped down from her post. She will continue fostering as much as her health allows. She is a person with a wealth of information that she is willing to share with foster parents and forever families.*

*This issue is dedicated to foster homes and how H.E.L.P. is always looking for families willing to help these wonderful animals find a forever home.*

*If the number of foster homes increases, we will be able to get more animals under our wing.*

*Visit our web site for updates on dogs and cats available for adoption and on our fundraising efforts.*

## FOREVER HOMES CORNER

### MYRTLE, MONROE AND BETSY

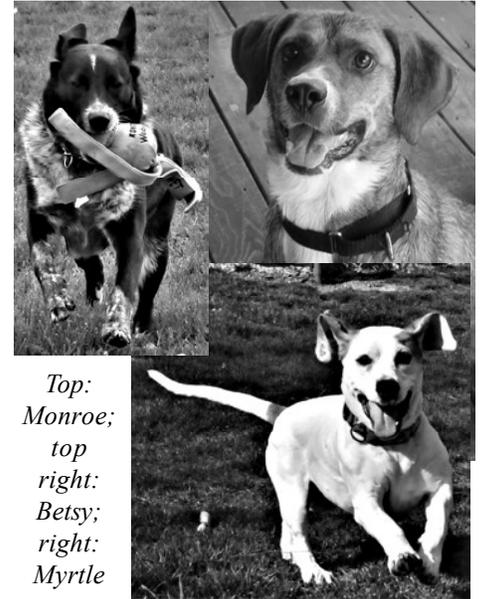
Myrtle, a Basset mix, has found her perfect dream home with her new owner John. Thank you, John, for giving her a new home!

This is Monroe with his new best friend, exploring their new home together. Thanks for adopting Monroe, a gorgeous Aussie mix.

Letter from a foster mom:

*"My family had Betsy as a foster for many months and we loved her. My daughter and my niece both agreed that she was their favorite foster we have had. We loved her and thought she was going to be fine with a little extra work.*

*Not all dogs are the same or just easy and sometimes those are the ones you bond with the most. She was not a bad dog by any means but just needed a little more effort to train her to feel comfortable to greet other dogs. She*



Top:  
Monroe;  
top  
right:  
Betsy;  
right:  
Myrtle

*wasn't mean, it's just that she didn't know how to greet.*

*We reached out to Woof Beach in Batavia to help us out. Sometimes it is hard for the foster homes to do it all, especially when you have kids, work and other dogs. Thank you, Woof Beach, for helping us out and for continually helping the new family that has adopted Betsy!*

*I am so happy that another family has seen how special Betsy is."*

### FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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P.O. Box 972,  
St. Charles, IL 60174
- \* Visit our Web site  
[www.helpinganimals.org](http://www.helpinganimals.org)

## THANK YOU TO A FOSTER MOM LIKE NO OTHER

HELP wants to say thank you to a long timer, Ruth Ann.

She has been involved with HELP almost from the beginning. Ruth Ann has taken in every kind of animal, nursed babies, and helped the ones that no one had wanted. When she was always full to the brim with animals and a cry for help came, she always had room to fit in just one more. As she said to one forever family, "I get the blessed ones and the sick ones." All the animals who have been under her care have been blessed indeed!

Anyone that has come in contact with Ruth Ann knows



*Ruth Ann Pineda with Buffy, one of her many fosters. Buffy's forever family now considers Ruth Ann as one of their own.*

what a genuine heart she has. Any questions you ever had, or people needing help with animals she was always there for you. This year Ruth Ann has stepped down from her coordinating duties to focus on her health. She will still foster a few as her health will allow. We do have a new team of dog coordinators in place and Ruth Ann has helped answer any questions and guide them during the transition period.

Ruth Ann, from the bottom of our hearts we thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help these babies that don't have homes, you are loved and so appreciated!!

# THE SPOTLIGHT FOSTER PARENTS, LIFESAVERS

## MEET OUR SOUTHERN BELLE, BELLA

When you are involved in rescue, you can't help but hear some sad stories. This is Bella's story. She is one of the lucky ones because she will have a happy ending!

She was living with her owners in a hotel room. The police were called due to noise and commotion in the room. When they arrived, they found drugs and drug paraphernalia in the room. Her owners were arrested and sent to prison.

When the police searched the hotel room, they opened the bathroom door to find Bella. She was lying in the mist of broken bottles! Bella was also in the process of delivering her pups!

The man was upset that she was having



pups, so he had been throwing glass bottles at her! Later it was discovered that she had also suffered broken ribs from being kicked!!

Bella went to a foster home and received the love and care she deserved.

Despite her mistreatment, she remains a sweet, loving, trusting girl! To know her is to love her. She loves all dogs, all people and even cats! HELP has been happy to help her find her forever family.

We may not be able to save all the dogs in the world. But in Bella's case, by rescuing her we have given her the world!

Please consider fostering. The more fosters we have, the more we can help... and give them the world!!

*By Alison, a foster mom*

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>— the day when 4 shepherd mix puppies arrived. There was one female and three males. They were all mostly black with a little white on their chests or paws. Besides being the one female, they were difficult to tell apart.

As their foster mom, my one goal was to give them the care they needed until they were ready for adoption. I tried doing this WITHOUT getting too attached, which is a lot harder said than done.

Once I was able to start differentiating between them based on their personalities, the names followed.

First the female. Since she was the only girl, she was so sassy. Whenever her brothers picked on her she would stand up for herself and fight back, but then she would walk up to me and want to cuddle. I chose the name Betty because it was a cute but strong and sassy name. Perfect for her.

Next was Tweety. He was always very nervous and scared, but was slowly becoming more confident. So, of course, I had to name him Tweety.

Frank was next. This gentle giant was noticeable larger than the rest and would just plow through them all unintentionally. His name became Frank the Tank.

The last male was shy and sweet until he found this tiny soccer ball toy. He loved that toy and carried

## BETTY AND FRANK



it around everywhere so I named him Bale.

Everything was great and so fun until 5 days later. I woke up that morning and they were all lethargic and not eating. We tested their stool and they were diagnosed with coccidia and parvo. Once that parvo test came up positive, Becky, Carrie, and others from HELP were calling hospitals everywhere trying to find a place for these puppies.

Finally, two of the puppies went to Oswego Animal Hospital and the

other two went to Gateway Animal Hospital during the day and E.V.S overnight. That's when their battle began. The fear and worry I felt for them when I would come and visit was almost unbearable.

Easter Sunday came and I received a phone call telling me that Bale had passed away. All I could think about was how unfair their lives were. Their lives should not be this hard so early.

I was so grateful for HELP and how they wouldn't turn down a single treatment. They would provide them with whatever they needed to fight for their lives. They never gave up on them.

The next evening came and Tweety had passed away. I was so heartbroken and was starting to believe that none of them would be coming home.

It was discussed about when enough was enough. The last thing we wanted was for the remaining two puppies to be suffering. The doctor didn't believe we were there yet.

By the end of the week, I received the good news phone call—Betty was coming home! Frank still wasn't eating yet and had to stay but it was looking good for him too. Two days later, Frank came home! I was so proud of them for fighting so hard.

Now it's a few weeks later and they are back to being normal fun and loving puppies, enjoying their forever family as they were recently adopted!

# AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

## PEPPER ANN

Pepper Ann is still dreaming of having fun in a forever home.

This girl came to HELP abandoned in the middle of winter, suffering frostbite to her ears. But she has a sweet and loving nature, gets along with other cats and dogs and will make some family very lucky.

You can see Pepper Ann up close and personal at the Geneva PetSmart during HELP adoption hours:

Sunday:  
1:30 to 3:30pm  
Tues & Thurs:  
6 to 8pm  
Saturday:  
noon to 2pm



## HELP HAS PUPPIES !

Obviously these little ones are not ready yet, but check our face book page for updates !

Because of all these babies we can use donations of purina one dry puppy food and purina one canned food ( moms eat puppy food for the extra nutrition!) and puppy pads !



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers needed once or twice a month, early Saturday morning, to meet transport and pick up dogs or puppies.

SUV type vehicle needed. Transport usually arrives at about 7:30 a.m., in either Schaumburg or Deerfield. Fill out an application on web site or call Pat for more details (630) 845-8239.



## FOSTER PARENTS



There are so many dogs and puppies needing our help. Consider becoming a foster home!

We supply the dogs (and food, vet care, etc) and you supply the love!

This is one of our fosters, along with lovable momma Izzy ( dog ) and her little pup Lulu.

Fill out a online application and we will contact you with more details!

## 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
- 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

## HELP FOR FERAL & STREET CATS

Although HELP does not have an official TNR Program, we openly support TNR efforts by donating cat food and supplies to designated fosters who feed or manage small feral cat colonies.

Our purpose is to help the cats that are lost or wandering around outside looking for food and safety. Sometimes they are born into that situation, and other times they are forced into that situation.

When a feral cat first gets rescued, they need: vet care, medications, flea and parasite treatments, and that's just the beginning. Time to heal emotionally and physically are also part of the transition from the street to their new home, where they'll be released.

All cats brought into the HELP organization are fully vetted before being re-homed.

Many times when a cat is accepted into the HELP foster program, we know very little about its personality or temperament.

While being fostered, if a cat has proven itself to be unadoptable (unable to live in a residential home), a different kind of home is found for the cat that best suits its circumstances, whether it be a farm, garage or other safe shelter. These "other homes" provide warm shelter, food and water.

Flip the coin and occasionally, a friendly cat will show up in a feral cat environment, and if determined to be adoptable, HELP welcomes the kitty into their adoption program.

It takes a lot of hard work and time to find feral cat caretakers, and when their limit of cats is reached, new places need



to be found. Please contact HELP if you or someone you know would be interested in providing a home to some of their future feral cats.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### PETSMART VOLUNTEER TEAM

HELP has a wonderful group of nine volunteers that care for our adoptable cats in residence at the Geneva PetSmart. Our organization houses adoptable cats and kittens at PetSmart to give them the best chance of finding their forever homes!

As you can imagine, the transition from foster home to living in a cage at a busy and bustling store is stressful for any cat. HELP counts on its incredible volunteers to help ease this transition.

Our caretakers come to PetSmart in morning and evening shifts to clean cages, scoop litter boxes, freshen water and food, and more importantly to give love, attention and playtime to the cats.

The caretakers get to know these cats extremely well and love them as if they were their own. They diligently monitor the cats for any signs of illness or difficulty transitioning at the store. When

the cages are full and kitten season is upon us, there may be up to 15 kitties under our care.

Keeping all those kitties' cages clean is a messy and physical job, our volunteers never bat an eye!

Not only do they maintain clean and comfortable quarters for our kitties, they give them the love, attention and socialization that is so critical to reducing their stress and keeping them happy and comfortable until their forever families find them!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our entire PetSmart Volunteer team!

Interested in becoming a cleaner/caretaker volunteer for HELP?? We have open shifts available and welcome applications on our HELP website. Must be over 18 and have significant experience with cats. We look forward to hearing from you!!

DON'T FORGET , WE NEED  
MORE CAT AND KITTEN  
FOSTERS TOO !  
KITTEN SEASON IS JUST  
STARTING !



THE MORE FOSTERS WE  
HAVE THE MORE WE CAN  
HELP .  
FILL OUT FORM ON WEB  
SITE IF INTERESTED  
AND JOIN OUR TEAM !

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

*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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*Rita Troostad Employer Match*  
Wet Nose, Inc. Lilly's Tree donation

*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 June 2, 2017 and weren't acknowledged in a newsletter, please email [contacthelp1982@yahoo.com](mailto:contacthelp1982@yahoo.com)*

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

**AI**  
-Robert Fury

**Bella**  
- Donna Smith and Mark Montalbano

**Bella Mei Mroz**  
-Denise Mroz

**Callie**  
-Carol Kampf

**Casey**  
-Anne Hoey

**Con Phalen, God Bless.**  
-Jacqueline Phalen, Ricki Gilbert

**Corky, Jasmine and Mocha**  
-Marla Harris

**Danny and Shawn**  
-Clifford and Gloria Sisko

**Ginger and Abby**  
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-Captain Kai and Weylin Laubis

**Vivian Gianropulos**  
-Melissa Abel

**William (Keo Aphay's beloved husband)**  
-Dana Monsky

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

🔔 Tamara Connelly, donated Kong squeak toys, crinkle balls and feather toys via Amazon.

🔔 Charlie Bosak, had a birthday party and asked for donations instead of gifts. He received dog and cat items.

🔔 Valerie Schnidt, on behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Charlie Bosak.

🔔 HELP alumn Buffy Mendoza Jacobo, donated food and puppy pads.

🔔 Woof Beach giving tree: donation by Watson McCulloch, Tracy Wolford, Scout Callahan, Meghan Griffin, the Dazzo's, Collen Jage, Bobo Shay, the Cobo Family.

🔔 Catherine Taylor, in honor of Ericka Ruckh, who fostered her dog Mattie. This is to help her foster dog with training.

🔔 Lois Smith sent coupons.

🔔 Advantage Solutions employee fundraiser. Foods, treats, towels, toys,

laundry detergent, beds, assorted supplies and cash.

🔔 AllState Giving Campaign: Shea Finnegan and Brian Lee Wolford.

🔔 The Batavia Popcorn Stand had a donation jar for HELP, last year had a fundraiser event and donated half of the proceeds to us. This year Jack and Jessie are going to do another fundraiser in July. Look for us periodically at the stand with t-shirts, maybe a adoptable dog or two, and enjoy some of the yummy homemade popcorn.

🔔 Tom and Jim Cims set up a donation jar for HELP at Fitzgerald's Music Fest.

🔔 Kim Young at [www. Health4your pet.com](http://www.Health4yourpet.com) donated puppy food and treat samplers for Bella's pups.

🔔 Special thanks to Dr. Todd Faraone.



## A BIG THANK YOU!

Not all volunteers can foster or transport animals. Meet Marie & Robert Taylor. Marie has been a client at the St. Charles Veterinary clinic for many years. She has been making scarves for dog and donating the proceeds to non profit organizations. Marie makes seasonal, holiday and some sport teams scarves. They also recently adopted a cat, renamed Tinsel, from HELP.

Thank you Taylors for giving Tinsel a forever home, and helping our organization with your scarf making.



Employees at Advantage Solutions in Schaumburg had an animal fundraiser in November and HELP was one of the charities they featured.

The employees collected food, toys, treats, towels, laundry detergent, animal beds as well other supplies to donate. On top of the supplies donated they had a mostaccoli lunch and raised \$150 cash. Our foster animals had that much better of a Christmas because of your generosity!

HELP would like to thank Barb Zeiler. Barb has donated many beds to the cats and kittens that come in through our fosters homes.

She sews each of these beds with love, and the cats love them!! Barb has donated to many things for shelter cats all around and has rescued cats herself. All of our babies thank you, Barb, we are very lucky to have your help.

