

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION—Meet Currie!



Currie, 2 ½ month old Shepherd mix, is a sweet little gal. She is one of three littermates at CCHS. She loves to play with her foster German Shepherd and run in the back yard. She will entertain herself with toys if she can't get anybody to play with her. Other than play time, she is calm and well-behaved in the house. She is loving and hates to be left alone. Currie is crate-trained and is doing very well learning to potty outside. She is smart and alert, so her foster thinks she will be highly trainable. She is vet checked, up to date on shots, neutered, and micro-chipped. If you are looking for a sweet addition to your family, you can fill out an application online at www.ccilhs.org or pick one up at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese. You can call 526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org or ccilhs@gmail.com for information.

CCHS has wonderful pets available including cat Tiger, brown tabby; and kittens **Manning**, buff/white; **Sabrina**, black tortie; **John**, black tabby; **Sweetie**, brown tabby; **Barb**, black; **Liberty**, gray; **Glinda**, buff tabby. Most of the cats reside at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane where folks can visit them daily from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and weekdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Available dogs include **Charley**, Black Lab; **Harley**, Black Lab mix; **Bugsy** and **Dotty**, Cocker Spaniel/Chihuahua; **Hollywood**, Beagle mix; **Willow** and puppies **Currie**, **Edison**, **Franklin**,

Shepherd mixes; **Birch**, **Cypress**, **Oak-Lee**, Staffie mixes. Dogs are fostered with families and can be visited by appointment or at the next Meet and Greet at Deien Chevrolet in Trenton Saturday, Jan 18, from 10 a.m. until noon.

All CCHS pets are vet checked, up-to-date on shots, spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. Cats are also feline leukemia negative and litter box trained. If you are interested in adopting a CCHS pet, fill out an application online at www.ccilhs.org or pick one up at the building. You can call 526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org or ccilhs@gmail.com for information or an appointment. Check out our pets on our Facebook page or www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com.

MARCH FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! The CCHS Annual Perfect Pawty fundraiser is just around the corner on Saturday, March 1.

The fundraiser is one of the two major fundraiser CCHS holds to raise money to help pay vet bills and expenses necessary for their work in homing unwanted pets.

The event will offer food, fun, music, auctions and more!

Volunteers are making plans for the event Wednesday, Jan 15, at 7 p.m. at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese. Everyone is welcome to help get everything ready.

BIRTHDAY DONATION

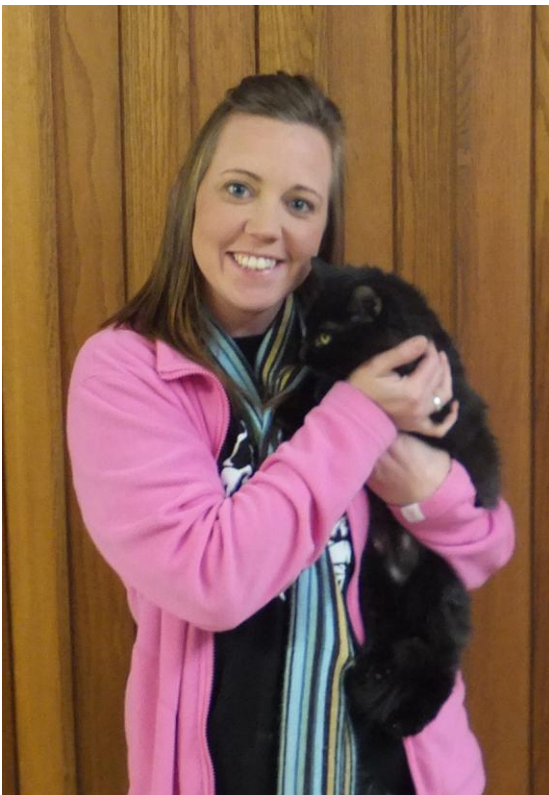


Afton Nordike checked out kittens at the CCHS building when she dropped off a donation of pet items she collected when she celebrated her recent birthday. She collected leashes, blankets, treats and pet food. Thanks for your help, Afton!



Sam's joined the family of Denise and Emily Johnston.

ADOPTIONS



Glory went home with Danielle Rakers.



Titus's proud new daddy is Sean Kelly.



Sadie's new mom is Cerrena McNanley.

STRAW BALES NEEDED

CCHS is collecting straw bales again this year for folks in need.

If you have any to spare, bring them to the lot at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane or call 526-4500 to arrange pick up.

CCHS has set up a pallet on the lot where folks who have extra can bring bales and where folks who need bales can pick them up.

TRAINING TIPS

Good dogs don't just happen. It takes a lot of training to make a really great dog. Training also creates a bond between a pet and his humans and teaches family members responsibility. It is important to include children in the training process.

Walking on a leash is an important step. Always have your pet walk calmly beside you, not in front of you and not pulling. Keep the leash short. If he pulls, either stop walking until he quits pulling and

then start again or give a quick jerk on the leash. Don't jerk too hard as that may cause injury to his throat or neck. Just enough of a tug to get the pet's attention will work. A correct walk will make you in charge of the walk and establishes your leadership. Once your pet is trained by adults, have your children take turns walking the dog and establishing their leadership as well.

Another command to train is "off" when your pet jumps up on anyone, especially children and visitors. Give the command and push your pet down. Hold him there for a second and let him know he has done the right thing by offering a "good boy." Eventually adding "sit" when he meets people will make him quite the good citizen.

The "sit" command will be handy on many occasions. Hold a treat just above his nose and push it back slowly until your pet's butt drops to the ground. Hold for a second and then give a "good boy" and the treat so he knows he got it right. Gradually increase the time of the "sit" so it lasts a few seconds or so.

"Stay" should be an easy step from "sit." Put your pet in "sit, then say "stay" and don't move for a minute. When he does this successfully, give "good boy." Once he has that down, put him in sit/stay and walk away a few steps, wait a minute. As you practice gradually increase the distance from you and the time of the "stay." Be sure to give an enthusiastic "good boy" every time he succeeds.

"Come" is an important command for your pet's sake and safety, as well as a convenience for you. Start when your pet is a short distance from you. Call his name and say "Come!" When he comes to you, give an enthusiastic "good boy" and lots of affection. Gradually increase the distance between you—across the yard or from another room. Always reward his correct behavior. Never punish your pet if he comes when called. If he leaves your yard, for example, but comes back when called, don't punish him for leaving the yard. He will associate the reprimand with coming back, not with leaving the yard and you will undo your hard work with teaching "Come"! Give a "good boy" for coming back, though it might not feel right to you.

Adding treats to the process can be a great motivator for pets. Eventually you can wean your pet off the treats. Always give enthusiastic praise and petting with or without the treats.

Keep commands short, single words when possible, and make sure everybody uses the same commands. If one person uses "get down" and

another uses “off” for the same behavior, the pet will be confused.

Use clear, distinct commands. If you use “down,” “get down” and “lie down” for three different behaviors, the pet may confuse them because they are similar sounding commands.

Clear hand signals in addition to verbal commands may help pets identify commands and may eventually be used alone.

Give commands firmly. Use a serious tone for all commands so your dog knows you’re not playing. Use your baby voice for play time and love fests.

After teaching these basic commands you may move on to other commands and tricks more easily because you have established yourself as the boss.

Be sure to include children in all of the training. It will assure their leadership role with the pet and teach them responsibility, too.

The more positive training you accomplish, the better pet you will have and the less you will need reprimands.

Keys to remember are lots of praise, practice and patience! Even Lassie wasn’t built in a day!

RECIPE BOOK NEEDS INPUT

CCHS volunteer Lynn Garrett is still looking for recipes and photos to include in a recipe cookbook fundraiser for CCHS.

If you have recipes for appetizers, game day snacks, main courses, veggies, casseroles, desserts or whatever for people or for pets, please send them to Lynn at lygarrett@charter.net.

If you have photos of your pet(s) to include, send those along with your recipes!

STOCK 4 PETS

Stock4pets.com is a new and growing website that offers discounts on pet items for shoppers and donations for CCHS.

Stock4pets.com carries pet food, treats, toys and more at a 10% discount for shoppers and will return 10% in credit to the CCHS if shoppers just fill in CCHS’s customer #22570 when they check out the first time.

Shipping is \$4.95 on orders under \$50 and free on orders over \$50.

Take a minute to look over the items at www.stock4pets.com and see if there is a bargain for you, and you can help CCHS at the same time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We hope you will make a resolution this year to find a little time each month to volunteer at CCHS. Volunteers make it possible for us to keep our building open and to care for our cats that live there or our dogs that visit. Be a part of the process!

Check your calendars and contact ccilhsvolunteer@gmail.com or call 526-4500 if you find a little time available.

You can now conveniently check the CCHS building work schedule online by clicking on the link under the events list on the website.

If someone is already listed for a time you are available, feel free to join them. The work is easier if you share it.

Feel free to stop by anytime and ask what you can do to help.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED...

CCHS needs volunteers for other services besides the building.

Fostering is a big commitment, but worth the effort. CCHS can always use good fosters. The more fosters we have, the more dogs we can help.

Extra handlers and helpers are always welcome at Meet and Greets, parades and other CCHS events.

Volunteer and see how good it feels to be part of an organization helping pets find loving homes.

SHOP AT CCHS

Stop by the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese for CCHS apparel and pet items.

We have pet boots, food dishes, supplements, treats, collars, leashes, beds and lots of toys.

We carry tees, polos, sweatshirts, hoodies and denim shirts for adults up to size 3X.

For children we have tees and even onesies.

Just in we have thirsty microfiber “Dirty Dog Doormats” to soak up water and mud from messy paws.

The store is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store will be closed Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Proceeds from the store are used to help CCHS pets.

NOTICES

Regulations prevent the CCHS from accepting strays or drop offs. If you want to surrender your own pet, please call 526-4500 for information on the proper procedure. It is illegal to dump animals.

Check us out at one of our new locations at <http://cchsil.wordpress.com> or find us at our website ccilhs.org, friend us on Facebook and tweet us on Twitter! Email us at ccilhs@ccilhs.org or ccilhs@gmail.com. Contact us at our snail mail address Clinton County Humane Society, 1301 Apple Lane, Breese, IL 62230 or by phone at 526-4500.

CCHS Meet and Greets are held the first and third Saturdays each month. The next Meet and Greet will be Saturday, Jan 18, at Deien Chevrolet in Trenton. Folks can stop by and meet the CCHS adoptable pets. Micro-chipping for your pet will also be available for \$25, including registration.

The next CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan 15, at 7 p.m. at the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane. Plans are underway for the March fundraiser and we need lots of help and volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome.

If your health, finances or housing make it necessary for you to surrender your pet, CCHS may be able to help.

Call the CCHS at 526-4500 to start the process.

You must provide your pet's medical history from your vet, a photo and a completed surrender application with information about your pet's personality and training, and your pet will be tested for adoptability.

The surrender form is available online at ccilhs.org or at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese.

If all goes well, he will be added to the CCHS roster, and the search for his new family will begin.

There is no charge for surrendering your pet.

You can support the work of the CCHS by joining, fostering, donating, volunteering, purchasing CCHS merchandise, supporting fundraising events or sponsoring a pet.

Donations can be made to the CCHS
-at CCHS Meet and Greets and events
-online at www.ccilhs.org