

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION—Meet Sinbad!



Sinbad stands on one leg while he enjoys eating the nut with the other claw.

Sinbad, 30-year-old Scarlet Macaw, measures about 40 inches from beak to the tip of his long tail feathers. He has beautiful red, yellow and blue feathers and is quite an interesting character. Sinbad can say several things IF he chooses, including Sinbad, come 'ere, hello and step up. He is a social fellow, who will need lots of attention from his people. He is a high maintenance pet, requiring expensive exotic bird food, veterinary care in St. Louis and a big space for his big cage. He is a long-term commitment as he may live another 40 years or so. Sinbad does bite if he's not happy and has a loud, piercing scream when ignored. He attaches to some people and adores them. He can be messy to clean up after and downy body feathers fly everywhere. Sinbad is up-to-date on medical care. If you have room, time and patience for this handsome fellow, please call 618-526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org.

CCHS has other wonderful pets available including long-haired cats **Sassy**, tan/gray; **Maybree**, gray/black/white; **Joli**, gray/tan/white; and short-haired cats **Daphne**, gray; **Riley** and **Amelia**, gray/wt; **Tiger**, gray tabby; **Tux** and **Snowball**, white/black; **Lucky**, orange/wt; **Fiona** and **Gibbs**, gray; **Ike** and **Harrison**, orange; **Zucchi**, black/white; **Dusty** and **Opie**, cream Siamese mix; and **Pippy**, black 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 **Magic**, Lab mix; **Missy**, Terrier mixes; **Gilda**, CattleDog/Shepherd; **Wallace**, Terrier mixes; and **Cole**, Lab/Terrier mix; **Rudolph**, **Tyrone** and **Stringer**, Chihuahuas; **Nakita**, Boxer mix; **Ruby**, Staffordshire mix; **Rylee**, Shepherd mix; **Allie**, Lab/Coonhound; and puppy **Ginger**, Shepherd mix. Dogs are fostered with families and can be visited at the next Meet and Greet at K and J Chevrolet in Carlyle Saturday, Feb 16, or you can call 526-4500 to set up an appointment.

Call 526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org for information on available pets, or check out our pets on www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com.

EXOTIC BIRDS

Exotic birds like Sinbad the Scarlet Macaw, should be let in the wild to enjoy their freedom, but unscrupulous poachers and breeders have decimated their native populations providing birds for the illegal pet trade.

Though laws have been passed to prohibit such activity, it is hard to control and thousands of exotic pets are exported and smuggled to countries like the United States every year, ending up in road-side zoos, aquariums, circuses and pet shops.

The Scarlet Macaw is a beautiful creature with bright red, yellow and blue plumage and the ability to learn to talk.

From the tropical forests of Central and South America, they eat nuts, fruit and seeds and may live up to 75 years.

As pets meant to impress, they are among the most discarded pets once their novelty wears off.

These birds are high maintenance critters, requiring expensive food, special vet care, lots of space and cleaning, attention and time.

Macaws emit high-pitched piercing screams that can be heard for miles and their bite is extremely painful.

Their long life span requires a life-long commitment from people, and often people do not keep these birds as they go through life changes like moving, marriage, children, divorce and aging.

These magnificent birds and other exotic animals would best be left to enjoy their lives in the wild.

For Sinbad, it is too late; he would not survive back in the wild.

But for other exotic animals, we can help by not buying them for pets and supporting legislation against importing and selling them.

The smuggling would stop if there was no market, and we need to act now before the beautiful creatures are gone from the wild.

DONATIONS...



All Saints Academy raised over \$220 in their "Pennies for Pets" campaign for the CCHS. Deb Wesselmann, CCHS vice-president, and Doug the Beagle mix accepted the gift Wednesday, Feb 6.

Kent Newkirk added a generous \$100 donation to the CCHS kitty.

The Breese Nursing Home donated stacks of waterproof bed pads that come in handy in cat kennels and as puppy pads.

CCHS PURRFECT PAWTY FUNDRAISER MARCH 2

Mark your calendars for the CCHS Purrfect Pawty fundraiser at the Breese Legion Saturday, Mar 2.

Beef and chicken dinner from 6 until 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a dance featuring music by Divided Highway from 8 until 12 a.m.

Mini trivia, live auction, silent auction, 50/50 drawings and raffles will be held throughout the evening.

Dinner/dance tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Raffle tickets for a \$1000 first prize and other cash prizes are already on sale at \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Tickets are available at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese or through CCHS volunteers.

Folks will bid to have their own pets' pictures on the cover and the monthly featured pets during a live auction, and guests will bid on items during the silent auction.

Businesses or individuals who have auction items to donate may drop them by the CCHS building or call 526-4500 to arrange pickup.

CCHS PUB QUIZZES ARE BACK

Team Thinkin and Drinkin took home the top prize after another upset in the bonus round of the Pub Quiz at Frank's Bar in Beckemeyer Wednesday, Feb 6.

The top four teams eliminated themselves in a daring, but unsuccessful, big-bet bonus round, allowing the conservative team Thinkin and Drinkin and team Jailbirds to tie for number one slot.

In a tie-breaker coin toss, Thinkin and Drinkin got the win.

Joan Gaffner took home the attendance prize.

Join us for Round 3 of the CCHS Pub Quiz series Wednesday, Feb 20.

Registration starts at 7 p.m. and questions start at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for future quizzes to be held Mar 6 and Mar 20.

Play alone or gather a team up to six people for \$5 per person.

Come for an evening of fun and support a worthy cause.



Team Thinkin and Drinkin Rachel Schneider and Nick Baker took home a calendar and raffle tickets as prizes for their win in the CCHS Pub Quiz Wednesday, Feb 6, hosted by Frank's in Beckemeyer.



Delicat was adopted by Susie and David Read.



Joan Gaffner won the candy and wine attendance prize at the Pub Quiz.



Puddles will have lots of playmates with Maddy, Lacey, Kate, Keith and Jack Mesarchik.

ADOPTIONS...



Zip is Whitney Miller's new best friend.



Rich Warnecke will share his home with Cashmere, now Bella.



Cujo, now Duke, resides with the Mike Meyer family.



Sarah and Kent Hemker added Banjo to their family.

STRAW BALE PROJECT

It's time to insulate outdoor pets' homes against the cold weather. Make sure you put a thick layer of straw all around the outside and inside of the house.

CCHS is collecting straw bale donations we can use to help people in need protect their pets this

winter. Drop bales off or pick one up on the pallet at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese.

REMINDER

Spay and neuter your pets to help control pet population and to help your pet become healthier and happier.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CCHS really needs volunteers to help at the building.

If you have a couple of hours once a week or even once a month, please contact Andrea at ccilhsvolunteer@yahoo.com and specify that you would like to get on the schedule to work at the office/store/cat care 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every day or 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Mon thru Fri.

There is always a need for extra dog handlers at meet and greets and other events.

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.

Call 526-4500 or stop by the building at 1301 Apple Lane for more information about volunteering.

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

CCHS BUILDING

Stop by the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese to check out our collars, leashes, adorable pet boots, mattresses, toys and treats for pets.

The store also offers CCHS logo onesies, tanks, tees, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos, caps and pet calendars for people.

The building hours have changed. The store will still be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day, but the evening hours have changed to 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mon through Friday. The store will be closed Saturday and Sunday evenings, except by appointment. The phone number is 526-4500.

All proceeds from the store go into the fund to help CCHS pets.

Regulations prevent the CCHS from accepting strays or drop offs. If you want to surrender your own pet, please call for information on the proper procedure.

NOTICES

CCHS is looking for indoor locations for cold weather Meet and Greets. If your business has space for an indoor Meet and Greet from 10 a.m. until

noon on the first or third Saturday any month, please call 526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org to schedule.

Check us out on our website, friend us on Facebook and tweet us on Twitter! Contact us at our snail mail address Clinton County Humane Society, 1301 Apple Lane, Breese, IL 62230 or by phone at 526-4500.

Regular CCHS Meet and Greets are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 10 a.m. until noon. The next Meet and Greet will be held at K and J Chevrolet in Carlyle Saturday, Feb 16. Micro-chipping will be available for \$25, including registration, and pet nail trimming will be available for a \$ 5 donation.

The next regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb 13, at 7 p.m. at the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane. Meetings are open to the public and new members 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.

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 through Paypal -by mail or in person at Clinton County Humane Society, 1301 Apple Lane, Breese, IL 62230

Consider making an automatic monthly donation.

The CCHS is not affiliated with any other Humane Society or organization.