

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION Meet Mory!



Mory, 10-month-old Rat Terrier, is a super sweet gal. She would make a great companion for an older couple or a family. She is well-mannered in the house and is housebroken and crate trained. She likes adults, children, other dogs and cats. Mory rides well in the car or walks nicely on leash. This happy little camper needs a home of her own. Mory is vetted, up to date on shots, spayed and micro-chipped. If you are looking for an affectionate 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 other wonderful pets. Available dogs include **Charley**, Black Lab; **Bugsy** and **Dotty**, Puggles; **Maximus** and **Trinity**, Staffordshire; **Mory**, Rat Terrier; **Toby**, Shih Tzu; **Ollie**, Beagle; and puppies **Birch** and **Oak-Lee**, Staffie mix; **Tris**, Terrier mix. Dogs are fostered with families and can be visited by appointment or at the next Meet and Greet.

All CCHS pets are vet checked, up-to-date on shots, spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. Dogs are heartworm checked, and 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 www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com.

HEARTWORM

Heartworm is more and more common in our area, so make sure you protect your pet starting now!

Heartworms release their young called microfilaria which are taken in by mosquitoes when they bite infected animals. These microfilaria mature into larvae inside the mosquito and are passed to animals when the mosquito feeds. Then the larvae mature into heartworms.

In our area it is likely that untreated pets kept outdoors will contract the parasite, maybe even indoor pets. All it takes is one mosquito.

The treatment for heartworm in dogs is difficult, expensive and may take up to 8 weeks. There is no treatment for heartworm in cats.

The prevention of heartworm, however, is relatively inexpensive and easy.

First it is essential that you have your veterinarian check to make sure your pet does not have heartworm already.

If he is clear, begin a monthly regimen of preventive medication.

Your veterinarian can help you choose chewable tablets or topical medications which will kill the larva stage before they mature into heartworms.

You may even choose a medication that will also control fleas and other parasitic worms as well.

Don't wait! The mosquitoes have been waiting for spring too!

DISTRACTED DRIVING

We love our pets and want to take them with us wherever we go. However, their safety and the safety of others should be our primary concern.

Pets are not safe in the front seat, just as our children are not, and they can create a fatal distraction for the driver.

A pet in a driver's lap restricts the driver's ability to steer, especially in a sudden emergency, and may also obstruct his view.

Front seat air bags were not designed to protect dogs and may injure or even kill a pet.

If the pet is moving around, that may distract the driver from the road, other vehicles and dangers.

The back seat is generally safer than the front, but pets should still be restrained.

A pet moving around in the back seat can still take a driver's mind off his driving. Checking in the rearview mirror or turning to reassure a restless pet takes the driver's mind and eyes off the road.

A sudden stop or collision hurls a pet, putting everyone in the car in danger.

Pets should be transported in sturdy carriers which are secured by seatbelts or straps so they aren't thrown around in case of a sudden stop or accident.

The carrier should not be so big that the pet can be thrown around inside it and injured.

While standard seatbelts are not safe and can cause harm to pets, you can get pet restraints specifically designed to keep pets safe in cars.

These padded harnesses attach to the seatbelt system in your car to hold him safely in place.

Never let your pet ride in the bed of a truck unless he is in a safe, secured pet crate or carrier.

Not only do we owe it to our pets to keep them safe, but we owe it to everyone on the roads to keep driving distractions to a minimum.

DON'T FORGET THE POOP BAG!

Spring is the time to do that dog walking you've waited for all winter.

Remember to take a poop bag whenever you go.

Tie a bag on the leash, stick one in your pocket or attach a dispenser to your leash for emergencies.

If your dog poops on any property that is not your own, pick it up.

Actually allowing your dog to poop somewhere and leaving it there is littering and you could be ticketed.

Besides that, it is just rude, and other people have a right not to step in poop in their yards or on city or state property.

Don't give dogs and dog walkers a bad name.

Pick up the poop!

GOT A FAVORITE RECIPE?

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

CCHS is entirely run by volunteers. We hope you will find a little time each month to volunteer at CCHS and 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.

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.

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

CONSIDER FOSTERING

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.

Fosters house and care for pets, take them to vet appointments, and bring them to CCHS events and Meet and Greets. Whenever possible, fosters help with basic training, including housebreaking, crate-training, leash walking.

If you have room in your home and your heart, volunteer to foster and see how good it feels to help pets find loving homes.

SHOP AT CCHS

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

The featured item for April is the Dirty Dog Doormats for 10% off. Just in time for spring messes, we have thirsty microfiber “Dirty Dog Doormats” to soak up water and mud from messy paws.

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

For adult humans up to size 3X we have polos, tees, sweatshirts, hoodies and denim shirts.

For children we have tees and even onesies.

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.

All 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. 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 regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Apr 9, at 7 p.m. at Knotty Pine in Breese. 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.

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.