

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION

CCHS has wonderful pets. Available dogs include **Charley**, Black Lab; **Harley**, Black Lab mix; **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.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 6 was the start of National Volunteer Week and CCHS would like to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers at CCHS.

Whether they make the decisions and policies, handle the office, care for dogs or cats, help maintain the building or raise funds, CCHS literally would be nothing without them.

CCHS is an all-volunteer organization, so everything is done by volunteers.

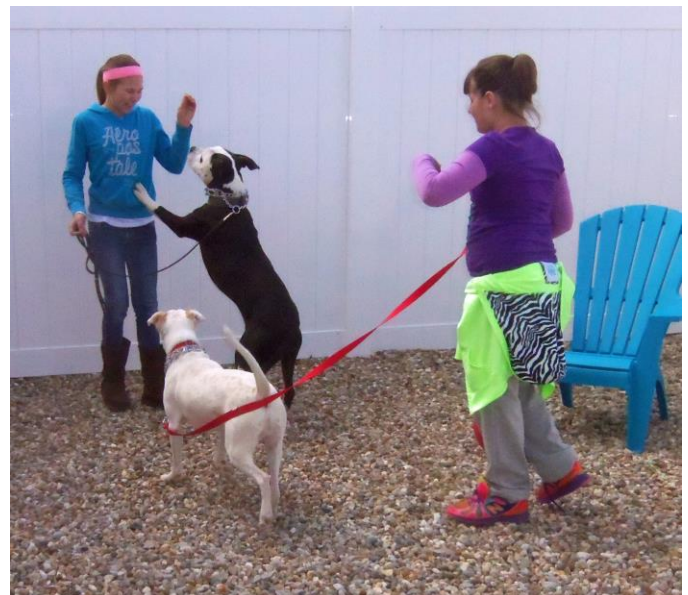
Thanks to all of the folks who volunteer for making it possible for CCHS to help pets find homes!

ZANY DOGS HOSTS CCHS MEET AND GREET

Zany Dogs Boarding and Daycare in New Baden hosted the CCHS Meet and Greet Saturday, April 5.



Ollie watched the action with handler Stephanie Rickhoff at the CCHS Meet and Greet at Zany Dogs Boarding and Daycare in New Baden.



Ashley Hinz and Brooke Rickhoff helped Birch and Trinity enjoy the outdoor play area at Zany Dogs.



Dotty didn't notice the chill in the air when she snuggled inside the sweatshirt of her foster Shannon Klumke.



Emerson Winkler didn't plan to share her seat with Mory, but Mory had other ideas.



Bugsy was ready to meet new friends with his foster Michael Klein.



Tris and her foster Beth Harpstrite toured the indoor play area and suites at Zany Dogs.



Sandy Rehkemper and Maximus enjoyed the fresh air at the CCHS Meet and Greet.

AVOID BITES!

As more and more dogs are out socializing on the streets and in the parks, you want to avoid unsocial and dangerous situations that might result in a bite.

Do not approach dogs without owners present, including dogs that are running loose, chained, fenced, or near food or toys.

Never assume that a dog is friendly.

Approach dogs accompanied by their owners in a friendly, calm manner. Chat with the owner to create a relaxed setting, and then ask the owner if it is okay to pet his dog.

If the dog steps toward you, it may indicate that he wants to meet you.

Approach the dog calmly and a little to the side, wheas opposed to head on. Avoid staring at him, but watch for body and tail signals that indicate that you are not welcome.

Gently put out the back of your hand for the dog to smell. Slowly turn your hand over and gently smooth his cheek, and then slide your hand back to his neck.

Unless the dog has an issue, most dogs like being gently scratched behind their ears and on the neck.

Avoid reaching directly over his head to pet him. His nose will follow your hand and his mouth

may open. Sometimes folks jerk their hand back thinking the dog is about to bite. That jerk may startle the dog and cause problems.

Avoid leaning over the dog or hugging him. Dogs may interpret that as a dominant gesture.

Avoid staring him in the face, as that may seem like a challenge to a dog.

Avoid smiling so big your teeth show.

Watch for signals.

If a dog steps back from you, respect that as a signal that he is not interested in meeting you. Don't push it.

A tail held high and stiff body, a tongue flick and a stiff tail wag, a tucked tail even if it wags a little, a head turned away from you, a dog that freezes and stares, and even yawning may mean the dog is unsure or not interested. Don't approach.

Whether you are a dog owner or a person meeting a dog, learn to watch for signals so greetings don't end up with a bite.

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.

Keep up with us at our blog at <http://cchsil.wordpress.com>.

Find us at our website ccilhs.org.

Friend us on Facebook.

Tweet us on Twitter @ cchs_il.

Check out our pins at Pinterest

Email us at ccilhs@ccilhs.org or

ccilhs@gmail.com.

Phone us at 618-526-4500.

Contact us at our snail mail address Clinton County Humane Society, 1301 Apple Lane, Breese, IL 62230.

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.