

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION Meet Maximus!



Maximus, 3-year-old Bull Mastiff mix, is a big handsome fella. He likes people, but his 80-pound size, energy and strength make him not well-suited for little children. He is a happy guy who likes to ride in the car and be outdoors. He knows “sit” and “down.” He is usually good with other dogs, but is a little territorial with toys and food sometimes. Maximus would do well in a home with an individual or a family with older children. He is up-to-date on shots, neutered, heartworm checked and micro-chipped. If Maximus sounds like the guy for you, fill out an application at www.ccilhs.org or pick one up at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane, Breese.

CCHS has other wonderful pets. Available dogs include **Charley**, Black Lab; **Harley**, Black Lab mix; **Bugsy** and **Dotty**, Puggles; **Maximus**, Bull Mastiff mix; **Trinity**, Staffordshire; **Mory**, Rat Terrier; **Toby**, Shih Tzu; **Ollie**, Beagle; and puppies **Birch**, 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.

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!

Spring is here, and it's time to tend the landscaping and get the flowers planted.

As pet owners start their planning, they should remember that many lovely plants and flowers are toxic to pets.

Generally the smaller the pet, the more harm the plant can cause.

Sago palm, especially the seeds, can kill pets.

Lillies cause kidney failure and can kill a cat in only three days!

Oleander, foxglove and lily of the valley slow down heart rate and can be fatal.

Rhododendrons, azaleas and laurel can cause vomiting and seizures.

Periwinkle causes vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, coma and even death.

Many plants including Aloe, Amaryllis, Holly, the Hibiscus family, Hyacinth, Iris, Daffodils, Tulip bulbs, Wisteria, Chrysanthemums, Ivy and many more plants cause symptoms, ranging from vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, tremors, depression, lethargy, coma and death.

For an extensive list of plants toxic to pets go to www.asPCA.org.

While you're at it, watch what mulch you choose for landscaping.

Never use cocoa mulch, which can be lethal even to large dogs.

It is chewy and smells like chocolate, so it attracts pets, but contains the same toxin as chocolate.

Even non-toxic mulch can cause intestinal trouble and blockage if eaten, so make sure to keep your pets away from mulch.

Keep pets away from fertilizers, pesticides and compost as well, as they may harm your pets.

The majority of pets are not likely to eat these plants and materials, but puppies, kittens and some adult dogs will eat anything.

Put materials and plants where pets can't get to them, not in the areas where they play, and

supervise pets when they are around the landscaping and flowers.

Be sure to check before you plant this spring and make sure your landscaping beautiful flowers and landscaping aren't deadly to your pets.

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

You can help CCHS by purchasing pet items at Stock4pets.com.

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, especially evenings from 5:30 until 7:30 pm.

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. 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. 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, May 14, at 7 p.m. 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.