

# WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

## PET CONNECTION—Meet Mabel



Mabel, 7-month-old Shepherd mix, is a joy to have around. She loves going for walks and car rides. She is very well-behaved in the house. She hasn't had an accident in many weeks. She has even started going to the door and sitting when she needs to go out. She has just the right amount of play in her—not over excited, but fun. She knows where her toys are and she is completely content to play by herself, but she is also games for some tug-of-war, too. She gets along well with kids and other dogs. She has unique features. Her ears are so tall and long that the tops flop backward, her tail is so long she loves to chase it and she has a Mohawk of longer hair down her back. Mabel is just a cool dog! She is up to date on shots, spayed/neutered, parasite free and micro-chipped. If you are looking for a happy addition to your family, call 526-4500 to arrange a meeting or adoption.

CCHS has other wonderful pets available including long-haired cats **Sassy**, tan/gray; **Joli**, gray/tan/white; and short-haired cats **Riley**, **Amelia**, gray/wt; **Tux**, black/white; kittens **Madden**, gray/white; **Silver** and **Pippy**, gray; **Cosmo** and **Astro**, black tabby; **Tossy**, white/orange; **Memphis**, black/white; **Wilbur**, buff /white; and **Ramone**, black. 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 **Missy**, Terrier mix; **Gilda**, Cattle Dog mix; **Cole**, Lab/Terrier mix; **Ruby**, Staffordshire mix; **Nakita**, Boxer mix; **Dori**, Shepherd mix; **Boris**, Boxer; **Henry**, Lab mix pups; **Laddie** and **Lukie**, collie mix pups; and **Mabel**, Shepherd/Collie mix pup.

Dogs are fostered with families and can be visited at the next Meet and Greet at Breese North Side Park May 18, from 10 a.m. until noon or you can call 526-4500 to set up an appointment.

Call 526-4500 or email [ccilhs@ccilhs.org](mailto:ccilhs@ccilhs.org) for information on available pets, or check out our pets on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or [www.adoptapet.com](http://www.adoptapet.com).

## OWL RESCUE

The City of Breese workers weren't quite sure what to do when they were called to consult on a nest of fledgling barn owls living in a storm-damaged tree that had to be cut down Friday, May 10.

They contacted Deb Wesselmann, CCHS vice-president, who tried to contact the Department of Conservation and some bird rescue people.

She finally reached Pat Ward, of the Birding Tour Company of Jacksonville, Illinois, who suggested placing a wire pet crate in a tree for the birds to stay in until they are grown.

Thanks to city workers who secured boards in a tree, mounted the cage to the boards and put the fledglings in their safe, new "nest" within a half hour.

Hopefully they will all survive.

Barn owls are beneficial, particularly in rural areas where they help control rodent populations, like mice and rabbits. They also feed on voles, termites, crickets, bats and toads.

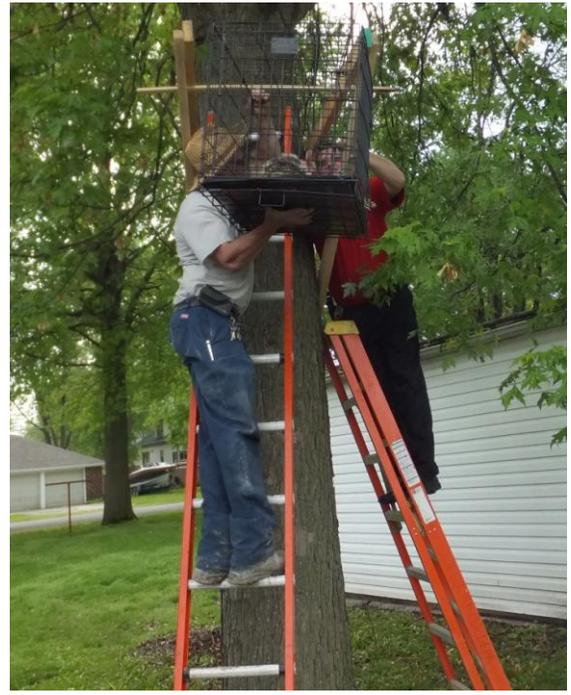
Barn owls are effective night hunters who find their prey by sound.

Years ago hunters cut the barn owl numbers without realizing their importance. More recently pesticides and rodent poisons have taken a huge toll on the barn owl population, putting them on the endangered list in seven Midwestern states.

If you come in contact with wildlife, do not handle them, but contact the Department of Conservation.



Three fledgling owls wait while Breese City workers build their new temporary home after their previous home was damaged by weather.



The crate containing the three owls is positioned and secured to the supports in the tree.



City workers position the boards that will support the new home for the young owls.



After a few finishing touches the project is complete...



...and the young owls are safe in their new "nest."

### BUXTON'S HOST CCHS "ROLLING PIGS" NIGHTS

For fun and laughs join us Thursday, May 23, for the final "Rolling Pig" tournament at Buxton's Restaurant in Beckemeyer.

Folks register for \$5 per person beginning at 6:30 p.m.; first pig will be thrown at 7.

No skills are required, just a party attitude.

Proceeds benefit the CCHS pets.

### 2014 PET CALENDAR CCHS UNDERWAY

CCHS has begun work on the 2014 Pet Calendar and your pet can be included.

You can purchase a date on the calendar to honor your pet for \$10 and then submit a photo of your pet with his/her name to CCHS for inclusion in the calendar by June 1.

One pet per date, please.

For further information or questions or to secure a date for your pet, contact Melissa at [ccilhscalendar@yahoo.com](mailto:ccilhscalendar@yahoo.com) or call 618-910-9597.

Dates are filling up fast, so call now before your favorite dates are taken.

The cover and the monthly feature pages were purchased earlier this year at the CCHS Purrfect Pawty fundraiser auction.

When completed, the CCHS Pet Calendar will be sold to the public for \$20.

### REMINDER

Make sure your pet is treated with heartworm preventative. All of this rain and flooding will lead

to millions of mosquitoes when we get warmer weather.

### DONATIONS

The CCHS can always use donations besides cash.

We can also use cat care supplies including Scoop Away cat litter, Eukanuba kitten or cat food, bleach, Tide, latex gloves, window and floor cleaners.

We accept other brands of cat food and litter, pet toys, collars, leashes, dog beds, dog houses, kennels and crates, towels, blankets and almost anything for pets or cleaning.

Sinbad the Scarlet Macaw likes big bird toys, nuts and fruit.

The CCHS is also collecting new or gently used backpacks.

### 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 [ccilhsvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ccilhsvolunteer@gmail.com) or call 526-4500 and specify when 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 the merchandise, including pet collars, leashes, toys and much more, as well as CCHS logo apparel for people from onesies to 3X.

The store is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day and 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 toward helping 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. It is illegal to dump animals.

## NOTICES

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.

Summer CCHS Meet and Greets are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 10 a.m. until noon at Breese North Side Park so folks can meet adoptable pets. See you there Saturday, May 18.

The next regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, June 5, 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](http://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.

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