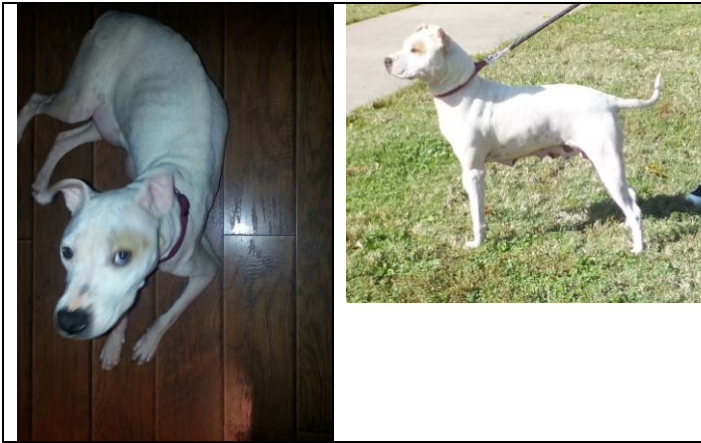


WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTION Meet Willow!



Willow came to CCHS as a rescue from an animal shelter, along with her tiny five-day-old puppies. She was in very poor condition and had the daunting task of nursing a litter of 6 pups. With a lot of TLC she has blossomed in the 3 months with us. Willow had no manners or social skills, but she was very sweet and loving, which helped in her progress.

She is now available for adoption and is ready for a good, loving home. She requires a crate when left alone, but does well in the house if she is supervised. She is housebroken, crate-trained and good with adults and children. She is not aggressive, but plays rough with other dogs. Her foster has been working with her on this, but does not have a dog that will put her in place.

Willow is a two-year-old Staffordshire Terrier mix. She is vet checked, dewormed, up-to-date on shots, spayed and micro-chipped. All Willow wants for Christmas is a loving forever family! If Willow sounds like the gal for you, please fill out an application online at www.ccilhs.org or pick one up at the building in Breese. Call 526-4500 for more information.

CCHS has wonderful pets available including **Glory**, black; and kittens **Pooter** and **Mosley**, gray/wt; **Sam**, orange/wt; **Manning**, buff/white; **Sabrina**, black tortie; **Glinda**, buff tabby; **Lila** and **Rocky**, Siamese mixes. 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 **Charley**, Black Lab; **Harley**, Black Lab mix; **Bugsy** and **Dotty**, Cocker Spaniel/Chihuahua; **Titus** and **Willow** and puppies **Birch**, **Cypress**, **Oak-Lee**, Staffie mixes. Dogs are fostered with families and can be visited by appointment or at the next Meet and Greet at Jansen Chevrolet in Germantown Saturday, Dec 21, from 10 a.m. until noon.

All CCHS pets are vet checked, up-to-date on shots, spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. Cats are also feline leukemia negative and litterbox 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.

ADOPT OLDER PETS

Puppies and kittens are irresistibly cute, but an older pet may be a better choice for you.

According to the ASPCA, with an older pet you know what you're getting. They are at their full size and their personalities are set. You can make a better match to your family.

Older pets are more focused on you and calmer, so they may be easier to train. They have more experience with people and can figure out more quickly what you want.

Older pets are more loving, devoted and grateful. Younger pets are more about exploring their world and playing.

Adult pets won't require the constant monitoring that puppies and kittens do. You will have more freedom to do what you need to do for you and your family.

Older pets have been around and have learned what it takes to get along and become part of a family. They will settle in more quickly.

Older pets make fewer messes. Your floors, shoes and furniture will thank you. Their teething years are far behind older pets, and litter box and house-training, if not already done, will be easier.

An older pet requires a shorter commitment and easier maintenance which is perfect for elderly folks who want the companionship, but who worry about not being capable of the possible 15-20 year

commitment and the demands of caring for a younger pet.

Older dogs still needs exercise, but not the high-energy marathon run of young dogs. Older pets make better couch potatoes.

Older pets are often the last ones chosen and first ones euthanized at shelters. Selecting an older means saving a life and offers you an emotional reward you will feel every day with your pet!

Sometimes folks assume older pets are in shelters because of their bad behaviors. However health issues, financial difficulty, housing changes and such issues may bring well-behaved dogs to shelters.

If you are planning to add a pet to your family, please consider adopting an older dog or cat and making his adult years the golden they should be!

STRAW BALES NEEDED

CCHS is collecting straw bales again this year for folks in need.

If you have any to spare, bring them to the lot at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane or call 526-4500 to arrange pick up.

CCHS has set up a pallet on the lot where folks who have extra can bring bales and where folks who need bales can pick them up.

RECIPE BOOK NEEDS INPUT

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

Volunteers are needed to man the building and care for our pets. We know December is a busy month, but we hope you can spare a couple of hours, especially during evenings this month to help out.

Check your calendars and contact ccilhsvolunteer@gmail.com or call 526-4500 if you find a little time available.

You can now conveniently check the CCHS building work schedule online by clicking on the link under the events list on the website.

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.

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.

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

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

(CHRISTMAS COUPON)

CHRISTMAS SHOP AT CCHS

Stop by the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese to start your Christmas shopping and get 10% off all merchandise in the store until Christmas!

We have gifts for pets on your list, including boots, food dishes, supplements, treats, collars, leashes, beds and lots of toys.

For adult humans up to size 3X on your list we have new long-sleeved tees in pink or light blue and short-sleeved polos in teal or blue, tees, sweatshirts, hoodies and denim shirts.

For children we have tees and even onesies.

Just in we have thirsty microfiber "Dirty Dog Doormats" to soak up water and mud from messy paws.

2014 CCHS pet calendars filled with beautiful pictures of CCHS pets and CCHS pet friends are now available for \$20, if you don't have yours yet!

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 and Christmas day.

Proceeds from the store are used to help CCHS pets.

REMINDER

Scientists estimate that between 1.4 and 3.7 billion birds die annually in the US as a result of feral and free-roaming cats. Please keep your cats indoors and spay and neuter to keep populations down.

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://cchs.il.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. The next Meet and Greet will be at Jansen Chevrolet in Germantown Saturday, Dec 21, from 10 a.m. until noon. Merchandise will be available for last-minute Christmas shoppers. Micro-chipping for your pet will be available for \$25, including registration.

The next regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan 8, at 7 p.m. at the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane. Plans are underway for the March fundraiser. 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.

Donations can be made to the CCHS -at CCHS Meet and Greets and events -online at www.ccilhs.org

