

## WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

### PET CONNECTIONS! AVAILABLE DOGS...



Jessi, 2-year-old Boxer/Terrier mix, is a sweet and very friendly gal. She is great with kids and other dogs and cats. She is house broken, crate-trained and walks great off leash. She knows her name and comes right up to you when called. She knows "sit" and is working on more commands. Jessi will be a great addition to a family. She is vet checked, up-to-date on shots, neutered/spayed and micro-chipped. Call 526-4500 for information about meeting and adopting her.

Other available dogs and puppies include **Ferne, Presto and Sunbeam**, Lab mixes; **Brutus**, Corgi mix; **Bama and Rhya**, German Shepherd mixes; **Tinker**, Terrier mix; , **Cinnamon**, Wire-haired Terrier mix; **Tex and Jessi**, Boxer mix; **Mikka**, Schipperke; **Amarine**, Shepherd/Terrier mix.

### AVAILABLE CATS...



Jackie is a lovely three-year-old black tabby. She is

calm and sweet and would love to have a family of her own. She is health checked, up-to-date on shots, neutered, feline leukemia free and micro-chipped. Contact 526-4500 for adoption information.

Adoptable cats and kittens include **Wilbur**, white/buff; **Ices**, gray/white; **Sheba**, Siamese; **Blaire and Elsa**, black; **Jackie**, black tabby; and kittens **Opie**, orange; **Bach**, gray; **Sousa**, black tabby; **Pogo**, black; **Arthur**, black/wt; **Shubert**, brown tabby; **Shawna**, gray.

Most of the cats may be visited at the CCHS building during store hours.

Dogs are fostered with families and may be visited at the next Meet and Greet at the CCHS building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese on Saturday, Dec 20, from 10 a.m. until noon or by appointment.

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](http://www.ccilhs.org) or pick one up at the building. You can call 526-4500 or email [ccilhs@ccilhs.org](mailto:ccilhs@ccilhs.org) or [ccilhs@gmail.com](mailto:ccilhs@gmail.com) for information or an appointment. Check out our pets on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or [www.adoptapet.com](http://www.adoptapet.com).

### KAWASAKI TERYX LE RAFFLE FOR CCHS



*This Kawasaki Teryx LE will be raffled at the CCHS fundraiser in March. Get your tickets now!*

CCHS will raffle a 2014 Kawasaki Teryx LE at the Spring fundraiser in March with a \$1000 bonus for the winner if he or she is present for the drawing.

Tickets are available now for \$20 or 6 for \$100 at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese where the vehicle is displayed or at various locations as the vehicle travels around the county on weekends.

The Candy Lime Green 2014 Teryx LE features a 783cc 90-degree V-twin with digital fuel injection, FOX Podium shocks, double X frame design with ROPS cage. It comes with new seat covers, LED headlamps, steel front brush guard and secure latching doors. It has Electric Power steering, continuously variable transmission and dual front disc brakes.

Priced around \$15,000, this stylish, rugged side by side could be yours for \$20!

#### DEC 20 MEET AND GREET AT CCHS

CCHS will hold their next Meet and Greet at their own building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese Saturday, Dec 20, from 10 a.m. until noon.

CCHS cats and dogs will be ready to meet people, and pet nail trimming for \$5 and micro-chipping for \$25 will be available.

The CCHS store carries lots of Christmas gifts for pets or for people, so guests can do a little Christmas shopping as well.

#### SURPRISING TRUTHS ABOUT DOGS

The AKC suggested that people would be surprised if their dogs could share some simple truths with them.

One truth is that, although your dog will beg for the cookie you are eating, it is probably not good for him. Besides causing a tummy ache and making him fat, giving him a bite of the cookie actually teaches your dog to beg forever after. Those hungry eyes will beg, but don't give in. Eat your cookie, and give him his own later.

Another truth is that being fat is not healthy for any pet. You may think the waddle is cute, but it is stressing his joints and organs and may be taking years off his life. Choose healthy food and treats for your pet and control the portions. If he loses his waist line, consult your vet. Either give smaller portions or get special food to help control the weight.

Thirdly you can buy expensive toys, but don't be sad if he chooses a stinky tennis ball or an old sock instead. Dogs like the weirdest things and they like variety. Choose different shapes, sizes and textures of toys. Money means nothing to your pets, so cheap and chewy is good!

Surprise number four is that dogs are individuals. A Golden Retriever puppy may not be like the Golden you had when you were a kid. Even puppies in the same litter have different personalities. Don't get a puppy assuming that he will be just like the one you had or that you saw in a movie.

Number five surprise is that dogs need and want structure, rules and boundaries. If you don't want him on the couch, don't let him on the couch ever. He will learn to respect that and stay off the couch. If you don't stick with it 100%, you can't expect him to know not to get up there when he is wet or muddy. Teach him the rules; stick with them always; no exceptions.

Number six is that dogs enjoy work. It could be taking you for a walk or bringing the paper. Maybe he would be good at searching for survivors or brightening the day at a nursing home. Even finding the toy you just hid, makes him happy. It will make him happy just to be working with you.

Surprise seven is dogs love to learn. Whatever earns them a big "good boy" is a thrill. "Sit," "bow" or "lie down" isn't all they can learn. Continue to teach new tricks no matter how old they are. They love the attention and time you spend with them, as well as the treats they earn!

Eight on the list is that your pet may be suffering pain and not showing signs. You will have to be extra alert for signs like a slight limp, lessening of appetite, slowing down of activity level and licking an area repeatedly. Anything out of the norm should be checked into. He needs you to notice and get him help.

The ninth surprise is that you are learning from your pet as much as he learns from you. As you teach your dog tricks and behaviors, you learn to be a good teacher and have patience and persistence. From his constant adoration, you learn about love.

The final surprise is that you learn that when your pet is gone, he will always be with you in the memories of those walks or the agility wins or even the joyful greetings when you came home every day. Once a pet is in your heart, they never leave you.

If pets could talk, they would want you to know these 10 simple truths.

ADOPTIONS...



Fernando was adopted by Alexa Creech.



Emerald joined the family of Thomas Keck.

## K-9 COMPANIONS CANDIDATES



CCHS's Shiloh and Elsi were selected for training with K-9 Companions, who train search and rescue dogs.

If the training goes well, Elsi and Shiloh will join other search and rescue dogs who are called upon in emergencies.

## STRAW BALES CAMPAIGN

CCHS is again running the straw bale collection campaign.

Anyone who has extra bales may drop them off at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese.

Folks who need them for pet bedding during the cold weather can pick them up there.

## PET TAG/ MICRO-CHIP MAY BRING YOUR LOST PET HOME QUICKLY

Christmas is a great time to give your pet the security of a way to get back home if he is lost. If your pet wanders off and is wearing a tag with his name and your phone number, all it will take to get him home is a phone call.

Another good way to improve your pet's chances of getting home is to microchip him.

This tiny implant carries a number to identify your pet so the company where the chip is registered will contact you if your pet turns up at a vet, shelter or the police.

CCHS offers both tags and micro-chipping!

## SHOP CHRISTMAS AT CCHS STORE

CCHS is loaded with Christmas gift ideas!

2015 CCHS pet calendars are available for \$10 or 3 for \$20 at the store at 1301 Apple Lane. Pick yours up now and get several for Christmas gifts for friends!

The CCHS cookbook Wags, Whiskers & Wecipes makes a great stocking stuffer for only \$12! The cookbook contains recipes for appetizers,

soups, veggies, entrees, breads, desserts, as well as treats for dogs and cats, and more!

For your humans CCHS has hoodies featuring the new heart/paw logo available for \$25, as well as a few bright pink hoodies for \$30, and other styles of hoodies and tees.

“Flash and Glow” lighted bracelets are great safety items so dog walkers who walk after dark will be more visible.

For Christmas get your pet the comfort of an “Anxiety Wrap, The Healthy Hug” vest to calm and sooth him if he is fearful of storms, car travel, separation and loud noises. Made of flexible, breathable fabric that is machine washable, this wrap may be the answer to your dog’s anxiety issues.

CCHS also carries a variety of pet toys, as well as leashes and collars in a number of styles and colors.

Check out the discount bins of collars for \$3.50 and leashes for only \$5, and take advantage of huge markdowns on CCHS apparel.

The store at 1301 Apple Lane is open Sunday through Friday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. until noon, and Monday through Friday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the store are used to help CCHS pets.

## NOTICE

Regulations prevent the CCHS from accepting strays or drop offs. It is illegal to dump animals.

## CONNECTIONS

Keep informed at our blog at <http://cchsil.wordpress.com> which is filled with tons of helpful information for pet owners.

Keep up with us at our website [ccilhs.org](http://ccilhs.org).

Friend us on Facebook.

Email us at [ccilhs@ccilhs.org](mailto:ccilhs@ccilhs.org) or [ccilhs@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## MEETING

The next regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan 14, at 7 p.m. at the Bowling Alley in Bartelso.

## MEET AND GREET

Meet and Greets are held every first and third Saturday of each month.

## SURRENDERING YOUR PET

If your health, finances or housing makes it necessary for you to surrender your pet, CCHS may be able to help.

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.

The surrender form is available online at [www.ccilhs.org](http://www.ccilhs.org) or at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese.

There is no charge for surrendering your pet.

## SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

You can support the work of the CCHS by joining, fostering, donating, volunteering, purchasing CCHS merchandise, supporting fundraising events or sponsoring a pet.