

Partners for Pets

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Calendar of Events:

Pet Pictures with Santa

- **Florissant Petsmart**
 - December 8-9
 - December 15-16
- **Glen Carbon Petsmart**
 - December 1-2
 - December 9
 - December 16
 - December 23

Adoption Dates:

Glen Carbon Petsmart	Florissant Petsmart
December 1-2	December 8
December 9	December 15
December 16	December 22
December 23	December 29
December 30	

Partners for Pets Mission Statement:

Partners For Pets rescues dogs and cats from animal control facilities with high kill and low adoption rates. Animals that are sick, injured, frail or terrified are given first priority as their chance of adoption is poor. The animals receive basic medical care such as spay/neuter, booster shots, worming, flea treatment, microchip, heartworm test for dogs, FIV/FelV test for cats, rabies shot and general exam prior to adoption. Any other medical care that is need is also provided. P4P is a licensed animal shelter and 501(c)3) charity.

Recent Rescues:

Ellie

Ellie is an 8 year old Chihuahua that was rescued from Puppymill so that she could have a second chance. She is a shy girl, but gets along with the other dogs. She is a tiny girl that would make a great lap dog. She is spayed, current on all shots, heartworm negative and microchipped.



Jasmine

Jasmine is a Female Tortoiseshell. She was approximately 9 months old when she was returned to our shelter. She was initially adopted out as a kitten. She is spayed, up to date on all shots, FIV-FELV negative, and microchipped.



Volunteers Needed

Our organization is in need of volunteers to perform many duties. Volunteering to help the animals is a very rewarding experience. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer some of your time, we need help in the following areas:

- Cleaning
- Fundraising
- Adoption Events
- Foster Parenting

Cleaning

The current volunteers we have love the animals and help to socialize them and get them ready for adoption. Volunteers are needed daily to clean the shelter so that it remains a good environment for the animals. While cleaning, volunteers have a lot of personal interaction with the different animals and need to be patient with them. Many of these animals are not comfortable being around people, are not house-broken, and require a great deal of positive attention.

Fundraising:

Partners for Pets' volunteers need to be creative and organized in planning fundraisers for the organization. Our organization exists solely on grants, donations, and adoption fees. We welcome any volunteers who wish to come up with ideas, help plan, and help work at our fundraising events.

Adoption Events:

Volunteers work at PetSmart during adoption events to attend to the animals' needs and help match up people with animals that they are looking for. Adoption events are usually held once a week on Sundays, but can be more often.

Foster Parenting:

People who do not wish to volunteer at the shelter, but would like to help rehabilitate and socialize animals may want to "foster" an animal. This will allow the animal to be able to live outside of the shelter while waiting for their forever home. Animals in foster care usually get adopted faster because they are cleaner and better trained.

Fundraising Opportunities

The following are new areas that we have set up for fundraising.

Ebay Sales

Partners for Pets often receives donations of items from companies and individuals. These items are then sold on EBAY. Our EBAY seller ID is partnersforpets. Please keep an eye out for our auctions!

Schnucks eScrip Program

Partners for Pets is now a registered member of the eScrip Community Card Program at Schnucks. Shoppers can obtain a card from the Customer Service counter at any area Schnucks. Activate the card over the phone or online with our Group ID number 500016776 and it is ready to use. Present the card before paying for your purchase and the eScrip program sends up to 3% of every purchase to the organization. It doesn't cost you anything and the shelter generates revenue!

Igive.com

Partners for Pets is also registered at Igive.com. If you register as a shopper on Igive.com, you are given access to over 680 online stores, many of which you may use already, and the stores donated a percentage of every sale to Partners for Pets. This is free to you, but benefits the shelter greatly!

Paypal

We always accept donations in person at our adoption events. However, if you can't make it to one, we welcome Paypal donations to partners_for_pets@yahoo.com. Donations are used for a variety of purposes, 100% of which directly benefit the animals.

GoodSearch.com:

Instead of using Yahoo! Or Google to perform internet searching, use GoodSearch.com. This website will donate \$0.01 to Partners for Pets for every search conducted. This will really add up!

Special Cases:

We rescue animals with hopes that they will find their forever homes within a reasonable amount of time. However, sometimes, for one reason or another, certain animals do not adopt out as quickly. The following featured dogs really need to find the right person to give them a home.



Nelly

Nelly has been at the shelter for many months now. She is a very energetic little dog. She needs to be in a home that does not have any cats or small children. She gets along with most other dogs. Nelly has also been known to climb fences and jump very high. At the shelter, we clip a heavy rubber toy on a leash to her collar and this seems to help this escape artist remain in the fence. If you are interested in Nelly, please contact us. You can see more about her on our website.



Little Bear

Little Bear has been in and out of the shelter for about 6 months now. He is a Tibetan Spaniel mix and is approximately 2 years old. He needs to find the right person that will be able to control his "attitude". He is generally good with other dogs. He feels that he is a tough, big dog that shouldn't be messed with. He likes to be bossy and swaggers around with his chin stuck out. He is very cute, however, should not be adopted out to a home with children. He can also feel threatened by some men. If you are interested in more information on Little Bear you can access him on our website or contact us.



Cowboy

Cowboy is approximately 1 year old cattle dog mix. He has been at the shelter about 5 months. He was wandering outside the Farm Fresh store in Edwardsville and was covered in blood. One of our volunteers saw him and took him in and cleaned him up. He is very sweet and super playful. He should do well with obedience training. He is neutered, current on shots, heartworm negative and microchipped.



Gwen

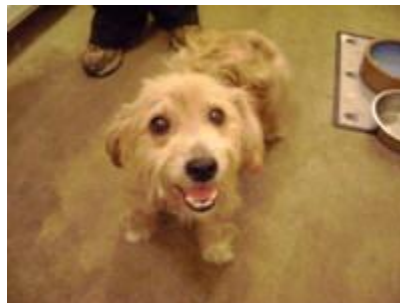
Gwen was picked up by a pound when she was approximately 8 years old. They examined her and found that she was heartworm positive. They began heartworm treatments, not knowing at the time that she was pregnant. As a result of the treatments, she lost all of her puppies. After this, she was very depressed. She has come around at the shelter and is appearing to be less depressed, but she needs to find a home that she can live out her life comfortably. She is a sweet dog that needs love and affection. She will need to be on heartworm preventative strictly for the rest of her life because she may not survive another round of heartworm treatments. She is a very quiet laid back dog that would make a wonderful pet.

**Jewel:**

Jewel is a chunky, happy beagle that is about 9 years old. She is very lovable towards everyone. She recently had surgery for 3 hernias. She has now recovered and is ready to be adopted to a home. She is spayed, current on all shots, heartworm negative and microchipped.

**McKenzie:**

McKenzie was found running loose in the bottoms near Sparta, IL. Someone had dumped him there. His coat was so matted it looked like he had dreadlocks. He was covered with fleas. His poor skin was a mess. We have only had him a few weeks and it is already almost healed. Amazing what a shavedown, bath, flea preventative and some good food will do. This dog is so appreciative of everything. He is very sweet and will be the cutest dog when his coat grows in. He is about the size of a beagle. He would be a good family dog. McKenzie is up to date on shots, neutered, microchipped and heartworm negative(miracle).



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please remember that the shelter exists solely on private donations and grants. If it wasn't for the generosity of everyone that donates, we would not be able to do any rescues. The following are just a few examples of what donation dollars are used for:

- A gift of \$3 will pay for one booster shot
- A gift of \$5 will pay for one Rabies shot
- A gift of \$10 will provide 40 pounds of food for the shelter
- A gift of \$25 will cure heartworms in an infected small dog
- A gift of \$30 will pay for a hernia to be repaired
- A gift of \$35 will pay to neuter one animal
- A gift of \$50 will pay to spay one animal

Donations are accepted in the following ways:

- In Person at any adoption event
- Via Paypal to partners_for_pets@yahoo.com
- Mailed to: Fundraising, 329 Goethe Ave, Collinsville, IL 62234

Please make checks payable to Partners for Pets.

Fundraising Efforts:

- IGive.com
- Schnucks Escrip Community Program
- GoodSearch.com
- Supply donations may be brought to Petsmart adoption events
- Ebay Sales under Partnersforpets
- Ebay sellers may choose to donate a percentage of sales to us using Missionfish.
- We are currently planning 2008 fundraisers. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please let us know.

Committee:

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Do I Go Home Today?

by Sandi Thompson

My family brought me home cradled in their arms.
They cuddled me and smiled at me and said I was full of charm.
They played with me and laughed with me and showered me with toys.

I sure do love my family, especially the little girls and boys.
The children loved to feed me; they gave me special treats.
They even let me sleep with them -- all snuggled in the sheets.

I used to go for walks, often several times a day.
They even fought to hold the leash, I'm very proud to say!
These are the things I'll not forget -- a cherished memory.

I now live in the shelter -- without my family.
They used to laugh and praise me when I played with that old shoe.
But I didn't know the difference between the old one and the new.

The kids and I would grab a rug, for hours we would tug.
So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bedroom rug.
They said I was out of control and would have to live outside.
This I didn't understand, although I tried and tried!

The walks stopped one by one; they said they hadn't the time.
I wish that I could change things; I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely in the backyard, on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long to keep from going insane.

So they brought me to the shelter but were embarrassed to say why.
They said I caused an allergy, and then they each kissed me goodbye.

If I'd only had some training as a little pup.
I wouldn't have been so hard to handle when I was all grown up.

"You only have one day left," I heard a worker say.
Does that mean I have a second chance?
Do I go home today?