

PET TALES 2009 SPRING ISSUE

Creating Families 4 Paws at a Time . . .

LOST DOG SEEKS GUARDIAN ANGEL - GUARDIAN ANGELS SEEK LOST DOG STORY SEEKS HAPPY ENDING

This is a Sad Story of A Sweet Little Dog That Was Lost And Found And Now Sadly Lost Again

Cassie is a young pretty dog who was abandoned and homeless, then found starved and frozen several weeks ago by a rescue volunteer in East Central, IL. After weeks of rehabilitation, socialization and vet visits, Cassie's Guardian Angel helped her regain her health, strength and some trust in humans. Cassie was then transferred up to Adopt-A-Pet, ready to find her forever home, only to be lost again, and now Cassie faces an uncertain fate if we don't find her soon.

Cassie became missing when she escaped from her leash while being walked in Morton Grove on the morning of April 2. She was a new arrival to the vet clinic and unfortunately was not wearing any type of ID, nor was she yet microchipped. Cassie was spotted nearby by a local resident that evening, where she was seen eating some cat food and the poor thing huddled in a corner to try to keep warm. Unfortunately, when this citizen called the authorities to report this stray dog, he was not given the correct information to contact us nor offered any help. Thus, we missed a golden opportunity to retrieve her, and Cassie was not captured. There were a few more reported sightings in the Morton Grove area so we kept our hopes up that she remained close and we would find her. However, the last possible sighting brought disturbing news: on April 14 a dog resembling Cassie was seen on the east side of the Edens Expressway heading north near Willow Rd., which is near the forest preserve. Yikes! We need to find Cassie quickly as she is traveling in a state of confusion and if she enters the forest preserve her fate is likely very grim. Poor Cassie can't seem to catch a break!

Cassie's Guardian Angel rescuer has driven over 120 miles on multiple occasions to pursue efforts already in force by Adopt-A-Pet's volunteers, each a Guardian Angel in their own right. With no lack of effort together, we are leaving no stone unturned and fervently trying to alert and rally the community to help find and rescue Cassie before she dies an uncertain death. We are on a mission to find this precious, helpless dog before it is too late, and we need your help! Poor Cassie doesn't deserve to be lost again. Please – we need all eyes and ears to rescue this sweet girl. Help us save her and let us show her that she can trust humans again. Though our hearts are broken, we are still praying for a miracle.

Cassie is only one year old and very sweet but will be very scared. She has long red hair with black swirls in it and her face resembles a cocker spaniel with long pretty ears. Cassie stands below your knee. She is not aggressive but she is still distrusting and will likely not come directly to you. If you see her, please don't chase her, unless you believe you can corral her into a secured area. Try to gently lure her into a fenced area or your home, with food. Call our volunteers' phone numbers below until you reach someone. Keep your Animal Control phone number in a handy place and call them to help leash her. PLEASE notify us of any sightings. Even if you saw her days ago please inform us so we know where to continue to look. We refuse to give up on her – we owe this to her.

On behalf of little Cassie, we thank you for your help and prayers in our mission to save this precious little life. Though she originally escaped in Morton Grove, she could be anywhere by now. Our hunch, though, is that she is probably not very far away. She's out there somewhere, and we know someone is going to see her or has seen her or maybe even (dare we hope?) has her safe and sound in their home. We think of our supporters as all Assistant Guardian Angels, and we need that one very special Angel to lead us to Cassie so that this story can have a Happy Ending.

Please download a digital copy of her flier from our website and cross-post to your friends and neighbors. Post on your own websites, blogs or Facebook pages. Print it out and hang fliers in your neighborhood and at local businesses. Walk your neighborhoods, and send your children out to look for her. The more eyes looking for her, the better. Together, with your help, Cassie's life may be saved.

FOR ANY SIGHTINGS CALL:

**815-471-4490
847-331-2425
847-677-8092
847-679-1588
847-340-1262
847-337-5511
847-677-6366
847-409-4010**



HAPPY ENDINGS

Made possible by YOU, our Assistant Guardian Angels and Loyal Supporters!

Sometimes when our mission of caring for all the homeless and neglected critters becomes overwhelming and we become disheartened by the enormity of it all, angered at the lack of public compassion and frustrated that we can't do more -- or heartsick over a Cassie-type situation -- an email or card comes our way that helps lift our spirits and renew our resolve. We love hearing from you all, so please keep those notes coming!

Dear Linda (Adopt-a-Pet Screener),

Last week I spoke with you several times about a dog (Orville) on your web site that I fell in love with and thought that I would love to adopt. You helped me move through the process in a quick manner and the result was an adoption that has just been FANTASTIC !!! We are just crazy about this little boog and it is working out just great. I just want to let you know that you were wonderful to work with and that I appreciate your kind and quick efforts in our behalf. Your foster parent (Kitty) was just an awesome person, did a very special job on this guy, and helped make the transition seamless.

I suspect that every once in a while someone like you probably wonders about the results of your efforts. Consequently, I want you to know that you hit a bulls-eye here all the way around.

This is a wonderful dog and we are giving him a loving home and a great life. Thanks for helping to make such a wonderful addition to our life !
Brad W.

P.S. I grabbed his paw and had him hit the send button just so he could take part in the 'thanks'.



Dear Foster Mom Jane,

Things are going very well with the new addition to our family. We got off to a bit of a rocky start when we first brought Leo (now named Gumbo...we have 2 other Leo's in the family, we thought 3 were a bit much!) home. Pebbles was a bit aggressive in playing with him, and he was really timid at his new home. We had to put Pebbles into a different room for half an hour or so to let Gumbo get used to our place. But after that, they were fine. They started to play...which lasted, I kid you not...for 14 hours! They started at 8:00 at night, and finally at about 11:00 the next morning, the two of them zonked out for the rest of the day!

They get along great, they cuddle together, play together, and are always together. I don't think they each can imagine life without the other. I know we can't.

I've attached a picture of Pebbles and Gumbo for you to see. They really do love having each other around!!!

Thank you again for taking care of him while he was waiting to find his forever home with us.

Hikari, Andrew,
Pebbles, and Gumbo.



Hi, remember me ... it's Butterscotch! I lived in one of your nice foster homes for quite a while in 2005 & 2006 until my new Mom saw me on the computer and it was love at first sight. I was at a lot of different places, I'm very pretty, but no one seemed to want me. I didn't, as I guess they say in the cat adoption business, "show" very well because I was kind of shy. First I was living at the Anti-Cruelty Society with a friend - he got adopted, but I didn't, and that was hard, he was my only friend. Then I was at PetSmart, then in Adopt-A-Pet's foster home for a loonnng time. My foster Mom was really nice, there were a lot of us kitties staying with her. I wasn't very cooperative when Mom first came to see me, in fact, I didn't stop running and hiding, but she said "Butter" needs a home (she must have seen my inner beauty.)

I now live in a very nice home with another cat 'Page' - she is a rescue kitty too - we like each other and play a lot. It took me a long time before I would sit next to Mom, in fact, it was about a year when I finally figured out this was going to be my furrever home and Mom really loved me, so one day I jumped up on the couch and snuggled next to Mom. She cried. It just takes longer for some of us than others, so be patient.

Mom says that both of us are the joy of her life. We try to play with her whenever we can. I have lots of toys, good food and a big couch to nap on. I just wanted to let you all know how I was doing, you know how it is, sometimes I find the pen, get distracted playing with the pen, and forget to find paper to write on. Just remember, it might take a while, but when you find a home with someone who loves you, it is worth the wait.



Butterscotch

I have to go now, I hear the food can being opened ... yummmmm

Dear Adopt-A-Pet,

We would like to thank everyone at Adopt-A-Pet for all your hard work rescuing animals. We adopted Doobie (now Addie) just before Christmas 2008. Our beloved dog had recently died and we were looking for a mature dog to add to our family. We were attracted to her based on your description of her personality on the website. She ended up being a perfect match for us! Addie has brought so much happiness to our home; we wish everyone saw what wonderful companions mature dogs are. Having three children under 10 we wanted to be certain of the dog's temperament before bringing her home, which isn't the case when adopting a puppy. Addie's transition to our home was so easy it's hard to believe she's only been here a few weeks. She has quickly become a treasured member of our family. Thank you to everyone for rescuing our 6 year old black dog; we can't imagine life without her!

Kim R.
and
Family



BEAUTY

FEATURED CAT

Hi, I'm Beauty – it's obvious how I got my name! I'm a gorgeous 3 year old girl. Everyone that meets me says that I'm very elegant. I'm a classic tabby with beautiful markings and a very soft coat. I'm quiet and reserved and a bit on the shy side at first, but once I get to know you I'll be your loving companion. I am a very caring kitty that loves to be with my people once I'm comfortable with them. I'm looking for a relatively quiet household with a patient person who will give me lots of love. I'd be the ideal companion for a single person or childless couple – I could be your child! I'm a lovely kitty that deserves a great home. Won't you consider inviting me in?



NEW 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS **Super Bonus Deal This Year! Wow!**

New books will be arriving around July 31st and still only cost \$20. **Pre-order yours now and get a FREE 2009 Book, good to use from now all the way till November!** While they last! The Ultimate 2-for-1 deal! These books have hundreds of free offers and coupons to help you save money on restaurants, groceries, hotels, entertainment, recreation and more -- while helping homeless animals at the same time. Be sure to order yours now using the enclosed return slip!

Don't forget to send us your favorite pet and people recipes for inclusion in our upcoming cookbook!

OUR WISH LIST

- Grocery & Pet Store Gift Cards
- Copy Paper, White & Colors
- Two-Pocket Folders
- Office Supply Store Gift Cards
- Dog and Cat Food, Biscuits & Treats
- Kitty Litter
- Humane Hav-A-Hart Traps
- Advantage, Revolution & Heartgard
- Regular & Choke Collars and Leashes
- Kitty Condos/Cat Trees, Scratching Posts
- Dog Beds & Cushions
- Wire Dog Crates
- Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies
- Literature Printing Services

THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING?

Adopt-A-Pet is an all-volunteer organization, and we are always in need of more kind hearts to help. New Volunteer Orientations are held monthly. Come spend a few hours to learn what volunteer opportunities are available and how you can fit into our organization to help save more animals' lives.

Saturday, May 9, 9:15-11:45 a.m.

At: Vernon Area Library, 300 Olde Half Day Rd., Lincolnshire

Saturday, June 20, 9:15-11:45 a.m.

At: Glenview Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview

Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

At: Whole Foods Market, 1331 N. Rand Rd., Palatine

Please use the enclosed Jewel Shop & Share ticket. Just do your shopping on the dates printed, hand the ticket to the cashier, and Jewel will donate a % of your purchase to us. Tickets are copyable, so hand them out to friends too!

MOTHER'S DAY IS ALMOST HERE

**Still thinking of a way to Honor your Mom?
 We've got an idea for you!**

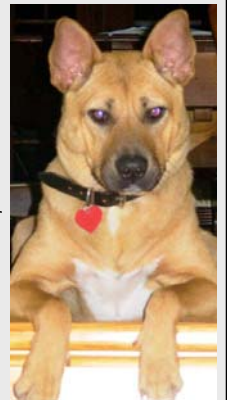
When you make a donation to Adopt-A-Pet's animals in your Mom's name, we will send her a lovely Mother's Day card. Just enclose a note with your Mom's name and address, and we'll do the rest!

Adopt-A-Pet relies on donations from caring people like yourself who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets. In these difficult financial times, animals are often forgotten. No matter what size your gift, your support will make a difference. Be sure to check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gifts program or a Giving Campaign. And remember: Our adopters and donors – and their privacy – are very important to us. We *never* share our mailing list with anyone or any organization – *never*.

GENEVIEVE

FEATURED DOG

Hey, everybody, my name is Genevieve! I may be 2 years old and full grown, but I still have the heart of a puppy (and sometimes think I'm still as small as one – I love to sit in laps!) I look like a shepherd-terrier mix and I weigh 49 lbs. I'm playful but obedient, and very trainable. I'm housebroken and generally well behaved in my foster home. I'd prefer a home with a yard so I can run around as much as I want. I love kids, and your kids will love ME! Come meet me – as soon as you see me in person I know you'll fall in love with my sweet (yet stately!) demeanor. So, what are you waiting for? You! Me! It's a no-brainer!



UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Adopt-A-Pet is out and about, so mark your calendar with these important dates. Be sure to check our website (www.adoptapet-il.org), as dates and locations are subject to change and new events are sure to be added!

ADOPTION SHOWS

Come meet some of our Adoptable Pets, buy an extra bag of pet food or cat litter, or drop off any items from our Wish List. Any of our hard-working, blue-shirted volunteers will graciously accept your donation and see that it's distributed to our foster animals.

May 2 & 3, 10:00-3:00

June 13 & 14, 10:00-3:00

July 25 & 26, 10:00-3:00

Aug. 15 & 16, 10:00-3:00

Aug. 30, 12:00-4:00

at: Vernon Hills Petsmart, 701 N. Milwaukee Ave.

at: Northbrook Petsmart, 291 Skokie Blvd.

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at: Arlington Heights Petsmart 49 W. Rand Rd.

PAWS Angels with Tails in Lincoln Park – watch our website for exact locations!

Des Plaines Park District Family FunFest, Prairie Lakes Park, 510 E. Algonquin Rd.

May 16, 9:00-12:00

Come visit Adopt-A-Pet's booth with Animals for Adoption, Arts & Crafts, Bake Sale

Also: Pooch, Pet & Pedal Parade, Train Rides, Games, Free Pictures with McGruff, the Crime Dog !!

WILMETTE PET FEST

Presented by . . . Wilmette Pet Center

625 Green Bay Rd, (847) 251-6750

Saturday July 11, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In conjunction with Wilmette Sidewalk Sales and Family Fun Fest – Bargains, Food & Entertainment!

A day of fun, games, prizes and great savings for you and your kids.

Bring the whole family, including your dogs, to help a great cause – something for everyone!

Petting Zoo

Everyone will enjoy interacting
with baby farm animals

Fun Games

And Cool Prizes
For the Kids!

Dog Wash

Get your Pooch squeaky clean
Washed & Brushed - Only \$10 donation!

Pet Glamour Shots

Bring your dog for cute photos
By our Professional Photographer



Bake Sale for People & Dogs

Treat Yourself and Your Dogs to some
Yummy Homemade Goodies!

Face Painting

Turn your kid into an exotic cat!
Or choose butterflies or flowers . . .

Caricature Drawings

Take home a cute frameable portrait
of your Pets or Kids!

Doggy Play Date

Let your Dog play inside
our enclosed play area

**Cool down your dog with our
K-9 Cooling Center**

Arts & Crafts

Shop for cute arts, crafts & gift items for
the Pets or Pet People in your life!