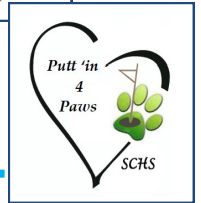


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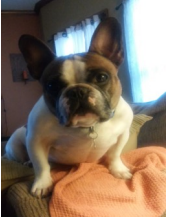
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The Latest News for You and Your Pets



This “Frenchy” named **Theo** was eight years old when surrendered to us in January. His breed can be quite bossy and headstrong, but he found himself a wonderful home in less than two weeks of his arrival.



There are a growing number of organizations focusing on adopting out older dogs or “senior” dogs typically seven years or older. Their age makes them some of the hardest to place animals in a society that still adores pudgy puppies and sleepy kittens.

Books on elderly dogs and social media campaigns are beginning to change the way we think, convincing pet seekers that older pets come with many benefits - like being house

trained, they’re usually calmer, more tolerant of children and much less demanding of people with busy lifestyles.

A mature dog or cat is full grown as well, so there’s no chance of it becoming more than your house can handle. *What you see is what you get.* As for training, dogs and cats of any age can continue learning! Older dogs have a greater attention span than a puppy which makes them much easier to train, and they have all their teeth which makes it less likely that they will destroy furniture and shoes.

Many mature dogs and cats were once owned and loved by someone and need homes just as badly as puppies and kittens. They lose their homes for a variety of reasons, usually having nothing to do with their behavior or temperament.

When you visit our shelter or any shelter, try not to think about age. Don’t just walk past a dog or cat that’s acting as if you don’t exist. They’re just being patient. Engage them, gently lay your warm hand on them. The sound of your voice will let them know you care.

Watching an animal go from neglected, suspicious and just plain sad, to enjoying it’s new life is incredibly rewarding. Sure, they may have less time to be around but instead of looking at the negative side, look at it as how much joy you can give each other in the time you have together.

At 13 years old, this long haired Tortie girl named **Paper**, found herself a loving Mom who takes great pride in caring for her.



Working Cats...

another avenue in the no-kill movement;

Hundreds of thousands of cats are euthanized across the United States simply because they are feral. Many of them are living outdoors, cared for by citizens who bring them to shelters in hopes of them getting adopted. If they’re friendly it might work out, but many of these cats are terrified of people and could never be socialized enough to live happily in a home.

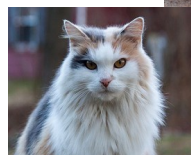
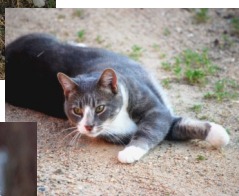
These days, working cats are being adopted in pairs and multiples and are being employed not only by farmers, but business owners with shops or warehouses that may be overrun by rodents. In return, as their “pay” the adopter agrees to provide shelter and food, and future medical bills that may occur.

Working cat programs do more than deter rodents and protect enclosed property. They save cats with very few placement options once they end

up in shelters.

Everyone benefits from a working cat program. Shelters benefit by making room for friendly adoptable cats, adopters benefit because they can save their property from rodent damage without spending a lot of money, and **the cats benefit the most!**

A working cat program not only lets them live in an environment where they can thrive, *it simply allows them to live!*



Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **Easter Fun at Putt 'in 4 Paws**
Egg Hunt at 1:30
Pics with Easter Bunny for donation
Saturday March 31 - 1pm till 3pm
- ♦ **Meet Your Best Friend Adoption Event** at Detroit Zoo - May 18 & 19
- ♦ **PetSmart Adoption Event**
Fort Gratiot Store - May 18 & 19
- ♦ **FUN FESTIVAL - JUNE 9**
at Putt 'in 4 Paws - 11am till 4pm
- ♦ **Annual Vaccination Clinic - July 14**
at the shelter 11am till 3pm
- ♦ **Topless Car Wash/Adoption Event**
at Putt 'in 4 Paws
Saturday August 18 - 10am till 3pm

We are looking for vendors and sponsors of all types for our annual

**“Fun Festival” to benefit animals on
Saturday June 9, 2018 at
Putt 'in 4 Paws in Lexington.**

The festival runs from 11am till 4pm and includes food, contests, games, music, demonstrations, pet adoptions, vendors for people and pets and more!

For information and how to register as a sponsor or vendor, please visit our website:

**www.sanilacountyhumanesociety.org
or call the office: (810) 657-8962**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Especially for outdoor Spring clean-up at the Shelter and Putt 'in 4 Paws when the weather warms up!

If you have a couple of hours to spare, go to our website and send a message, call the office, or stop in and get on the list!
A Volunteer coordinator will contact you with more information

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THESE HAPPY ENDINGS POSSIBLE!

Buddy, a neutered retriever mix, arrived from Animal Control, an emaciated pathetic soul with allergies, intestinal parasites, covered with fleas and ticks, and suffering with skin and ear infections. He was depressed. The fact that he was already neutered meant that someone must have cared about him at some point.



The good news is that in one month, we were able to put some weight back on him and got his skin and ears to start healing. He came to us acting like a little old man even though he's only about five years old.

His life changed forever the day the Wheaton Family met him, fell in love and re-named him **Pete**. ❤️

Cat Fact: Cats walk like camels and giraffes!

They move both of their right feet first, then move both of their left feet.
No other animals walk this way!

Planning Ahead for those left behind



Sometimes pets find themselves at our shelter, orphaned when their owners pass away. Such was the case for **Pepper and Pal**, twelve year old Poodle mixes, along with a cat and a parakeet, when their human passed away unexpectedly. His children already had as many pets as their lease would allow and couldn't keep them. As pet lovers, we assume that our families will happily adopt our beloved pets when we pass.

All too often this is not the case. Taking on a pet is a major commitment and not something that everyone is prepared to suddenly do; especially when grieving. Just because our friends and family enjoy our pets when they come to visit, doesn't mean they would want to take them home fur-ever.

Luckily we were able to find homes for the cat and the parakeet, and Pepper and Pal were adopted together and are very happy in their new home. ❤️ ❤️

Mortality is something we all have to deal with. Please do your fur-babies the favor of providing for them after you are gone. Call the shelter office and a volunteer can help you with ideas to insure that your beloved pets are taken care of and placed with a family who will love them as much as you do.



This little gem is **Ruby**, an adorable one year old female. Our local Animal Control officer brought her to us last summer after being trapped by good Samaritans who noticed her struggling with a limp near their home. Her left front paw had somehow been crushed but that didn't crush her spirit. Even with the pain from her severe injury, she would love on you and purr like a trooper. Knowing that tiny paw could never be saved, removing the leg would be the only option. She recuperated quickly and soon she was racing around the cattery as if the leg was never there!



The Stoyan Family came in one day with their daughter, who's name is also Ruby, and of course the bond was formed. ❤️

3 Games For Kids and Dogs to Play Together:

BUBBLES: Kids love to blow bubbles; dogs love to chase them.

HANSEL & GRETEL: A child can make a trail of treats and see if his dog can follow it! Reward with a special treat!

HIDE-AND-SEEK: Instruct the dog to sit and stay while a child hides; if the dog finds the child, he's rewarded with a treat!

Dogs and smiling...

You might think that smiling at your dog with your teeth showing is a friendly welcoming sign, but to many dogs, this is seen as an act of aggression! Dogs do not smile with their mouths in the same way that people do; dogs indicate happiness and excitement by wagging their tails. When a dog shows their teeth, this is usually defensive or aggressive; and so smiling at your dog or any dog with your mouth open may be read by your dog as an angry face!

Always Needed:

Purina Cat/Kitten Chow
Purina or Pedigree Dog Food
Clumping Cat Litter
Paper Towel/Toilet Paper
Trash Bags (large and small)
Laundry Soap/Bleach
Dish Soap and Hand Soap
Distilled Water

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