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Event of the Year!  
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# West Suburban Humane Society

# STRAY THOUGHTS

## Help Us Raise Funds For Our Biggest Event Of The Year!

West Suburban Humane Society has now made it easier than ever to collect donation for our biggest fundraiser of the year, Barkapalooza Walkathon and Pet Expo. If you are planning on participating in this year's event, logon to our web site at [www.firstgiving.com/wshs](http://www.firstgiving.com/wshs).

From that site, you can register for Barkapalooza and create your own fundraising web page.

Getting started is easy . . . .

- It only takes a few minutes to create your online fundraising page.
- Click the Get Started button.
- Personalize the text and the photo of your online fundraising page to express your passions and your purpose.
- Send the link out to your friends, family, colleagues – anyone you think will help you reach your goal. Ask them to forward it on to their contacts as well!
- When you set up your web page through Firstgiving, you will be entered into our Split the Pot Raffle drawing.
- For every \$100 of donations

received, another entry for you is placed in the drawing.

- The winner is guaranteed a minimum prize of \$1,000! The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, September 27th at the 2pm end of our event.

Last year, we raised \$20,000 online. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000, all to benefit the homeless animals in our care.

Don't delay, set up your fundraising web page today!

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## WSHS Wish List

- Paper Towels
- Food (our animals are on a specific diet: so that we don't upset their digestive system, we must be specific) Purina or IAMS (Dry) cat and dog, kitten and puppy formulas, light formula – cat and dog and senior formula – cat and dog. Any canned cat, dog, kitten and puppy food is fine.
- KMR (kitten milk replacement), small baby bottles and nipples
- Dog and cat toys (washable and indestructible!)
- Cat litter (no scoopable)
- Stamps (to be used for postage)
- Garbage bags (13 & 30 gallon sizes)
- 6" paper plates
- Lint Traps
- Volunteers!
- Monetary donations are always appreciated!

# Shop and Share

Don't forget this upcoming Jewel Shop and Share date:  
Help the animals and get your holiday grocery shopping done at the same time!

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## Upcoming Events

630-960-9600, ext. 25

### AUGUST

29th, Saturday –  
30th Sunday

“Pennies for Pets” Open House. Bring your Change A Life container, dump your change and watch the money grow to help our homeless animals.

### SEPTEMBER

7th, Monday

Labor Day – WSHS will be closed.

27th, Sunday

16th Annual Barkapalooza Walkathon and Pet Expo.  
Look for your flyer in this edition of Stray Thoughts!

### OCTOBER – ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

24th, Saturday

Mutts Need Moola! Look for WSHS at Jewel stores in the Downers Grove area collecting money for the homeless animals at the shelter.

26th, Monday –  
28th Wednesday

Jewel Shop & Share  
Find your coupon on page 2 of this newsletter.

## West Suburban Humane Society shelter services include:

- Pet Adoptions
- Free Pet I.D. Tags
- Community Education
- Humane Investigations
- Pet Behavior Counseling
- Spay/Neuter Referrals
- Lost & Found Hotline

## WEST SUBURBAN HUMANE SOCIETY

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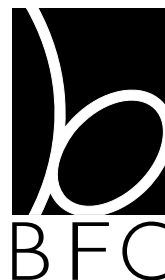
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E-Mail Address: Director@WSHS-DG.org  
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# Ready For a Home

## Billy

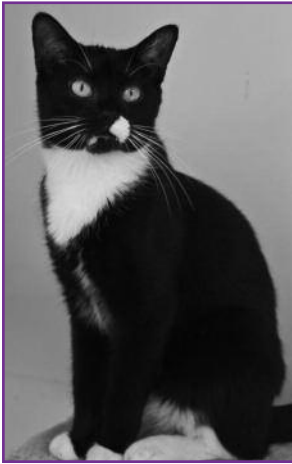
5 year old, Male, Plott Hound

Hi, my name is Billy. I am a little shy when I first meet people but I warm up quickly. I am good with older children, cats and other dogs. Because of my shy nature, I would benefit from obedience training. Because of my breed, I cannot live in an apartment or condo. If you have a house with a large fenced in backyard, that would be great. Stop by and visit me soon!



## Ike

1 year old, Male, Black and White DSH



Hi. My name is Ike. I have the dubious distinction of being the only kitten left over from last summer. I guess I am not really a kitten anymore. I have had my first birthday. My mother and my sister have both been adopted and I remain. At least I don't live in a small cage anymore. Since my sister left, I have been living in the "Shy Cat Room" with four other kitties. I am the only guy in a room full of gals. That alone should make you feel sorry enough for me to whisk me away with you! Seriously, the reason I am still here is because I tend to shy away from strangers, so it can be difficult for visitors to see my personality. If you could have seen me in my foster home, you'd believe that I am just the best cat once I can trust. I do need to live in a home with other cats because they help me relax and be brave. Please take a chance on me. It makes me sad to see all the new kittens coming in while I continue to get passed by.

## Dogs Love Running!

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Beyond food and water, do you know what your dog needs to be happy and healthy? The answer is: exercise. And most dogs don't get enough of it. That's where the Dogs Love Running! pet care service comes in. We provide dog walking and running services as well as sitting, boarding, and daycare solutions for all household pets. And with our unique focus on pet exercise, it's our goal to help your pets live longer and behave better. As an award-winning Small Business of the Year in 2009, we offer a professional, reliable, and unique service that your pet is sure to love. Whether you're away or a few hours or a few days, we can help. Check us out at [www.dogsloverunning.com](http://www.dogsloverunning.com) or call 1-877-PETS-RUN to learn more.

# From Wags To Riches Raffle



**W**est Suburban Humane Society is sponsoring a 50/50 Split Raffle. The winner of the raffle will receive 50 percent of the monies collected. The winner is guaranteed a minimum prize of \$1,000.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the 2:00 pm end of our 16th Annual Barkapalooza Walkathon and Pet Expo. The winner will be notified by phone no later than Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Suggested donation for each ticket is \$5.00

Or 6 tickets for \$25.00, giving you 1 free ticket!

Or 15 tickets for \$50.00, giving you 5 free tickets!



Need more tickets? Stop by our adoption center at 1901 W. Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove or call 630-960-9600, ext. 25. Remember to include your name and mailing address when you call and tickets will be mailed immediately. Tickets will also be sold throughout the day at Barkapalooza.

## Barkaritaville

The shelter's first annual Barkaritaville was a big success! We raised over \$18,000 which will be used to care for the animals until they find their forever homes.

A special thank you to *Renee Cantalupo*, the chairperson of this event as well as the rest of the fundraising committee for all of their hard work. Renee is a real estate agent and she also supports the shelter by donating a portion of her commission back to the humane society. Please contact Renee for all of your real estate needs at 630-205-1130 or visit [www.reneecan.com](http://www.reneecan.com).

A huge thank you to *Michelle Sarwas*, owner of Bark Avenue Daycamp and her staff for letting us use their facility for the event. The facility is located at 1540 Hecht Drive in Bartlett. Their phone number is 630-289-8470 or visit their website at [www.barkavenuedaycamp.com](http://www.barkavenuedaycamp.com). Please remember Bark Avenue Daycamp for all of your daycare, boarding and training needs.



*Thank you to our Pen Pal sponsors:*
















Renee Cantalupo ♦ Eva Smith ♦  
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Thanks to *Sue The DJ* for providing the entertainment. Visit Sue's website [www.SueTheDj.com](http://www.SueTheDj.com) for all of your entertainment needs.

Thank you to *everyone* who donated an auction item or attended to help make our event a success. We couldn't do it without great supporters like you!

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# Pet Health Watch by Dr. Main, DVM

## In this warm weather, can my dog overheat?

The summer months are a high risk period for dogs to overheat. When dogs overheat and become sick it is called heat stroke. In general, dogs do not tolerate the heat very well. Outside temperatures of more than 85 degrees could be a hardship for many dogs. Abrupt changes in temperature can worsen the effect of heat on a dog. Dogs may require a period of 10-12 days to acclimatize to warmer weather.

**True heat stroke can have devastating effects on the patient, including death.** Risk factors include: obesity, long hair, overexertion, old age and a short nosed dog such as a Pug. Most cause of heat stroke involve exposure to extreme heat, confinement in an enclosed area, often with poor ventilation, and no access to water. For example when a dog is confined to a car on a hot day, he can overheat and develop heat stroke in a short time period.

**How can one determine if their dog is developing heat stroke?** Upon inspection of the dog, several things will be apparent. The gums will be very red, mental status will be dull or even stuporous, in addition, panting, salivating, vomiting and diarrhea and often collapse can be observed.



These patients are distressed and rectal temperature is over 106 degrees (normal is 101 degrees). Heat stroke is a true medical emergency!

**Heat stroke is the result of direct thermal injury to body tissues.** Let's look briefly at what happens. As the core body temperature increases, the body begins to produce chemicals that stimulate inflammation. Both the thermal insult and the inflammatory insult begin to damage tissue, in particular the lining of blood vessels and the intestines. This cycle escalates very quickly, leading to the release of toxins from the gut and tiny clots in the vascular system and eventually swelling in the brain. The body simply deregulates and fails. This is a scary condition for any dog and its owner.

**What can be done if a dog is overheating?** One must act quickly, hopefully within 30 minutes. Cooling the patient is the most important initial treatment. This is accomplished by bathing the patient in cool water, starting room temperature intravenous fluids, using a fan and applying alcohol to the foot pads. The patient must only be cooled to 103 degrees, as the temperature will continue to drop from there. Beyond this initial care, patients may require oxygen therapy, drugs to maintain normal blood pressure, antibiotics to control

intestinal bacteria and many additional life support therapies. The use of ice in cooling the patient is not recommended because it may cause vasoconstriction and hence limit cooling.

This is a serious condition. Patients have a risk for death, and in that event, death usually occurs within 24 hours. On the other hand, if the patient improves over 48 hours, the prognosis is excellent.

**General tips about heat stroke** include limit exercise during periods of heat. If heat stroke is suspected, obtain a rectal temperature and start cooling the patient at home. Patients that have had heat stroke are more prone to recurrences. Lastly, provide shade, water and avoid confinement and poor ventilation.

Good luck this summer beating the heat with your pets. Remember always check the dryer for your feline companions. Cats can get heat stroke too.

**Please address questions and suggestions for future animal health articles to:**

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West Suburban  
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1901 W. Ogden Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
director@wshs-dg.org



## Letters From Adopters



Hello to all of the staff at WSHS,

We would like to send a quick hello to the cattery and all of Oregano's friends. She is doing great at our home and we love her so much. She is such a laid back cat. She always makes me laugh since she is like clock work. My husband and I are both teachers and being done with school we don't get up as early as we were getting up when we first adopted Oregano. She makes sure she wakes us up around 5:30 for feeding time. If we haven't fed her by 6:00 PM she lets us know it is her dinner time. We love having her in our home and love to spoil her and give her lots of love. I have attached some recent pictures of her for you to share with the wonderful staff at the shelter. Oregano sends her love and would like to know if you would like a visit from her.

Mike and Bethany Vasilie

# HEARTY THANKS

**O'Neill Middle School in Downers Grove** sponsored a car wash and donated the proceeds of \$514 to the shelter.

The students of **Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove** collected donations for a 4 day period for the shelter. They raised \$285.

The **Unitarian Church of Hinsdale** took up a collection for the shelter. They collected \$564 for the animals in our care.

**Gabby S.** had a lemonade stand and donated the proceeds of \$52.75 to the shelter.

A group of individuals from the **First United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn** did a service project for the shelter. They came out and cleaned kennels and collected donations on our behalf.

**Lisa Schaffner**, Assistant Vice President at Harris Bank Darien, and the other employees at the bank, collected food and supply donations for the shelter.

**Kristina Barsketis** of Downers Grove had an 8th birthday party and asked her guests to bring donations for the shelter

instead of gifts for her. She collected \$100 for the animals in our care.

The 4th grade students at **Willow Creek Elementary School in Woodridge** collected \$85.64 in pennies and donated it to the shelter.

**Kelsey Skach** of LaGrange Park had a 12th birthday party and asked her guests to bring donations for the shelter instead of gifts for her. She collected numerous food and supply donations for the animals in our care.

**Nancy Fleming** hosted a movie night, showing the film "The Express" in which her standard poodle had a guest appearance. She served popcorn and homemade treats and raised over \$300 for the animals at the shelter.

**Lauren Secor** of Downers Grove donated \$10 of her allowance to help the homeless animals at the shelter.

**Karen Kelly** of Westmont donated 100 perennials to our Petals for Pets Plant Sale.

**Jayden Lydon** of Westmont donated \$14 from his piggy bank to the animals at the shelter.

**Tyler Bleau**, age 7 and his sister, **Abby Bleau**, age 5, donated their Easter money of \$21 to the shelter.

**Tina Roberts** of Matson Integrated Logistics in Villa Park held a food drive for the shelter. She collected numerous food and supply donations for the homeless animals in our care.

In honor of **Fee Fee La Belle's** 16th birthday, her owner had a party and asked that guests bring donations for the shelter. She collected numerous food and supply donations.

**Allison Gill**, a WSHS volunteer, donated \$100 of canned dog food, \$100 of canned cat food, and \$200 for the animals at the shelter.

To all the volunteers who worked a shift at **Heritage Fest** on June 26th – 28th. We raised over \$2,000 for the shelter and even got some animals adopted! A special thanks to **Kurt Mohr** for his assistance with set up, tear down and a million other things during that busy weekend. We couldn't do what we do without our dedicated volunteers.

## Landscaping Donated to WSHS

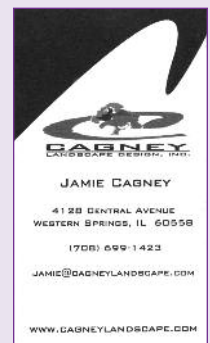
Three local landscaping companies joined together to add some greenery and extend a sidewalk to the parking lot at the shelter.

The work took place on Saturday, May 23rd. The companies include **Cagney Landscape Design, Inc.**, **Chestnut Grove Productions** and **The Gardner Connection, Inc.**

The landscape companies donated plants, shrubs and bushes, along with extending a welcome brick sidewalk to the facilities parking lot. The overall beautification project cost was about \$6,000.

Thank you to the following companies who donated to the project:

- The Growing Place
- Sid's Greenhouses & Garden Center
- Midwest Groundcovers, Inc.
- Schwarz Nursery and Garden Center
- Platt Hill Nursery
- Dunkin' Donuts
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### Pen Pal Sponsorship Program



West Suburban Humane Society (WSHS) adopts out over 800 cats and dogs each year. The average cost of care for a cat or a dog in our facility is \$175.00. Our **Pen Pal** program and your generous donation will enable us to help our current and future residents. For an annual sponsorship donation of \$200.00, the **Pen Pal** that resides in your sponsored **Pen** will email you monthly with their picture and their story. In addition, your sponsored **Pen** will be adorned with a recognition plaque in your name for a whole year!

Our thanks to you will also include a framed personalized acknowledgement for you to keep as well as a one year WSHS membership (\$25.00 value), an engraved brick (\$80.00 value) to be placed in our entrance way, recognition in our quarterly Stray Thoughts newsletter and acknowledgement on our website.

Your donation will enable us to provide the necessary aid and care of our residents including:

- ❖ Spay/neuter
- ❖ Microchip
- ❖ Vaccines
- ❖ Food
- ❖ De-worming



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