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for Details.

## West Suburban Humane Society

# STRAY THOUGHTS

### Fergie — A Very Special Pug

Can you imagine living your whole life in a cramped cage? Never being shown any love or affection? Never being able to enjoy the simple things in life like feeling sunshine on your face or walking on grass? Being kept in unsanitary conditions and forced to have litter after litter of puppies that are cruelly ripped away when they are old enough to be transported to pet stores across the country? That is the life that Fergie endured before we got a call from a downstate animal control facility asking us if we could take her. She was no longer useful to the breeder, so was turned in to Animal Control. Of course we immediately said yes. Fergie needed us and we couldn't turn our back on her.



Having spent her entire life being used as a breeder dog in a puppy mill, Fergie had a lot of medical issues. After getting her settled in, we made Fergie an appointment to see our vet. Poor Fergie's feet are permanently damaged from standing on wire her entire life and she has luxating patellas. Luckily, neither of these seem to cause her any problems. She is such a happy-go-lucky dog! She also had horrible ear and skin infections. Her eyes needed special attention so we also made an appointment for her to see an eye specialist.

The specialist examined Fergie and she has a congenital defect in one eye and doesn't have any sight. The other eye has a cataract and she only has 30% vision. Again, you would never know that she has limited vision. You should see her zoom around our doggie play areas! Nothing slows this girl down.

Through her entire ordeal, Fergie has been amazing. Her tail never stops wagging and she greets everyone she meets with enthusiasm. She is sweet, friendly and gets along great with kids, cats and other dogs. She will make a great addition to some lucky family.



Aside from adoptions, we feel this is our most important work. With the support of so many caring individuals, we can help the most needy cats and dogs. Cases like Fergie's are not rare and medical care for the sick and injured orphans can easily climb into the thousands. That's why we tell their stories. Fergie would not have a chance at a happy, forever home if we didn't make a commitment to helping her and we could not do that without our generous donors.

Fergie is on the road to recovery and will soon be available for adoption. She has a future now and after everything she's been through, she deserves it. The sick and injured cats and dogs will keep coming. We are committed to them. Their lives ARE worth saving. With your help, we can change the world for more homeless animals.



## Upcoming Events

630-960-9600, ext. 25

### MAY

10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday –  
11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday

#### Petals for Pets Plant Sale

Look for more information on page 10 in this edition of Stray Thoughts.

26<sup>th</sup>, Monday

Memorial Day – WSHS will be closed today.

### JUNE – ADOPT A SHELTER CAT MONTH

1<sup>st</sup>, June

#### Roti Grill Fundraiser

Look for more information on page 9 in this edition of Stray Thoughts.

18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

WSHS General Meeting held at 7:00 pm at the Downers Grove Park District. Hear what's new at the shelter, partake of refreshments and enjoy a great guest speaker.

### JULY

4<sup>th</sup>, Friday

4<sup>th</sup> of July – WSHS will be closed today.



## WSHS Wish List

- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Anti-bacterial Hand Soap
- Dish Washing Liquid
- 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. 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
- Stamps (to be used for postage)
- Garbage bags (13 & 30 gallon sizes)
- Batteries – AA, 9 Volt and C
- 6" paper plates
- Lint Traps
- Volunteers!
- *Monetary donations are always appreciated!*

## West Suburban Humane Society

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



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# Volunteer Spotlight

Until recently, it was always difficult to fill the mid-day kennel shift. That was until this group of volunteers came together to care for our dogs and prepare them for their fur-ever homes. There are seven volunteers dedicated to one cause: To find loving homes for shelter dogs.

**Lorraine Amber**, mother of 2 and part time interior designer, is Shift Coordinator. Lorraine visited WSHS shortly after the death of her beloved dog to adopt a puppy. She became hooked on the shelter and started volunteering in September of 2010. Within a year, she became a STAR volunteer, working with our dogs in training. A self-professed Foster Failure, Lorraine ultimately adopted both of the dogs she fostered. Along the way, Lorraine, has learned a great deal about dogs and their “quirky” personalities and realizes that individually, our shelter dogs have different requirements and needs. She tries wholeheartedly to meet both. Lorraine loves volunteering at WSHS and was even undeterred during this year’s dreadful winter. Lorraine knows the dogs need her...through rain, snow or gloom of night.

**Jeanie Kittleson** has been a WSHS volunteer since the fall of 2012 but has been a member of the WSHS “family” since she adopted her dog, Presley, from here 10 years ago. What Jeanie really likes about her work here is pretty much everything: her interaction with the animals, the people she volunteers with, and the joy she gets from matching people with the perfect dog for their family.

**Whitney Hudson** began volunteering right before Thanksgiving, 2013. She describes her role here as “Pretty simple — I am here to love on the dogs that pass through WSHS on



their way to their forever home”. She finds the volunteer work she does fun and fulfilling and “the best part of her week.” When she isn’t working, Whitney can be found gardening, reading, hiking, baking, or going to estate sales with Ray, a “rascal of a beagle” and former shelter dog who turns 5 this year.

**Allison Hanscom**, a private piano teacher by day, joined WSHS in May, 2013. She says she’s learning a lot about the many dog personalities and needs as she interacts with them “to fill each individual need whatever it may be.” Allison is looking forward to STAR training this spring and hopes to pursue therapy dog work when she gets her next dog. Her intention is “to spread the love and joy to others that animals so readily give.”

**Steve Winceniak** began volunteering here in 2008. While he prefers to work with the smaller dogs, he pitches in wherever he can. Steve is the proud parent of 2 WSHS shelter dogs, brothers Ben and Jerry. He adopted Jerry first, but when Ben was returned to the shelter, Steve adopted him, too.

**Megan Daly** has been with WSHS since October, 2013. A student at College of DuPage, Megan is studying photography. She initially started to

volunteer in order to practice her photography, but enjoys the animals so much that she’s become a regular volunteer.

Finally, there is **Francis Cornacchia**, the senior member of the group. An avid animal lover, Francis also volunteers on the Wednesday shift and lives with two large dogs and a couple of cats. Francis takes care of all the detail work: filling water bowls, emptying trash and recycling, and double checking each run before leaving. Francis is also mistress of the WSHS Rules. Because of this, she has helped train many of our new volunteers.

Every member of the Friday mid-morning shift has expressed great joy in being part of the team. Allison speaks for all of them when she says,

*“We work wonderfully as a team. I could not ask for a more willing, helpful, and congenial group of people — They are a real delight for me to work with! As for our ages, we have almost every age decade represented: a 20-something, a 30-something, a 40-something, a couple of 50-somethings, a 60-something, and a 70- or 80-something! Quite a variety of ages, but we form a very cohesive group where age knows no barriers.”*



# Ready For a Home

## Redmond

**3 years old, Male, Pit Bull Mix**

Looks like 2014 could be my year! You see, for the last 5 months, I've lived my life in a small cage locked inside a shed. I was never taken out for exercise and was only given food occasionally. It was my lucky day when someone rescued me and took me to the shelter. Here I am given 2 meals a day, a warm bed, toys and all of the attention I can handle! I am a great dog. I am crate trained and know all of my obedience commands. I am working on housebreaking. I am good with kids 10 years and older and I like other dogs. No cats for me, however. They remind me of large squeaky toys! If you are interested in adopting me, you should have previous breed experience. One more thing I should mention, because of my confinement, I do bond quickly with people. I am looking for a home where someone is home most of the day so that I don't get stressed out. I will make a great dog for some lucky family. Are you willing to take a chance on me and give me the best New Year ever?



## Shania

**3 ½ years old, Female, Hound Mix**

Hi, I'm Shania. I am a friendly, outgoing girl that just loves people. I am housebroken and crate trained. I am good with kids, but kids 6 years and older are recommended due to my size and exuberance. A house with a fenced in backyard is just the thing I need (my trainer had a four foot chainlink and that was fine for me). I love, love, love water, so if you take me home, can we get a baby pool for me to splash around in? Or go to the dog beach or go to the lake? Let's just go, I love being with my people and doing things together. I'm not one of those girls who is content to sit in a crate all day, no sir! Four hours is it and then I want to be with you! I know my basic obedience commands and have been to training. I am good with dogs that are smaller and submissive. No cats for me, however. I'm not a big fan! If I sound like a good fit for you and your family, stop by and pay me a visit. I'll be the one in the pool :) You won't be disappointed!

## Moofie

**4 years old, Female, Black and White DSH, 4 Paw Declaw**

Hi, I'm Moofie! I am a small girl, almost the size of a kitten! I love to talk and tell you what's up. I don't have any claws on my front or back feet, but that doesn't stop me from jumping, climbing and chasing strings, which is one of my favorite activities. My ideal home is one where I can be the only cat. No dogs, either, because they stress me out. It's okay if you have a hamster. I might actually like living with a bird or some fish (yummy...just kidding!). I lived with kids before and they are fine by me. I'm the complete package of fun and snuggles, so stop by and visit me soon!



## Cannoli

**8 years old, Female, Munchkin Mix**

Hi, I'm Cannoli! have you ever heard of a Munchkin cat? Well, that's me, at least part anyway. I have the short legs of a Munchkin even if the rest of me isn't so small. I was living with two other cats before we were all brought here due to a divorce. I'm a friendly girl who can carry on a conversation with the best of them. The staff say I have a "Demi Moore" voice, whatever that is. But it makes them smile, so I go along with it. If you want to meet a real life Munchkin (not from Oz), come on over and see me! My only deal breaker is dogs — no thanks!

# Pet Health Watch by Dr. Main, DVM

## What is the role of Vitamin D in the health of dogs?

What is Vitamin D? Vitamin D is a fat soluble vitamin that is mostly known for its role in calcium regulation in the body. We all need calcium in our bodies to maintain the strength of our bones as well as for the contraction of muscles. Without calcium, our bones would be weak and rubbery.

This vitamin helps maintain normal calcium levels in several ways. Among other things, Vitamin D increases the absorption of calcium from the intestine. In humans, Vitamin D can be made in the skin by way of exposure to sunlight. However this is not possible in dogs, so they rely entirely on their diet to attain proper Vitamin D levels.

In people, especially in northern climates Vitamin D deficiency is quite common. In fact, my doctor placed me on a Vitamin D supplement a couple years ago. As scientists look into Vitamin D further and its role in the body, it turns out this vitamin is about more than just calcium. In fact virtually all cells in the canine body have receptors for Vitamin D. In

other words, this vitamin likely has a role in cell function other than calcium regulation. It is thought that Vitamin D is important in DNA repair as well as innate immunity.

In people there are studies that suggest that cancer rates are higher in individuals that have low Vitamin D levels, further low Vitamin D levels may be linked to certain types of depression and to Multiple Sclerosis. Much of what is known about Vitamin D would suggest that it is important to health on many levels including maintaining healthy cells, preventing cancer, and helping the immune system.

Is there a problem with Vitamin D deficiency in dogs? Preliminary studies would indicate that many of our canine companions are lacking in Vitamin D. Working with a laboratory in California, WSVA has been testing Vitamin D levels in dogs for the last couple months. We are conducting a study of 50 dogs over the age of 5 years to determine their "D" levels. Thus far, the results have revealed most dogs to be insufficient but not deficient in Vitamin D. What this means is that the average dog has adequate levels

of "D" to maintain calcium in the body and normal bone strength, but likely not adequate levels for optimal cellular health.

Interestingly since dogs cannot make Vitamin D from sunlight they are dependent on their diet for this vitamin. As it turns out most commercial diets appear to be lacking in proper levels of Vitamin D for optimum health.

There are guidelines for supplementing Vitamin D, and it takes about 120 days to reach a consistent level of the vitamin in the body. Hence retesting after supplementing is usually done 90-120 days after starting the supplement.

This information is quite new, yet awareness may allow for pets to be healthier by lowering a risk factor for cancer and other diseases.

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

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## Email and Letters from Adopters

Hi everyone!

Been a bit since I updated you on the adventures of Cooper — formerly known as Chandler (fostered by Patti Miller).

"Coop" has gone on to earn his Master's Degree from Smart Dogs Academy and is now proficient in his off leash skills and extremely eager to tell you all about it. You may recall he was quite the vocal one, which might be a problem if he wasn't so darn cute and earnest when doing it!

Attached is a picture of him exhibiting his new skill when we were out on some friends' acreage in Iowa...he had to have jumped that stream 1000 times he was having such fun.

Cooper also has a new adopted brother, Killian, who joined us on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>...Coop is in charge of showing the new guy "the ropes"...oh dear! Can you believe this guy was wandering the streets in rural Missouri for about 2 weeks in mid-January during that horrific cold spell? Hard to believe when you see him all cleaned up and napping on his ginormous baby bed!

Hope all is well with everyone there and that you're maintaining thru this nasty, stinky cold and snow!!

As always...Thank You for all you do and for bringing Cooper into my life!



**Debra Beerup and the Beerup Boyz —  
Hunter, Cooper "Coop" and Killian Red**

# Ask the Trainer

Household dogs are frequently bored in their daily life and a large selection of toys and bones can certainly help. The more things your dog has to play with the less of your things he will feel the need to chew on. Having one or two dog toys is not enough for the average dog. I typically suggest to clients to find around ten toys or bones that their dog enjoys. This ensures that when the dog becomes bored with one toy, he has another to go play with for a while. It is crucial to pick out toys that are both fun for your dog and appropriate for his chewing habits.

Rawhides and other edible items such as bully sticks, should be considered treats and not toys or bones. These are products that are made to be consumed and generally will not last long. They also aren't particularly good for the dog and often cause upset stomachs. Limit these types of products to special occasions.

Stuffed and soft toys are great for some dogs, but not for others. Many dogs will just rip them to shreds and possibly eat them. This can be extremely dangerous and can lead to an obstruction in their stomach. If you give these toys to your dog, watch him extremely closely until you are sure that he is not going to rip them apart and eat them. They do make stuffed animals without the stuffing that some dogs are less likely to pull apart since there isn't the fun stuff inside.

Natural bones are a great option for many dogs, and they come in a variety of styles and flavors. Some come covered in a coating to entice the dog, but this can stain your carpet when the bone is new. I typically recommend giving these bones to the dog outside until the bone is picked clean. Once clean the bone can stay inside as a chew toy for months as your dog slowly chews on it. Watch these bones closely to make sure that your dog is not breaking chunks of it off. They should be grinding away small pieces. Make sure that you purchase a big enough bone for your dog. The bone should be large enough that your dog is not holding it entirely in his mouth and biting straight down. This can place too much stress on the teeth. It is almost always better to get your dog a bigger bone so that he is chewing on an angle instead of straight up and down.



Synthetic bones are another great choice for many dogs. With these bones it is important to pick out the right style. Many clients have told me over the years that their dogs rip Nylabones to shreds and that they need something tougher. This is due to purchasing the wrong strength of bone. Nylabones come in a variety of styles, and there is a specific style for powerful chewers. These bones are usually white, yellow, or off-white. The other colored Nylabones and the translucent ones are usually a softer bone that is not made for powerful chewers. Size these the same way you would a natural bone. The vast majority of the Nylabones we carry are for powerful chewers.

Deer and elk antlers are becoming popular and most dogs really enjoy them. They tend to last quite a while and hold up well to powerful chewers. Size these the same way you would any other bone. Cow hooves are another natural chew toy that lasts for a long time. Hooves are very inexpensive and last for months with most powerful chewers. When they are new they tend to smell a little as the dog chews them, but in my opinion this is well worth it since the dogs like them so much and they last for quite a while.

Kongs are a great toy that come in a variety of styles and sizes. They come in regular (red) and extreme (black). We only recommend and sell the extreme since they are not much more expensive and are much more durable than the original red Kong. The standard Kong has a hole on one end that is made to stuff with treats or peanut butter. Many clients give this to their dog when they place them in the cage. This gives the dog something to do for a few minutes when you leave home. There are also Kong balls that are made out of a durable rubber and last extremely well, even with powerful chewers. There is even a Kong Frisbee made for dogs. It is not meant to be a chew toy, so don't leave your dog unattended with it. When used as a Frisbee for a game of catch it will last for years. These are preferable to other Frisbees because they are easy on the dog's teeth. Most normal Frisbees will crack under the pressure of a dog's teeth, and the hard ones that are made for dogs are not meant to be caught by the

dog. When they are hard enough plastic to withstand the pressure of a dog's bite, they become so hard that they can crack a tooth when being caught. This is why we always recommend either the Kong Frisbee or the Chuckit Flying Squirrel.

The toughest dog toy that I have ever encountered is called a Goughnut. These toys are made out of a special type of rubber and are incredibly powerful. They come with a lifetime guarantee and actually hold up. Many of you are probably thinking, "not my dog, he can destroy anything". I want to assure you that these toys are like no others. Goughnuts come in the original green color and a tougher black version. We currently only carry the black Goughnuts. I have owned one for about 4 years and it is played with daily by my Mastiff, American Bulldog, and their many dog friends. We have sold hundreds of these to clients and only had one that was chewed apart. This was by a 120 pound American Bulldog that focuses on destroying any toy that comes his way. It was one of the original green ones, not the extra tough black ones. They sent it in for a free replacement and he hasn't been able to get through it again. They are available in a Goughnut ring, a Goughnut stick, and a Goughnut ball.

I hope this helps explain some of the many great options there are for your dog. This is by no means a complete list, and we are always updating our toy and bone selection as we find new products that we like.

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# Planned Giving

**Today, it is more common for people to create estate plans. WSHS appreciates the gift we received this year from the estate of Helen Nowicki. Additionally we have been informed by Jim Grabowski and by Barbara of their decisions to include WSHS in their estate plans.**

## **Jim Grabowski Includes WSHS in His Estate Plans**

Jim Grabowski, a volunteer at our dog kennel, informed us that he has included WSHS in his estate plans. WSHS is included in both his will and is listed as a beneficiary of his retirement plans (IRA and 401k).

Jim was in software sales before his retirement. When he retired four years ago, he began volunteering at WSHS. When asked why he made the decision, he told us that there were several reasons.

As a volunteer he sees first-hand what happens at WSHS and how its contributions are used. He impressed with the results he has seen from

the STAR (Special Training And Reinforcement) program for dogs that arrived with behavioral issues and he is very aware that this is a unique program. He has also observed the devotion of the other volunteers toward the shelter's pets and knows that all the volunteers enjoy providing the pets with the best of care.

Another reason is that he recognizes the importance of animal rescue organizations from personal experience. (He has included other rescue organizations in his estate plans as well.) A friend of his, Judy, has had rescued boxers, all of which have been wonderful companions. Jim found an American bulldog at WSHS that he thought would be just right for Judy and her boxers. As it

turned out, he was correct.

Thank you, Jim WSHS is very grateful for your volunteer work, your current financial support, and for including WSHS in your estate plans.



## **WSHS Received an Estate Gift from Helen Nowicki**

Helen Nowicki, a resident of Westchester, recently passed away at the age of 94. A lifelong lover of cats, she chose to include WSHS in her will and made a sizeable unrestricted gift to WSHS as part of her estate plan. Mrs. Nowicki, her husband and sister (both deceased), were ardent animal

lovers who financially supported many local shelters and donated many hours as volunteers. WSHS is extremely grateful for the generous gift and her commitment to saving animals.

John Gajkowski of Money Managers Advisory in Oak Brook was Mrs. Nowicki's friend and financial planner. When asked about Mrs. Nowicki's gift he said, "Helen was very familiar with

the work WSHS does and respected their no-kill policy. Their no kill policy was a major factor in her supporting WSHS."

We are thankful to Helen Nowicki and gratified that she found WSHS mission to be worthy of such generous support.

## **Long-time Supporter, Barbara, Provides for WSHS**

West Suburban Humane Society was grateful to learn that Barbara, a long-time supporter of WSHS, has included us in her estate plans. Her will specifies that most of her estate is to go to pet rescue type charities, at the discretion of her executor. However, WSHS is named as a beneficiary of a specified percentage of her estate.

Barbara chose WSHS to benefit by name because she and her mother had adopted a dog, Chelsea, from us in 1989. Chelsea was thought to be a Finnish Spitz/Pomeranian mix and is fondly remembered as their beautiful

'golden girl'. Because of Chelsea, WSHS was her mother's favorite charity, in addition to being one of Barbara's own favorites. Barbara has had several dogs over the course of her adult life; Chelsea was the exception as all the rest have been rescue Keeshonden, her breed of choice. She has recently gone over to the "feline side" having adopted a Siamese cat.

Barbara is very partial to dogs and cats and is quite familiar with West Suburban Humane Society. She especially appreciates the exceptional level of care that we provide to the pets here, giving them all the medical care they need before being put up for adoption.

WSHS is very appreciative of Barbara's thoughtfulness and generosity. Bequests are very important to help ensure the continuity of our services in the future.



If you have or are considering adding WSHS to your estate plans, please contact **Brad Carlson, Development Director**, at [development@wshs-dg.org](mailto:development@wshs-dg.org) or call him at (708) 488-9775. He may help provide you with ideas to think about to help you best fulfill your wishes — and we would be happy to add you as our newest member to the Legacy Society.

# HEARTY THANKS

**Bales Ace Hardware** had a Help A Hound drive during the month of January. Customers and employees donated bleach, food, toys and paper towels.

**The Lambda Chi Sorority** at National University of Health Sciences in Lombard held a pet supply drive for a week during lunch hour. They collected and donated numerous food and supply donations.

**Kelly DeMarco's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Pierce Downer School** held an auction as part of their holiday celebration. They decided to donate the \$96.80 they raised to the shelter.

**The art students at Westview Hills Middle School** created and sold art and donated the proceeds of \$600 to the shelter.

**The SASD Multi Needs High School** in Westmont made and sold dog biscuits. They donated the \$325 they raised to the shelter. *(Pictured below)*



**Erin Mote**, turned 11 and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for her. She donated tons of food, toys and supplies. *(Pictured below)*



**Brynn Dvoracek**, turned 11 and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for her. She donated food, toys and supplies.

**Rebecca ad Jack Helsdon** had a birthday and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for them. They donated \$120, food, toys and supplies.

**The Westmont Public Library** had a one month event focused around the book *The Hounds of the Baskerville*. During the month they collected \$100, food, toys and supplies and donated them to the shelter.

**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 51876 at Lincoln Elementary** in Wheaton made and donated dog toys, cat food and dog food.

**Zoey Eheridge** had a birthday and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for her. She donated \$20 and supplies.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> grade religious education class at St. Joseph Catholic Church** did a service project. They donated \$182.75, food, toys and supplies to the shelter.

**Brooklyn Baur** turned 8 and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for her. She donated \$250, toys and supplies.

**Tim Rosland** turned 9 and asked for donations for the shelter instead of gifts for him. He donated \$65.

**PetCo Unleashed** donated \$1,500 to the shelter as part of their grand opening festivities. *(Pictured below)*



Every month, a group called **Chicks and Tiaras** get together and play Bunco and donate a part of the money to charity. In March they chose the shelter and donated \$45.

**Sue and Ron Groer** for donating \$1,000 to the shelter so that we could replace all of the lights in our kennel.





Dine at the Roti located in Oak Brook on June 1, 2014 from 2 pm - 5 pm and help raise money for the West Suburban Humane Society. Bring this card with you and present it to the cashier to ensure that your purchase is credited correctly.

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Come for a blooming good time and purchase your spring flowers all while helping the animals at the West Suburban Humane Society.

West Suburban will host their annual plant sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**New This Year!** Native Plants (limited selection)

The event will be held at the shelter  
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# West Suburban Humane Society

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## **BARKA PALOOZA**

WALKATHON & PET EXPO

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Rain or Shine**

**Kids Walk Free!**

- **Great prizes based on collected pledges — the more you collect the more you win!**
- **Registration at 9:00 am**
- **Micro-chipping will be available for a small fee and “Vet Advice” for free.**
- **A blessing for the animals will be given at 10:00 am**
- **Don't want to walk — just come & shop with our many vendors.**
- **Clowns, Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures**
- **Breed Specific Rescue Groups**
- **Kids and Kindness Zone**
- **Give-aways — Crafts — Food — Special items for Children**
- **For more information call: West Suburban Humane Society at (630) 960-9600, ext. 25; [www.WSHS-DG.org](http://www.WSHS-DG.org); Come with or without a dog, bring the family, **but no other pets please.****

Waiver: In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my heirs and administrators assume any and all risks which might be associated with the walk. I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the organizers and any others connected with this event, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the walk and any related activities. I also give full permission for use of my name and photograph in connection with this event.





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## "BARKAPALOOZA"

Walkathon and Pet Expo  
with a blessing for the animals



**Lisle Community Park, 1825 Short St., Lisle, IL**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2014 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (rain or shine)**



### DONATION SHEET

SPONSOR NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP	PHONE	PLEDGE
<p>Our Goal is for each participant to raise \$100.00 in collected pledges and receive a free T-shirt.</p> <p>Win prizes with each \$100.00 collected. \$500.00 in CASH goes to the person bringing in the most pledges, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place winners.</p> <p>Checks preferred.</p>			
TOTAL			

- Early registration fee before September 19th is \$15.00 per adult — children 12 and under free. Registration fee after September 19th is \$20.00 per adult — children 12 and under free.
- **Walkers with \$100 or more in collected pledges WALK FREE & receive an event shirt.**
- All pledges are due on or before event date.
- Bring this sheet and your collected pledges the morning of the walk. Your pledge dollars will help the animals in our shelter. Money collected before the event can be mailed to, or dropped off at, West Suburban Humane Society's Development Office. (630) 960-9600, ext. 25.
- Water, snacks, first-aid and dog curbing materials will be provided along the route for you and your leashed canine companion.
- Dogs under 4 months of age, vicious dogs, or female dogs in any stage of heat will not be allowed to participate. Dogs only please.
- Each canine participant will receive a Walkathon bandanna.
- ALL GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A "BARKAPALOOZA" registration gift.
- **I CANNOT WALK BUT WILL HELP SHELTER ANIMALS WITH A DONATION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Checks preferred**

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

WALKER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WALKER'S NAME – PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOG NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
ALUMNI \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (IF UNDER 18) \_\_\_\_\_

(See Waiver On Other Side)

How did you hear of this event? \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a duplicate set of receipts for your records — no copies available at event.

#### FOR OFFICE USE

##### MONEY COLLECTED

Reg. Fee (\$15): \_\_\_\_\_

Pledges: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Collected: \_\_\_\_\_