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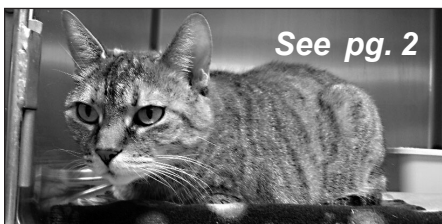
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ALANA, A THIRD CHANCE AT LOVE

“Hi my name is Alana! I’m about 10 years old. I was adopted from H.E.L.P. many years ago and my family returned me for personal reasons. I was very lucky and hit the jackpot and got adopted a second time.

I was so lucky to have a loving mom, until she had to go into a nursing home suddenly. The rest of the family didn’t know what to do with me. So, they dumped me in my carrier in front of animal control and said to please find me a loving home.

I was taken back in with H.E.L.P. and I was boarding at a local animal clinic.”

Third time adoption was the charm. We are happy to announce that after a few



months of waiting Alana has found a wonderful forever home. We wish her the best with her new family!

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

PRADA

There is much to say about this wonderful girl whose smile will melt your heart.

Prada is approximately 2 1/2 years old, but it is a guess because she was found as a stray by animal control. She appears to be an Amstaff mixed with English bulldog weighing in at 50lbs.

She was producing milk at the time she was taken by animal control. She continued to produce milk after coming to the H.E.L.P family. A doctors visit determined she was having a false pregnancy and having her spayed would put her body back in balance. Sure enough Prada is now a happy, healthy pup.

This girl has a pure heart and wants to share her love with you. Unfortunately, it is clear that Prada had some hardships in her short time on this earth. She can sometimes be shy of her head being touched or fast moving hands towards her. She will put her head down and freeze



in place until she knows you are safe. Then Prada will melt in your lap for pets and kisses. She has not once shown aggression to children or adults and has passed her temperament tests with flying colors. Sadly, Prada has shown food and toy aggression towards other dogs sometimes without prediction. To be safe, her forever home should not have any dogs or cats.

Prada wants to be spoiled, and loves any type of affection. She will be your princess, your best friend, your cuddle bug. Don’t let her tough appearance fool you, her smile always shows her true heart. Her forever home should be one that understands that Prada had a rough start, but do not judge a book by the first chapters. She charms everyone she meets with her happy “oinks,” and classic bully smile. She deserves a life of love and peace. Could you be her forever home and give her a happily ever after?

LACEY

Hi there! I’m Lacey and I love to greet people. I’m doing just great, except for one small little thing—I’ve been looking for the perfect family to join and I just haven’t been able to find one yet. Maybe you could help me? Maybe you are my perfect family?

I am a fun, quirky cat who loves to lounge in my bed. I like to observe the world around me ,but am also be very affectionate. I get along fine with other cats.

I am an older girl (I was born on Oct. 1, 2001) and have a sensitive stomach, so I would love to go to a home that can monitor what I eat. I just want a family to love me!

Lacey is micro chipped, vaccinated, and spayed.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

By JOYCE RODRIGUEZ

Our volunteers are worth their weight in gold! They share their time and talents and expect nothing in return. They spend long hours on various projects and day-to-day duties, sacrificing their personal time for the greater good of rescuing animals in need. It takes a great many people—working daily to keep H.E.L.P., operational, successful and a resource in our community.

Volunteers, your dedication to giving our rescue animals a chance to be loved and adopted is invaluable. We want to express our appreciation to you, our current volunteers, for all you do on their behalf.

Thank you to our board members:

Shawn Stephens, Sue Blaho, Becky Grimm, Debby Connolly, Brianna Stephens, Sue Duewel.

Thank you to our administrative coordinators:

Becky Grimm, Debby Connolly, Ruth Ann Pineda, Pat Rabent, Tom McDonald, Joyce Rodriguez, Jacqui Levan, Sue Blaho, Jennifer Hohe, Pat Sigmund, Carrie Oliver, Julie Venera, Shawn Stephens, Gayle Millman, Karen Frances, Kim Stephenson, Eileen Pinelli, Holly Sholtz, Beatriz Mendoza Jacobo, Rochelle Favale, Denise Blaszyński, Cindy Slocum.

Thank you to our event coordinators:

Karen Castillo, Joyce Sexton, Amber Sexton, Cheryl Schreck, Glenna Southwell.

Thank you to our cat foster homes:

Laura Anseth, Rita Barnett, Jill Bauer, Julie Bertich, Carole Biang, Julie Brooks, Monica Carroll, Pam Fisher, Mary Foral, Sharon Greiner, Becky Grimm, Diane Hecker, Barb Hoagland, Zoe Ingersoll, Jennifer Jerome, Marsha Koch, Connie Paul, Ruth Ann Pineda, Eileen Pinelli, Joyce Rodriguez, Laura Roetzer, Sue & Nichole Ryan, Cheryl & George Schreck, Mary Slaveck, Tina Steidl, Betty Strong, Jeni Thom, Lisa Thom, Jim & Dawn Waldon, Tracy Wolford.

Thank you to our dog foster homes:

Jackie Zolna, Laurie Pederson, Kim Harried, Ruth Ann Pineda, Jennifer Wessel, Sarah Victoria, Gayle Millman, Mike & Melissa Cote, Rich Kuska, & Ellen DeLacy, Tom McDonald, Becky & Jeff Grimm, Julie Venera, Sara Harrigan, Jane Downing, Carrie Oliver, Kim VanKempen, Pam Fisher, Amy Picarsky, Jason Miller & Caryn Lehocky, Carrie Siddens, Erica Ruckh, Samantha and Brianna Stephens, Amy DeGroot.

Thank you to our supply delivery drivers & cat transport drivers:

Pete Baraban, Dan & Kathy Copley, Sue Davis, Belinda Demski, Roland Karsch, Van McGray, Mary Ogle, Scott Rothenberg, Fred Sternberg, Neil Wallner, Jennifer Hohe, Tom McDonald, Diane & Conrad Hecker, Eileen Pinelli, Carole Biang, Debby Connolly, Tracey Sherman-Falcon.

Thank you to our PetSmart adoption counselors:

Sherri Malm, Carol Biang, Gail Sullivan, Lyn Morgan, Scott Rosenthal, Sandra Osborn, Sandy White, Danielle Loughran, Liz Ford & Johanna, Ann Lorenz, Geri Yachino, Eileen Pinelli, Dave Johnson, Tina Scimeca, Damaris Covalt, Carly Xagus, Amy Trotier, Lyn Wilson, Dave Frick, Inger Britt, Cindy Slocum, Joyce & Rich Rodriguez.

Thank you to our Petsmart cleaners:

Anne Batty, Liz & Devora Branshaw, Danielle Loughran, Sarah Gable, Jennifer & Sydney Shotwell, Karyn Vanko, Vicki & Chuck Lantz, Katy McMullin, Michelle Newton, Geri Yaccino, Sandi Euting, Elizabeth McGinty, Pat Sigmund.

Thank you to all the volunteers that work our events to make them a success.

We apologize if we have not included anyone who should be recognized for his or her volunteer service.

Our volunteers are a very important part of our success. We hope you will continue to be a force for good in the community and have a heart for animal rescue.

We always have a need for more dedicated volunteers to join with us!



“Nobody can do everything,
but everyone can do something.”

Anonymous

HELP PARTNERS WITH LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES

HELP prides itself on rescuing locally. In addition to rural county animal controls and Chicago Animal Care and Control, we have recently developed relationships with Animal Care and Control facilities in Aurora and DuPage County.

All of these facilities employees, volunteers and transporters work diligently to rehabilitate, network and place the animals in their care. HELP is very fortunate to work with such dedicated people and facilities. These are a few of the recently rescued cats from Aurora and DuPage County facilities.



STRIKES FOR STRAYS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

A big thank you to all who attended our Strikes for Strays event, the house was packed and everyone had a great time!

Strikes for Strays, an event featuring unlimited bowling, pizza, door prizes and a silent auction was held on Feb. 21 at

Fox Bowl in Wheaton, in conjunction with It's a Pittie.

Special thanks to the Klimoswki family, Depaw University, Duewel family and Cowan family for their raffle basket donations.

Thank you to Mindful Delights and Two Sisters and the Other One for donating the wonderful desserts for this event!



H.E.L.P. BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are usually open to the public and held the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at **Messenger Public Library, 113 Oak Street, North Aurora** (corner of Oak & Rt. 31); 6:30 p.m. – approx. 8 p.m.

OUR BOARD:

Shawn Stephens
Sue Blaho
Debby Connolly
Becky Grimm
Brianna Stephens
Sue Duewel

NEWSLETTER:

Beatriz Mendoza

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Eat, Drink and Be Giving

Save the date for our
Annual Dinner Gala
to be held on

Friday, May 8th
at the

Naperville Country Club
25W570 Chicago Avenue | Naperville, IL 60540

Join us for
Great food, and a
celebration of
the History of H.E.L.P.

We are in need of silent auction items
and raffle basket donations. To learn
how you or your business can be
involved in making this a memorable
event, please contact Karen @
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SALE**



MAY 16

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off dates, times and location. For more infor-
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Coordinators needed to run our Swedish Day's Lemon Shake Up stand in June

Swedish Days will take place from June 23 to June 28. Set up
of our booth is the afternoon of Monday, June 22.

For this event we need a Lead Coordinator, who would
arrange and oversee the delivery of our booth and set up and
take down. There is a team that has volunteered to set up
once it is delivered.

We also need a Volunteer Coordinator, who would
schedule the volunteers that run the booth all week and
manage them to cover all shifts.

We have a Supply Coordinator in place that will get all the
needed supplies and manage resupplying the booth
throughout the week.

HELP covers all costs. This is our biggest fundraiser of the
year, but we can't do it without the early commitment of
volunteers to cover these tasks.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact
Shawn at (630) 254-9574 or e-mail
helpinganimals2@gmail.com



HELP Contributions

Thank you to those of you who have made contributions since our last newsletter.

CATNIP LEVEL DONORS

(up to \$49)

Melissa Abel
Stacy Anson, *in honor of Adelaide's birthday*
Alfred Arellano
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DONORS (up to \$249)

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Robert and Lane Bresticker
Beth Brooks, *in honor of Bella*
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Marcia Byers
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TABLE (\$500 and up)

John and Beverly Kawa
Carol Kubicki
Jesse Smith, *in honor of Dinka/Meme*
John and Virginia Sprawka
Pat Walker

In Loving Memory of the people and animals we have lost:

Martin Honaker and Harriet Farrar

-Carol Honaker

Sylvester

-Pamela Larsen

Ursula Laubis

-Captain Kai and Weylin Laubis

Georgene Silwa

-Jeffrey Mack

Roscoe

-Dennis Duszak

Norman

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Melinda Gustafson

-Gayle Wede

Kaci

-Jeffrey and Irene Windett

Mary Ann Schottes (HELP's fist Petsmart coordinator)

-Loretta Blank

-Pat and Gene Rabent

-Dianne Thrun Means

Anne Hartson and Laura

Hauerstein

-Robert and Denise Hartson

Milo

-David Johnson

SPECIAL DONATIONS



Wet Nose donated over \$1,300 through its Lilly's Giving Tree program. Meijer in Elgin has donated a \$500 gift card to HELP. This is the third donation they have made to our organization. (\$1,250 for cat and dog food in the last two years, which is HUGE!)



AT&T Employee Giving Campaign: Peggy Hayes, Steve Kulis and several anonymous donors.



Eileen Jensen donated a \$400 Petsmart gift card.



Allstate Giving Campaign: Brian Lee Wolford.



Prairie Path Spa, LTD donated 5% of their January spa services revenue.



Illinois Tool Works 3 for 1 matching program. Elizabeth Strong donated \$200 and the company matched \$600.



Animal House Veterinary Hospital donated over \$700, collected during their Pictures with Santa Claws.



We are very grateful to Jeannette Hopp for donating 50 shares of Johnson Control stock. Thank you for your continued support Jeannette!



Aiden Cook celebrated his 8th birthday by asking for donations to HELP. We received monetary, gift cards and donations through our Amazon wish list.



The following people purchased items off our Amazon wish list:



Barbara Glenn



Tracey Blincoe Rieber - Aiden's birthday



David Stachowicz - Charley Bosak's birthday



Linda Moe hosted a holiday party where guests donated hardgoods, food and monetary donations.



Lois Smith donated coupons.

Donations allow us to follow our passion of saving animals. Although we do our best to track every donation, once in a while, one is overlooked. It saddens us when something so important isn't given the recognition it deserves. If you have made a donation before January 31, 2015 and weren't acknowledged in a newsletter, please email contacthelp1982@yahoo.com



Help us Help them. Start 2015 in style with our limited edition Sweatshirts and Tshirts!

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