

Humane Society of Southern Illinois

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Puppy Mills Threaten Southern Illinois

Many of us have seen the occasional show on television about puppy mills in Pennsylvania and Missouri. But puppy mills are very unfortunately alive and well right here in Southern Illinois.

You will rarely, if ever, see the actual puppy mill or “kennel,” because millers take a lot of precautions to keep their dirty little secrets out of the public eye. Instead, they hide behind the bright and friendly local pet store that sells their puppies for them. We’ve said it before and it still holds true, **NO GOOD OR REPUTABLE BREEDER SELLS THEIR PUPPIES OR DOGS IN ANY PET STORE.**

The pet store employees and owners will lie to you and tell you they do not get their puppies and dogs from puppy mills. The bottom line is that pet stores that sell dogs are trying to make money off of them. **They charge hundreds of dollars for poorly bred dogs that commonly end up having health problems that can cost their new families hundreds and even thousands of dollars and a lot of heartache.** And then of course they want to sell you all the supplies to go along with your new dog, which is ultimately what selling the dogs is about—to generate ongoing business when you buy supplies for them.

Good breeders, shelters, and rescues ask potential adopters questions to try to make sure the animal will be placed in a home that is suited to take care of them and that will keep them and love them for the rest of their lives. Pet stores want to sell you a product that will keep generating sales for them when you need supplies.

Sure, adoption fees can seem pricey sometimes. But they usually include veterinary care like vaccinations and worming that have already been done, heartworm or Feline Leukemia tests, often a spay/neuter, and important extras like microchips. Adoptions from the Humane Society of Southern Illinois

even includes a free groom within the first 30 days of adoption, thanks to a kind local groomer, *Best Grooming by Lana* in Carbondale. Dogs and cats adopted from shelters are screened for behavior problems and health issues. And **by adopting instead of buying, you are helping save lives.** Even if you adopt from a no-kill or from an adoption program like ours that does not euthanize once the animal is placed for adoption, you are still saving lives. How? By freeing up a space for adoption to another animal that needs a chance, and by helping do something about the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

Those pet stores and “kennels” and newspaper ads and internet sites peddling puppies all go a long way toward making pet overpopulation in Southern Illinois a lot worse. Not only are they engaged in irresponsible breeding, unlike the few good breeders who breed only the best of the breed and carefully screen potential owners, but they are taking homes away from homeless animals that need those homes. It’s life or death and those businesses just want to make a buck.

If you have already been fooled by a pet store or similar business, you can still help this terrible situation in Southern Illinois by not buying your supplies from the store that sold you your dog and by telling everyone you know to adopt! There are numerous animal welfare organizations to adopt from in Southern Illinois, including HSSI, and you can also go to www.petfinder.com to find just about any kind of animal you would like to add to your family.

- Jill Stevens, President, Board of Directors



Becca is an adorable girl looking for a home. When pet stores offer puppies and dogs for sale, they not only support puppy mills—they deprive dogs like Becca of a home. Don't buy *anything* from pet stores that sell dogs!



**SPAY/NEUTER
YOUR PETS!**

Baby Milo was brought to the shelter by animal control. He is the unwanted product of someone letting their cat have kittens. Even if you find homes for your kittens or puppies, they take away home from homeless cats like Baby Milo.



Donate to *Pennies for Pets*, our low-cost spay/neuter program and help end pet overpopulation in Southern Illinois. Thanks to Pennies for Pets, over 3,000 pets have been spayed or neutered by local veterinarians.

\$35 provides a low cost spay/neuter voucher!



Special Thanks to **Creekside Veterinary Clinic** and **Stone Creek Veterinary Clinic** for participating in the state-sponsored program that provides \$15 spay/neuter surgeries. We appreciate their dedication to lowering pet overpopulation! Thank you Dr. Anheuser, Dr. Armstrong, and Dr. Ulrich!

IL—Pet Population Control Fund Appropriation

Action Needed: *Please contact your state senator and state representative urging them to increase the allowed expenditure of the Pet Population Control Fund to \$450,000.* The money from pet friendly license plates, various animal control fines, and donations that make up the fund has just been sitting stagnant as the legislature and governor have released only relatively small amounts at a time. This fund enables low income and people receiving disability, as well as feral cat colony caretakers and farmers, to get animals spayed and neutered for \$15 per animal.

Thank you **Creekside Veterinary Clinic** for sponsoring Pet of the Week in the Daily Egyptian! Look for information on Creekside's Open House, coming in early October.

Resources for You and Your Pets

- Books by Marion Nestle: **Pet Food Politics** (about the 2007 pet food recall), **Food Politics & What to Eat**.
- **www.drbasko.com**—provides excellent **holistic** consultations by phone, newsletters, a weekly radio show & unique supplements. He can also be reached at 808-822-4229. His website offers a very informative, free newsletter.

Quick but Healthy Recipe
Your Dogs will Love!

Omega -3 Fishy Diet

- 1 cup fish (raw or cooked no bones)
Or 2 cans tuna fish
1 cup cooked white or brown rice
Or 1 cup baked sweet potato
1 cup raw salad greens—chopped



My name is "Daisy."
I'm still waiting for a new family.

Daisy is already spayed, up-to-date on vaccinations, & heartworm negative. The person who surrendered her said she was housebroken.

I have been at the shelter almost a year.

I arrived at the shelter as a kitten.

Moxie



A Little Feast for the Little Beast (Cat Recipe)

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Shrimp (cleaned and de-shelled and chopped up into small pieces)
- 1 can of Sardines in olive oil or water (drain, rinse with tap water and blot with a paper towel)
- 2 hard boiled eggs / Chopped into small pieces
- ¼ cup of chicken broth, turkey soup, or 2 tablespoons of butter.
- 1 pinch of spirulina, chlorella, or blue green algae

Directions:

Heat up your broth or butter in a small sauce pan on medium heat / add shrimp and cook for 5 min. Remove from heat.
Drain any excess juice.....save, and set aside.
Then add your boiled eggs and sardines. Mix well.
Place about 4 tablespoons of the mix into a little bowl
Spoon a little of the leftover juice over the meal (only about 1 teaspoon).
Sprinkle with a little pinch of spirulina, chlorella, or blue green algae and serve.

IF YOUR CAT LIKES THIS COMBINATION, YOU CAN MAKE A LOT AND FREEZE THE PORTIONS IN LITTLE ONE-MEAL DIXIE CUPS OR A LARGER CONTAINER.

Recipes provided by Dr. Ihor Basko, DVM www.drbasko.com

Volunteers needed!!

Local search and rescue expert, Kathy Chonez, is starting a new program that will provide obedience training, mental stimulation, and socialization to our shelter dogs! We are very excited about this opportunity for our dogs. **We need volunteers to participate by partnering with one of the dogs from our adoption program so they can participate in this valuable opportunity to increase their chances of finding and keeping a permanent, loving home—like Quigley, described below.**

WHEN: The classes are tentatively scheduled to start at the end of September and will meet Saturday mornings for approximately two hours for 8 weeks.

WHERE: Kathy's property on Old 13, between Carbondale and Murphysboro

WHAT: You will learn valuable skills you can use with your own canine companions and help dogs like Quigley succeed in their new homes.

Contact Lana Starnes at lanastarnes@yahoo.com or 618-687-5922 to sign up!

3rd time is a charm for Quigley!

I adopted Quigley while I was attending SIU, in the summer of 2004. I was told that he was less than a year old and had already been through 2 families. The instability definitely took a toll on his behavior. Choosing to be a responsible parent, I invested a lot of professional training, time and patience into him. We had a few discouraging moments, but it's all worth it now. He's a great little companion and people are naturally drawn to him. I strongly encourage anyone interested in getting a dog to adopt. There are so many great behaviorists out there who want to help save shelter dogs, that it just doesn't make sense for people to give up on an ill-behaved pet. After I graduated from SIU in 2005, I moved back to the western suburbs of Chicago and worked with an animal behaviorist named Camille Belpedio. I did a one-on-one with her at home and then she suggested I enroll him in a class. She was amazing and Quigley responded well to her training, but of course, it's all about being consistent. Quigley and I recently moved to the Northwest suburbs and we're on our own for the first time ever. I've had my fair share of roommates and so far, he's my favorite. - Jennifer Greaney



What Adoption is All About

Jennifer and Quigley are shining examples of the kind of adopters we want to find for our animals at the shelter. Someone who will not give up on them at the first sign of difficulty. Someone who will take seriously their adoption commitment to give the animal they adopt a safe, loving and permanent home.

Animal lover, Katy Chambliss collected donations from her friends and 3rd grade classmates instead of birthday gifts for her **9th birthday**. Katy, with the help of Mr. Young's 3rd grade class at St. Andrews in Murphysboro, was able to give lots of dog & cat food, litter, toys, shampoo, and treats. Thank you Katy for being kind enough to share your special day with the needy animals at the shelter!



THANK YOU PETCO VOLUNTEERS!!

The HSSI staff and board would like to recognize and sincerely thank all the people who have selflessly donated their free time during the week and weekends to clean litter boxes and provide fresh food and water to our shelter cats. They have brought dogs to Petco on Saturdays to meet and interact with the public, greatly increasing their chances to find a wonderful, loving home.

Thanks to your help and dedication we have had...

58 cat adoptions & 12 dog adoptions!!



Rosita



Rigby



Hollywood

Liz Chevalier
Lacy Cole
Sheri Cook
Shawlyn & Mike Dungan
Tiffany Ferguson
Shirley Galvan
Kathy Haldeman
Jessica Hartshorn
Pat Hite
Cathie Hutchinson
Daina Hunter
Eric Kakestraw



Lady Chase



Daphne

Kristina Lopez
Nastassia Malin
Kris Martens
Bernadette Meneese
Debbie Nelson
Casey Parker
Candace Schwartz
Jennifer Sorrell
Jeremy Suprenant
Amber Tope
Michelle Tauber
Alison & Joe Wolz



Chevy Chase



CeCe



Kiley



Angelina

If you would like to become a Petco Volunteer contact Jolene Boehler at cattinari@jadeturtle.com to learn more.

Marion Animal Neglect

According to a Marion Regional Humane Society spokesperson, a concerned neighbor alerted police 7/23/08 about a dog in distress. **The dog, Bobo, was removed from the owner's possession due to severe lacerations from a steel cable that the dog was tied to.** The wound was full of maggots. The owner claimed she saw the dog all the time, but when forced to look at the animal's wounds she threw up. The owner attributed the wounds to a dog fight. Two dogs attacked Bobo and apparently his neck was cut trying to pull away from the attack.

You can view pictures that were taken on 7/31/08 after benefit of vet care at:

<http://www.humanesocietysil.org/bobo>

The large reddish patch on the dog's head is where a large chunk of skin had peeled back and fallen off.

When asked if any citations were going to be issued in this case, one of the Marion police officers on the scene said **the dog was taken away from the owner because she could not afford the vet bills.** The owner of the 2 dogs that attacked Bobo could not be found. When pressed further about the wound actually having maggots and that it seemed like the owner should be cited for neglect, he agreed that the owner was somewhat neglectful, but that was because she could not afford vet care and that in this heat maggots could hatch within 4 or 5 hrs.

There are several steps to getting justice in cases of cruelty and neglect. Getting charges filed is one important step, but this doesn't mean the state's attorney for the area will pursue those charges. Unfortunately, it is not unusual for cases of animal cruelty and neglect to settle low on the list of priorities for arrest and prosecution. Providing needed veterinary care can be especially hard for some people, especially with today's inflation making everything more expensive. Pet care can get squeezed out of the tight budget. In other cases, owners/guardians just do not make care of their animal companions enough of a priority. **While it may be understandable that the woman in the story above could not afford treatment, letting the dog suffer was not an acceptable option.** If not for the concerned neighbor and police follow up, who knows what kind of torment this poor dog would have endured?

Excerpted: ASPCA's Reporting Cruelty FAQ

Is there anything specific I can say when I make a report of animal cruelty to persuade law enforcement to take it seriously?

Yes—let them know that *you* are taking the incident seriously. **Make it clear that you are very interested in pursuing the case and that you are willing to lend assistance however you can.** Although law enforcement agencies must pay attention to anonymous reports of serious crimes, including animal cruelty, they are more likely to follow up on cases where there are credible witnesses willing to stand behind the report and, if necessary, testify in court about what they may have witnessed.

Provide law enforcement with a concise, written statement of what you observed, giving dates and approximate times whenever possible. If you can do so without entering another person's property without their permission, you may wish to photograph the location, the animals and the surrounding area. If you can, provide law enforcement with the names and contact information for other people who have firsthand information about the situation.

How should I follow up on my report of animal cruelty?

When you report animal cruelty, it's a good idea to keep a careful record of exactly whom you contacted, the date of the contacts, copies of any documents you provided to law enforcement or animal control, and the content and outcome of your discussion. This will make following up much easier. Please keep in mind that most law enforcement agencies operate with limited personnel and resources.

Animal Control by Area / Officer / Number

Jackson County / Lloyd Nelson / 687-7235

Murphysboro / Mike Gahagan / 684-3121

Carbondale / Cindy Nelson / 457-3200

Williamson County / Terry Watts / 993-6075

Marion / 618-889-2583, 618-922-8461

IL Department of Agriculture for our region:

Dan Romani, Humane Investigator

217-782-2172

Important Legislation in IL—TAKE ACTION!



IL HB 5076—Good Samaritan Bill Goes Into Effect

Sponsor(s): Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, Senator John Cullerton

Governor Blagojevich signed HB 5076 on 8/22/08. This new law, Public Act 95-0868, was put into effect immediately. Illinois House Bill 5076 contains “Good Samaritan” provisions for individuals who rescue or provide care for injured animals in emergencies or disasters. The bill also clarifies the statute of limitations for violations of the Humane Care for Animals Act. The need for legislation like HB 5076 was seen in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and 18 states already have Good Samaritan provisions that protect individuals who rescue or help animals during emergencies or disasters.

IL HB 4844—Stop Euthanasia by Gas Chamber

Sponsor(s): Rep. John Fritchey; Senator Don Harmon

HB 4844 would make it a crime to kill companion animals en masse in Illinois using a decompression or gas chamber. Euthanasia by gas chamber (carbon monoxide poisoning) is inhumane to animals. It is estimated that 3 million to 4 million homeless animals are euthanized in the United States every year. If no homes can be found for the pets housed in Illinois’ animal shelters, they at the very least deserve a quick & painless death by lethal injection performed by a skilled technician, as is the method at the Humane Society of Southern Illinois. The bill will still allow veterinarians to use the gas chamber to euthanize individual animals, on a case-by-case basis, if they believe that it is the most humane method for those particular animals.

IL HB 4857—Animal Fight Spectators

Sponsor(s): Rep. Bobby Molaro; Senator John Cullerton

House Bill 4857—animal fight *spectators* would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor on a first offense and a Class 4 felony on a second offense.



HB 4844 and HB 4857 are both in the Senate Rules Committee because of an amendment concerning rules that was attached to them. There is a small chance they might be heard during the Veto Session in November—and if not, they can be reintroduced next year. You may want to let your state senators know you want them to support this legislation and/or thank the sponsors.



LOOK FOR HSSI AT THE APPLE FEST PARADE!

Our adoptable shelter dogs will be in this year’s Appletime Grand Parade in Murphysboro! The Murphysboro Apple Festival is the longest, continuous-running festival in Southern Illinois, featuring the largest parade in our region. Contact Lana Starnes at lanastarnes@yahoo.com or at 687-5922.

- Volunteers will walk dogs in the parade on **Saturday, Sept. 13th at 11:00 a.m.**
- We will also be handing out ASPCA bookmarks on why Spay/Neuter is important and carrying signs to encourage such positive behaviors as walking your dog and spay/neuter.
- We are hoping this will be a fun activity for the dogs that could also help get them adopted!

Are You a Member of the Humane Society of Southern Illinois?

*If you are already a member, please renew now. If not yet a member, please join.
As a private, not-for-profit organization, we depend heavily on your contributions.*

New member? Yes___ No___ Pennies for Pets donation amount:\$_____

Membership category: ___\$100 (life) ___\$50 ___\$25 ___\$15 ___\$10 ___\$5

_____\$ General Donation _____\$ Donation for Specific Program/Project:_____

_____\$ Sponsorship ___cat playtime \$10 ___dog playtime \$15 ___microchip \$25

_____\$ spay/neuter \$70 _____shelter health \$100 ___wellness \$200

sponsored animal's name

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Please send receipt

email: _____

(to keep you most up-to-date on HSSI events and needs)

Call the shelter for more information on any of the programs above! 618-457-2362

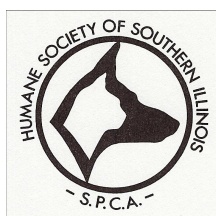
Mailing address: HSSI, Inc. P.O. Box 291, Carbondale, IL 62903

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*Please **DON'T BUY ANYTHING** from pet stores that sell dogs. Read more about how puppy mills and pet stores that sell dogs are threatening Southern Illinois.*