



Kankakee County Humane Society

Paws for News

Shelter Location: 2 1/4 miles South of Rt. 17 on Rt. 1
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Adoptable Animals

Miller

Miller is a 5 year old neutered male Husky/Shepard mix.



These two dogs are brother & sister; they have always been together. Sassy is sweet, affectionate and is outgoing. Miller is a bit shy & reserved around new people, but once he gets to know you, he will stay by your side! They may seem like a lot to bring home at once, but Sassy & Miller have complimenting personalities; they work well together! They are good with most dogs & cats, but will do best in a home without children.

Sassy

Sassy is a 5 year old spayed female Husky/Shepard mix.



From Homeless to Happy

The Humane Society board and staff would like to thank American Brittany Rescue, Westie Rescue, and Cairn Terrier Rescue for helping animals find homes.

Jake is a 2 1/2 year old neutered male Brittany Spaniel.

Jake came to the shelter as an owner turn in on 11-13-06. We had him neutered and his shots up to date, and found out that he tested positive for heartworm, which we treated. During his treatment, the Brittany Spaniel Rescue contacted us after seeing him listed on Petfinder.com. They made arrangements to pick him up on 12-17-06, and was placed in foster care until his treatment was completed. On March 3, he was adopted and went to his new home.

Molly is a 6 year old spayed female Westie

Molly also came to the shelter as an owner turn in on 1/6/07. Westie Rescue contacted us after seeing her listed on Petfinder.com. She was placed in a foster home on 2-09-07, she was eventually adopted by her foster mom.

Murphy is 10 year old neutered male (deaf) Cairn Terrier

Murphy came to us a few days before Christmas as a stray. He was starting to get a little depressed during his stay with us so we thought he would do better in a home environment. Arrangements were made with the Cairn Terrier Rescue and they picked him up on 1-31-07. Murphy was placed into a foster home and is also in the process of being adopted by his foster parents.

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“Can my family or I get that?”

The Common Tapeworm (Dipylidium caninum)

The adult Dipylidium caninum lives in the small intestine of the dog or cat.

Most people are confused about the size of a tapeworm because they only see its segments, which are small; the entire tapeworm is usually 6 inches or more. The segment is the size of a grain of rice and is able to move. Eventually the segment will dry and look more like a sesame seed.

There is no other way for a pet to get tapeworms except from fleas. Theoretically, yes, people can get them but they must be infected the same way dogs and cats are by swallowing an infected flea.

The hookworm (Ancylostoma caninum, Ancylostoma Brazilians)

Contaminated soil is an important hookworm source when it comes to a human disease called Cutaneous Larva Migrans. Running barefoot through the park or beach may seem pleasant but if the soil has been contaminated with canine fecal matter, the eager infective larvae may be waiting to penetrate your skin. Hookworm infection in the skin is intensely itchy but usually treatable. The local restrictions on bringing dogs to local beaches and the strict clean-up laws reflect concern for hookworm (and roundworm) infection in people.

Ringworm is the common name for the skin infection caused by a special group of fungi; it is not caused by a worm at all. The fungi feed upon the dead cells of skin and hair causing, in people, a classic round, red lesion with a ring of scale around the edges and normal recovering skin in the center.

The characteristic "ring" appearance is primarily a human phenomenon. In animals, ringworm frequently looks like a dry, grey, scaly patch but can also mimic any other skin lesion and have any appearance.

Some people are at greater risk than others are. The fungus takes advantage of skin belonging to those with reduced immune capacity. In general, if you do not already have ringworm at the time your pet is diagnosed, you probably will not get it.

Roundworms (oxocara canis and Toxascaris leonine). Roundworm infection can have numerous negative effects. It is a common cause of diarrhea in young animals and can cause vomiting as well. Regular deworming is especially recommended for dogs and cats that hunt and might consume the flesh of hosts carrying worm larvae. Puppies and kittens are frequently simply assumed to be infected and automatically dewormed.

Roundworms are long, white and described as looking like spaghetti. Tapeworms can also be vomited up but these are flat and obviously segmented. *If you are not sure what type of worm you are seeing, bring it to your vet's office for identification.*

The roundworm is the predominant cause of a serious condition called “Visceral Larva Migrans” in humans. Most victims are children. They are infected by inadvertently consuming worm eggs in soil (typically by getting dirty fingers in their mouths). The worm is not present in its correct host but tries to complete its life cycle anyway. The worm gets lost in the human body (classically in the eye), dies, and generates an extreme inflammatory reaction. If the worm dies within the human eye, blindness usually results. For this reason, *it is important for parents to be aware of this hazard.* Proper hand washing will prevent infection. Monthly pet deworming will reduce environmental contamination. Public leash laws and restriction of dog walking are meant to reduce fecal contamination of public areas. Stray cats should be kept away from children’s sandboxes.

Toxoplasmosis and Pregnancy Toxoplasmosis is the disease syndrome caused by a protozoan organism called Toxoplasma gondii. It affects most animals (most notably sheep, cats, and humans). The form of infection, which is contagious to humans, is the "intestinal form" in which the cat sheds oocysts in its feces. The cat may or may not show diarrhea.

The cat has probably been over-emphasized as a carrier of Toxoplasma; most human infections result from eating tissue stages of Toxoplasma in undercooked meat.

Wash your hands after handling your cat and his/her litter box. Change the litter box daily or twice daily. It is best of course, if someone else changes the box while you are pregnant.

Although it is possible to get Toxoplasmosis from cats, no correlation has been found between cat ownership and Toxoplasma infection.

Talk to your veterinarian about the various preventative products on the market to help protect your family, both the two and four-legged members.

Events & News

“Walk for the Animals”

The Humane Society held the 13th annual walk-a-thon on October 21, 2006 at the Governor Small Memorial Park. KCHS employee, Mindy Montgomery did an excellent job chairing this event. Congratulations to her and all of the walkers. Through their hard work, approximately \$4652.00 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the KCHS!

2006 Holiday Open House

The December 2006 Holiday Open house was held at the shelter on Sunday December 10, 2006. Many people came out to see the animals and have refreshments. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to come visit with us and the animals. And thanks to everyone who brought in donations. Your help is very much appreciated by the staff and animals.

Thank you BBCHS Leos Club!

We would like to thank the BBCHS Leos Club for their generous donation to the shelter. Teacher sponsor Melissa LaDue and her group donated over \$500 worth of supplies to the shelter through their Presents for Pets project. These items were collected from our current wish list. We thank you for all of your hard work and the animals thank you too!

Our Wish List

Here are some items that we can use to help take better care of our animals at the shelter.

Laundry detergent
Paper towels
Latex surgical gloves
Bleach
Cat and dog toys
Hand sanitizer (pump bottles)
Postage stamps
Cat and dog treats (soft and crunchy)
Dish soap
Frontline topspot for cats and dogs- (all dosage sizes)
Tissues
Toilet paper
New cat scratching posts
Kitty litter
Garbage bags
Cat and dog grooming supplies
Dry and canned cat and dog food



Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe In Severe Weather

1. Keep your cat or dog inside during the winter months.
2. Never let your dog off its leash on snow or ice. Dogs can lose their scent and become lost in the snow.
3. Wipe your dogs paws and legs when they come inside. Salt from the roads or sidewalks can irritate the pads on their paws.
4. Outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. If there are outdoor cats near your home, bang on the hood of your car before starting your engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in the winter. A longer coat will provide more warmth.
6. When you bathe your dog in the winter, make sure they are completely dry before taking them out for a walk.
7. Consider getting a dog sweater for them to wear when outside.
8. Never leave your cat or dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car will hold in the cold air causing the animal to freeze.
9. Antifreeze is a lethal poison for cats and dogs. Be sure to clean up any spills from your vehicle.
10. Make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts.



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Did you know...

Here are some interesting cat and dog facts.

- Cats average around 16 hours of sleep per day.
- Cats with white fur and blue eyes are often born deaf.
- Under a UV light, cat urine glows in the dark.
- Cats have a special scent organ located in the roof of their mouth, which is why you sometimes see your cat hang their mouth open when smelling something.
- Dogs noses have about 4 times as many scent cells as cats, and 14 times more than humans.
- It is said that cats and dogs can predict severe weather and earthquakes.
- Cats whiskers are extremely sensitive and can register very small changes in air pressure. This helps them maneuver in the dark and determine if they can fit through small spaces.
- A cats jaw has up and down movement not lateral like dogs and humans. So it is important to have their teeth cleaned by a vet.