

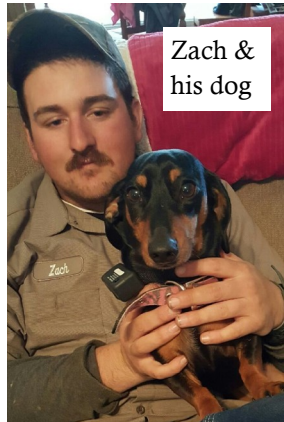
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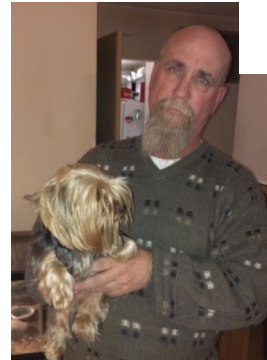
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John & his "zoo"! Cat, snake, dog & chinchilla



Zach & his dog



Tom & Sherri with Otis & Axle Jingle Bell Walk for Helping Strays- Dec. 2015



Chad & his dog

Note from the President

Jimmy & his dog



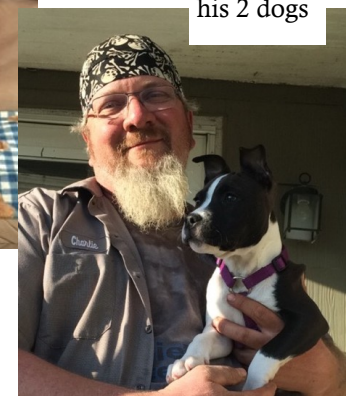
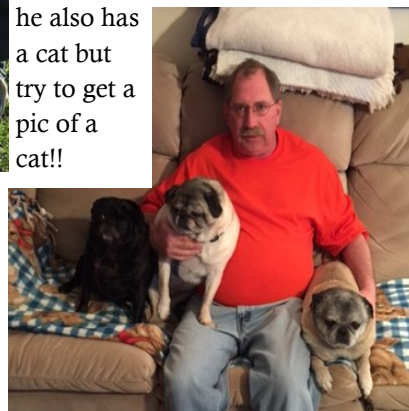
Craig & his 3 dogs- he also has a cat but try to get a pic of a cat!!





Charlie & his 2 dogs



Julie & her 2 cats



# A Look From Within: “A Cause for Paws” Celebration



On April 9th, 2016 Helping Strays of Monroe County will host the 12th Annual A CAUSE FOR PAWS benefit at The Falls in Columbia, Illinois. This year marks a huge milestone for the organization as we see the completion of the first phase of our new facility and prepare to move in this spring. Please join us and celebrate how far we've come with your help.


For those unfamiliar with Helping Strays, our story began 12 years ago when the organization started to rescue strays from Monroe County Animal Control/Pound. Prior to this the great majority of animals were euthanized at the Pound after only 5 days. Still today there are no alternatives to suffering and death for the lost and abandoned animals if Helping Strays does not rescue them. In 2015, Helping Strays rescued and successfully adopted out over 400 animals for a total of more than 3,500 pets in the last 12 years. This undertaking has been accomplished only with the continued support and compassion of Helping Strays' friends and supporters. We thank you for making this life-saving operation possible.

While raising funds to pay for the new shelter is also a priority, A CAUSE FOR PAWS raises money for daily operations and medical care of all the animals. Helping Strays needs the help of all animal lovers in the community to make our mission a success. A no-kill shelter, Helping Strays is a completely independent organization, NOT affiliated with any humane society or other group, and is funded only by donations. This means that YOUR support is vital to the continued success and growth of Helping Strays.


If you are interested in this event or helping out this great cause in any way, please contact one of these ladies:

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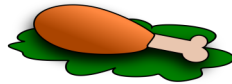
# Otis' (and Axle's) Corner

Well, I've been on house arrest lately. Apparently I have run & jumped too much & have torn some muscles in my back right leg. I've had to stay at home with Aunt Sharon & Uncle Dwight who have been visiting from Florida with Sammy (their miniature Pomeranian). He is suppose to be a dog if you want to call him that. That's what Axle & I think anyway (**No real dog can lay on a desk, ha ha**) !! 

I haven't been the only one laid up. Axle also had some eye surgery and had to wear a cone on his head. Boy, you should have heard what that did to the snoring at night. Ugh!!! Makes it hard for everybody else in the house to sleep with that noise.



Since we are not going to work these days we keep busy begging for food and sleeping!



Since Otis hasn't been allowed to come to the office lately, I got some running time in myself (nobody saw that coming, did they??) English Bulldogs are not known to be athletic! Well, I surprised myself when Jimmy (one of the drillers) brought over his remote control car. Boy, I was determined to get a hold of that & tear it up. That was fun, but I was tired after chasing it around the yard for a little while. (you know it's hard on these little legs of mine. I think I'll leave the running to Otis from now on (once he heals up).

I am winning this stare down with the truck, just so you know. This is what was going on right before I took a chunk out of it. OOPS!!



Well the first quarter of 2016 is almost over! I can't believe how fast the time is flying. It has been fairly steady as far as work which is probably due to the mild winter. We have to be grateful for that!

As you can see we are focusing on our pets in this issue because of my involvement with Helping Strays. We are gearing up for our biggest fund raiser of the year April 9th known as "Cause for Paws". Since we are very close to having the new facility completed, the theme is "Celebration". It has taken 10 years to reach this goal with the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and financial support from both the community and businesses.

The flyer on page 2 explains what the organization is about and their vision. I am proud to be a part of this as a supporter and a volunteer. I feel all of us need to get involved in our community in some capacity to make our lives more enriched and meaningful, rather it be in our churches, schools or whatever organization may interest you. It not only makes you feel good but it is good for all of us!

Following is a quote from Susan B Anthony: "Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these."

Sherri Marlo/ President



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