



NOV/DEC 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Caring for Sick & Injured Pets

### MEDICAL CENTER REHAB PLANNED

Chicago Animal Care and Control is committed to alleviating the suffering of the sick and injured Chicago animals that arrive at the shelter. To more effectively help these animals, a major renovation of CACC's medical center is planned for 2019.

The medical renovation will include a critically needed new isolation area, which will help reduce the transmission of infectious disease. In all, about \$1.5 million in upgrades are planned for the exam, triage, surgery, and recovery rooms, including new lighting, and mechanical and electrical systems.

The improved facility will also allow CACC to partner with the University of Illinois veterinary program. Veterinary medical students will assist with caring for the shelter animals while getting essential experience in shelter medicine.

In addition to renovations, CACC's non-profit partner, Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control is planning to procure new medical equipment for the renovated medical facility, including an autoclave, new surgical tables, and diagnostic equipment.

CACC also receives crucial medical program support from organizations across the city. CACC received a donation of heartworm treatment to treat dogs at the shelter from the Chicago Wolves. Prior to this, heartworm-positive dogs could not be treated until they were transferred to a rescue partner. CACC is also grateful to PAWS Chicago for assisting with spay/neuter surgeries at CACC, and to 4 Paw Luv, the Anti-Cruelty Society, and Northern Illinois Transport Team for their help getting our animals spayed and neutered in preparation for adoption and rescue.



CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

*Adopt • Foster • Volunteer*

2741 S. Western Ave.  
Adoptions: noon-6 p.m.

Adoption requirements:  
[bit.ly/adoptcacc](https://bit.ly/adoptcacc)

Available pets  
[petharbor.com/chicago](https://petharbor.com/chicago)

Adoptable pets-Facebook  
[caccadoptables](https://www.facebook.com/caccadoptables)

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**ChicagoAnimalCare  
andControl**

CACC is the city's only municipal open-admission animal shelter. It protects public safety and promotes the humane care of animals through sheltering, placement, education and law enforcement.



## ‘MY AMAZING JOURNEY’

One of the pets treated at CACC this year was Troop. In July, this pup asked us to post his story on Facebook. His post was read by a pediatric oncology nurse, who has helped children with amputations. She and her family couldn't wait to meet Troop and it was love at first sight. Troop is now known as Bernie -- a new name to match his new life



*There I was laying on the sidewalk. I couldn't get up because my leg really hurt! I don't remember when or how it happened. Somehow I had found a way to move a bit and find scraps to eat. I tried to find someone to help me, but most people looked away.*

*Finally, a nice man said: "What happened big fella?" He took me to this big place with a lot of other dogs and cats. The people there were surprised to see my bones sticking out, but they didn't look away. They sprung into action and gave me a shot. I started to fall asleep, and the pain finally went away. When I woke up, they gave me lots of good stuff to eat and someone even gave me a piece of hot dog that had medicine in it. They think they fooled me, but I knew it was in there.*

*I waited for my person to come get me, but they never did. I was sad, but the people at the shelter loved me and I loved them. Still, my leg wasn't getting better. I heard them say they wish they had gotten to me sooner. I heard the nice doctor talking about something called amputation? I didn't know what that was, but if it made me feel better I was all for it. After they did my "surgery," I slept a lot.*

*When I felt better I learned to walk on three legs. Now I'm ready to find a new family who will look past my missing leg, but won't look past me. Together, I hope we can run in the grass, share yummy food, and snuggle every night!*

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# Shelter News

## TAILS OF REDEMPTION

In November, the first class of dogs in Cook County Jail's Tails of Redemption program graduated. Each dog underwent training with a detainee participant and is now house trained and responds to commands such as sit, down, and stay. We're also happy to announce that two of graduates, Bitsy and Dutch, found new homes with two jail officers. A third graduate, Cookie, was adopted by the Sheriff's Office and will enter training as a narcotics K9. Congratulations to our graduates and thank you to their trainers!



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONFIRMED

In November, Kelley Gandurski was confirmed by the Chicago City Council as CACC's Executive Director. Before taking on this role, Kelley served as Deputy Director and also fostered dogs from CACC from one of our rescue partners. Congrats, Kelley!

## CACC BY THE NUMBERS

January 1, 2018 - December 11, 2018

Intake (1/1/18 -12/11/18)

# 15,384

2017: 14,295

2018: 6,188 cats, 7,524 dogs, 1,672 other

2017: 5,676 cats, 6,872 dogs, 1,747 other

Returned to owners

# 1,475

2017: 1,352

2018: 133 cats, 1,342 dogs  
2017: 114 cats, 1,238 dogs

Adopted

# 1,741

2017: 1,457

2018: 722 cats, 1,019 dogs  
2017: 782 cats, 675 dogs

Transferred to rescues

# 8,654

2017: 7,656

2018: 4,373 cats, 3,454 dogs  
2017: 3,775 cats, 3,072 dogs

Save a Life: Volunteer



✓ Play with pups



✓ Comfort kittens



✓ Help them home

## Home for the Holidays Free Adoptions

12/8 through 12/15: 12 - 6 p.m.

- Fees waived for pets 6 months or older, and for adult bonded pairs
- Find an updated list of adoptable pets at [petharbor.com/Chicago](http://petharbor.com/Chicago)
- Check out photos, video, and bios for available pets on Facebook: [cacadoptablepets](https://www.facebook.com/cacadoptablepets)
- Adoption requirements: [bit.ly/adoptcacc](http://bit.ly/adoptcacc)

### Plus, Holiday Adoption Party! 12/15 from 12 - 4 p.m.

- Free swag including dog coats, treats, food, catnip toys, and more!
- Hot Cocoa, Cider, and cookies for our guests
- Photos with Santa and your new friend!
- Thanks to our sponsors:

**Pet Gotcha Day, 6 Mutts Food Truck, The Catnip Project and Rescue Bank**



#### CACC Volunteer Orientations

2741 S. Western Ave.

12/14: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

12/15: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Details: [bit.ly/caccvolunteer](http://bit.ly/caccvolunteer)

#### CACC Commission Meeting

2741 S. Western Ave.

1/16, 8:30 a.m.

#### Low Cost Vaccine/Chip/Tag Clinic

2741 S. Western Ave.

12/19, 1/17

Numbers are distributed beginning at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. Event ends 11 a.m. Open to Chicago residents with valid photo ID.

#### Save the Date


**New Year, New Life! Fee-Waived Adoptions**

1/12 & 13, 12 - 6 p.m.

Find event details on Facebook at [ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events)



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