



SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

Chicago Shelter News

EVENTS LEAD TO ADOPTIONS!

Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC) found new home for 2,014 dogs and cats over the past year (April 1, 2018 - April 1, 2019), up from 1,093 during this period two years ago (+84%!). Much of the growth in adoptions is due to the addition of monthly themed special events at the shelter.

Our partners have made these events possible, covering adoption costs, and providing food and goody bag items. We want to acknowledge the contributions of NBC/Telemundo, Bissell Pet Foundation, the Catnip Project, Rescue Bank Chicago, Pet Supplies Plus - Wicker Park, various PetSmart and Petco stores in Chicago, PetGotchaDay, Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control, and many wonderful volunteers!

We are excited to share photos of adopters and animals who found each other at these events. We also invite you to join us at one of these celebrations during 2019! See our events schedule on the back page of the newsletter and on facebook: @chicagoanimalcareandcontrol/events.

CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

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

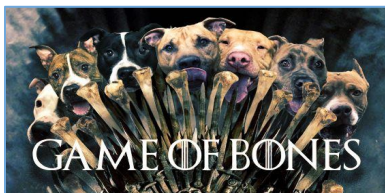
Adoption requirements:
bit.ly/adoptcacc

All available animals
petharbor.com/chicago

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



CACC Events

St. Pitties & Kitties Days

Sixty-three lucky dogs and cats were adopted at this holiday event in March.



Game of Bones

CACC held a "Game of Thrones"- themed event to find homes for long-term dogs. 12 dogs and 5 cats (7 who had been at the shelter more than 60 days) left with their new families!

Happy Cat-urday: A Purrfect Day to Adopt



Meet Your Match

In February, CACC invited those looking for love and lifelong pet partners to the shelter for Speed Dating and a "Rose Ceremony." Twenty nine pets were adopted!



Jammies & Cocoa with Hammy and Oso focused on 2 dogs who had been waiting more than 90 days for their new homes!





SHELTER ADOPTS ‘OPEN SELECTION’

As an all-access municipal shelter, Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC) must constantly review and refine its protocols to ensure shelter animals have the best possible opportunity for adoption, rescue or return to their owner.

In order to move forward with this mission, CACC has collaborated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison shelter medicine staff and other nationwide experts to initiate an “open-selection” adoption process. Open selection, which has been successfully implemented across the country, means incoming animals that appear healthy and friendly are fast tracked for adoption.

Before open selection, the dogs and cats that entered the shelter would not meet prospective adopters until after their spay/neuter surgeries and medical evaluations. Under the new program, animals receive their vaccinations and are then available for adoption, pending their medical evaluation, sterilization surgery and the conclusion of any stray holds. These requirements would be completed before pets leave the shelter for their new homes.

Open selection increases the number of pets available for the public to meet, which has already resulted in more adoptions. It also decreases the amount of time they spend at the shelter, reducing exposure to illnesses and opening up needed space so we can help more animals.

We recognize that residents are eager to meet as many animals as possible when they come to the city shelter, and open selection will help us make that a reality.

We thank our medical partners, rescues, staff, volunteers and adopters for helping to bring open selection to CACC! In just the first month of open selection for cats (February 15 - March 15) adoptions more than doubled! We are about to officially launch open selection for dogs and we hope to see similar results!

IT'S KITTEN SEASON!

Volunteering saves lives.

Chicago.gov/CACC



CACC Events

Silver Star Adoption Day with Pets for U.S. Heroes

April, 27, 12 - 6 p.m.

Join us to honor Chicagoland heroes who keep us safe including: Veterans and Active Duty Military, Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatchers, and First Responders. Pets for U.S. Heroes will sponsor the adoption fees, sponsor training support, and more, to provide those with these high-stress occupations the companionship and therapeutic benefits of a shelter pet while giving the animals the ultimate gift -- a loving home.



CACC Volunteer Orientations

2741 S. Western Ave.

4/12, 5/17: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

4/13, 5/18: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Details: bit.ly/caccvolunteer

CACC Commission Meeting

2741 S. Western Ave.

3/21, 5/16: 8:30 a.m.

Bottle Baby Kitten Workshops

2741 S. Western Ave.

4/20, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

4/26, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Low Cost Vaccine/Chip/Tag Clinic

2741 S. Western Ave.

4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16

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.

Community Low Cost Vaccine/Chip/Tag Clinics

5/18, 36th Ward

6/1, 23rd and 13th Wards

6/22, 24th Ward

Save the Date

5/4, Empty the Shelters - fee-waived adoptions

Sponsored by Bissell Pet Foundation

Note: Dates/times subject to change. Find the latest information at: CityofChicago.org/CACC or on Facebook at [ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events)



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