

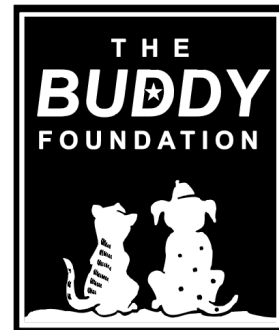


# Tales From Buddy

Buddy's

"All Shook Up"

It's our 30th Birthday



SPRING 2025

Looking back over 30 years, it's been quite a journey. Our very first rescue was from a woman who called our hotline and stated that if we didn't come get her dog she was going to put him down at noon by the next day. We were frantic, where were we going to house him, quickly making as many calls as it took to arrange for his rescue. Indeed we saved him from demise. Interesting to note, his name was Elvis. This year we will celebrate with an Elvis impersonator, at our birthday bash.

In our early years we only had foster homes. One of our first was a family with an indoor pool area. They housed a variety of cats for quite a few years. We still to this day use foster homes for special needs animals. We are grateful for all the people who helped us get our start, and for those who continue with us to this day.

We've had garage sales, rummage sales, bake sales, dog washes, dog walks, cat and dog fashion shows, chili bake off, bowling tournaments, chocolate making, pizza parties, parade participants, Arlington Pet Show appearances, Blessing's of the Animals, Open Houses, and many kid-sponsored fundraisers. Perhaps you've been part of many of these events. We always see familiar faces. We're glad you come and support us.

Most of all importance in these 30 years, are the thousands of wonderful animals we have been able to rescue, make their lives easier, safe, comfortable, warm and loving. Thousands of stories, too many to tell.

We are forever grateful for your never-ending support.

Love,

Buddy



**You Are Cordially Invited  
to celebrate with us!**

**DATE:** Thursday May 29, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Chandelers Chophouse

401 Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL

**SIT DOWN DINNER:** chicken & beef or vegetarian

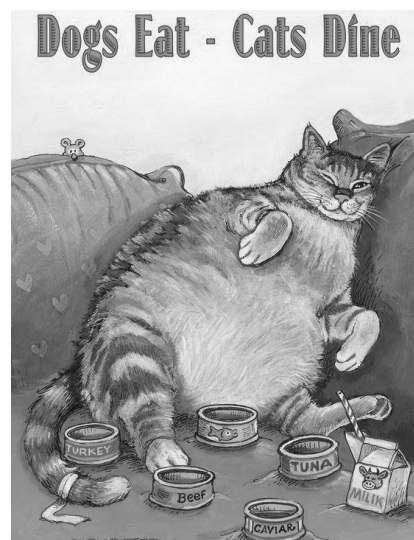
**TICKETS: \$60.00** limited number available

**CASH BAR — RAFFLES:**

**ENTERTAINMENT: RONNIE B. ELVIS,**

Performing the music of the

King of Rock & Roll



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY — 30TH

Come and celebrate with us  
this special day

It's 30 years and we've  
made our way.

Saving cats & dogs, all left alone

Working hard to find a home

We want them all

to know the score

To be happy and safe

forever more.



**Maude Needs a Home** - a one year old, spritz-husky mix who weighs about 35 lbs. Maude is a wonderful young dog and while she was found as a stray, it's clear by her mannerisms that she was once someone's dog. She knows commands like sit, paw and down. She walks great on a leash. She's very interested in other dogs as well so we think she'd be great with another dog in the home. She's also super loving - giving kisses and hugs. She's a little nervous in the shelter but that's to be expected. And despite that nervousness, she's still very trusting with our volun-

teers. We feel Maude will do great in any home and anyone would be lucky to adopt her! If you'd like to meet Maude, please give us a call to make an appointment. She would love to meet you!



**Skye** was 6 month old Border Collie mix, and as Border Collies are known to be great herding dogs, one of our volunteers knew of a family looking for a dog, to work with their chickens. In our 30 years of saving the lives of dogs and cats, this is a first for The Buddy Foundation.

Buddy was contacted by a shelter partner down south reference a puppy named Skye. A good Samaritan had rescued the pup from a neighbor who

had been abusing him. Unfortunately, the puppy's energy proved too much for the man's older dog. Animals relinquished to that shelter are only kept for adoption or rescue for 7 days. It was imperative that we move quickly to bring him to Buddy. While we don't actually know what abuse he endured, it was obvious that Skye was ready and eager to forgive and forget his past.

While discussing the needs for a perfect match for a family with 8 chickens, it sounded like Skye might fit the bill. They were looking for a dog that would help with rounding them up and perhaps even alerting to any dangers lurking in the area that might harm the chickens. In case you weren't aware, many towns in the area allow people to keep chickens, no roosters though!

We visited their home with Skye where he first met Clementine. The other chickens were a little nervous at first, but after a little encouragement from Clementine, they soon came over to greet Skye.

Skye's curious, but good-natured personality shown through. It's going to take some time and patient training for him (now called Banjo Bob), to learn the ways of chicken wrangler, but in the meantime his family is loving on him and he is learning what it means to have a wonderful forever family.



**Skye & Clementine,  
the chicken**

## **Kovu** -

This exhausted sweet boy was rescued by Good Samaritans who saw him running around off of 294. He was filthy, and his little paws were full of cal-louses and scabs from running frantically on the pavement. His rescuers were not able to keep him due to allergies; but they gave him a bath as best they could and brought him to Buddy. He was so hungry his first night here, he ate almost two cans of food in one sitting. As a result of this rescue we had a dona-tion page set up and you all out there came to the rescue and filled our shelves. By the way, Kovu got adopted into a really loving home, by a wonderful volunteer. Kudos to Kovu and family!



## **Latest Trends in Dog Accessories:**

**Harnesses:** H-style back-clip harnesses are popular for adult dogs, accounting for 55% of the market.

**Smart Collars:** These offer GPS tracking, activity monitoring, and even built-in cameras.

**Health Monitors:** Wearables with health sensors track your dog's vitals.

**LED Accessories:** Light-up collars and accessories enhance visibility during nighttime walks.

## Did You Know



Lilies are extremely harmful to both cats and dogs during any season. The pollen from the flower can cause permanent kidney failure, and can even kill the animal in a short time.

### You Can Help An Older Cat Gain Weight

To help an older cat, focus on a high-calorie, palatable diet, offering small, frequent meals, and potentially incorporating kitten food or supplements, while also consulting with your vet. **Here's a more detailed approach:**

#### 1. Consult Your Veterinarian: Rule out medical conditions:

Weight loss in older cats can be a symptom of various problems, such as dental issues, kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, or cancer. Discuss diet and supplements: Your vet can recommend the best type of food and any necessary supplements for your cat's specific needs.

**2. Choose a High-Calorie, Palatable Diet:** Opt for canned kitten food, which is often more calorie-dense and palatable for cats.

High-protein, high-fat food: Can help maintain muscle mass and provide the necessary calories for weight gain.

**3. Consider wet food:** Often more palatable and can help with hydration, important for older cats.

**4. Warming food:** Can enhance its aroma and make it more appealing to your cat.

**5. Add tuna juice or sardines:** To the food to increase palatability and provide extra nutrients.

**6. Feed Small, Frequent Meals:** Offer several small portions throughout the day.

**7. Make it appealing:** Ensure the food is fresh and appealing to encourage your cat to eat.

**8. Other Tips:** Encourage a calm environment: A stressed cat may have a poor appetite, so create a calm and comfortable environment for your cat. Consider appetite-stimulating medication: Your vet may recommend medication to stimulate your cat's appetite.

**9. Offer healthy snacks:** Small, healthy snacks between meals can help increase caloric intake.

**10. Be patient and consistent with your efforts:** It takes time to see results.

## Some Foods to Avoid Giving Your Dog

Feeding your pup certain dinner scraps can lead to all kinds of health issues — and, in some cases, even death. When it comes to table treats, skip these altogether.

**Cooked Bones** - makes bones brittle, likely to splinter

**Dairy** - Most dogs are lactose-intolerant

**Bacon** - This breakfast treat contains loads of fat and salt that can lead to pancreatitis

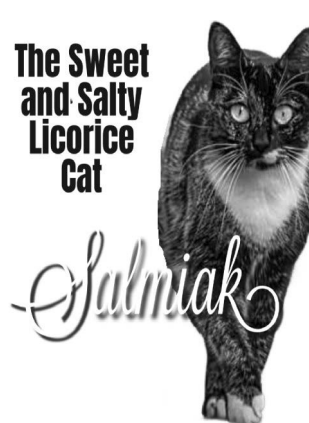
**Raw Dough** - the yeast in **unbaked bread** can be life-threatening after it's ingested, it continues to rise in their stomach and can extend their entire abdomen, causing extreme pain and potential blockages in the intestinal tract, untreated, we're talking death.

**Corn on the Cob** - corn itself isn't toxic, but it can become a major hazard because the cob (even just a few inches of it) is the perfect size to get stuck in the intestinal tract. What's more, corn cobs are **notoriously hard to see on x-rays** and doctors may have to find it with an ultrasound.

**Grapes and Raisins** - and some cranberries and currants, can cause rapid kidney failure in dogs. It's also easy to forget how many foods in your kitchen can contain these culprits, such as trail mix, cookies, and Raisin Bran. Some dogs that have had only a couple of raisins have gone into horrible kidney failure.

**White Bread** - commercial white bread has tons of oil and sugar in it, which can cause severe pancreatitis in dogs. Schnauzers are particularly susceptible.

**Salty Snacks** - a single chip will likely only cause them to drink more water, but just like in humans, an overdose on salt can take its toll on dogs.



### A New Cat Color Officially Discovered

The pretty black, white, and grey shade—named for a popular snack food in Finland, where this coat color has been making itself known—is thanks to a fur strand that starts off black near the root, but grows whiter and whiter the further they grow from the follicle. It turns out the

unique color is caused by a recessive genetic mutation, rather than the expression of a gene known to turn cats white.

The coat was first spotted in 2007, and in 2019, it was brought to the attention of a group of cat experts lead by feline geneticist Heidi Anderson. Since then, the group has been trying to figure out exactly what causes this shade to express itself, and recently, they finally figured it out. A paper on the discovery has been published in the journal **Animal Genetics**.

## Buddy Volunteers

As I worked the front desk at the shelter as a substitute, I encountered a volunteer, whom I had never met before. She was so happy quietly primping and dusting around the front hall area. We had a nice little chat. She had been volunteering for over 14 years. She used to come over during her lunch hour when she worked across the street. After retirement, she still comes twice a week to volunteer, and all the way from Plainfield. She says *"I love volunteering here and doing my part to help the animals."* Well we love having you! Any more volunteer story's? Send them my way for the next newsletter. Email stories to: [penkavason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:penkavason@sbcglobal.net) Reference the newsletter.

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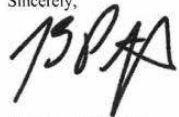
Congratulations to The Buddy Foundation on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any organization; all that ORG has accomplished during the past 30 years makes it all the more special. Your longevity is truly a testament to the impact and relationships you have fostered through the years. I have no doubt your organization will continue to excel for years to come.

I commend everyone at The Buddy Foundation for their hard work, dedication, and passion; your leadership makes your community and state a better place.

It is my honor to commemorate this milestone for The Buddy Foundation. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Governor JB Pritzker

### Wish List

Volunteers Foster homes  
Event planners Event helpers  
Dog walkers Pet adopters  
Substitutes to answer phones



## President's Report

This year we celebrate Buddy's 30th birthday. I am so very proud and pleased about the progress we have made over the years. More and more animals have been saved and adopted into loving homes. We have had numerous successful events with more volunteer participation and funds being raised. We have made many new friends, and we are working with caring and dedicated veterinary personnel. I have seen our Buddy needs further met by dedicated volunteers. Watching them fills me with pride. These volunteers never hang back; they just pitch in with all they have. One sees a lot of sadness in the business of caring for and about shelter animals; yet our volunteers are so upbeat and enthusiastic, and I wonder what sparks that enthusiasm. Could it be we all share a commitment to caring and a real and deep love of animals? I believe so! Our volunteers at whatever level, believe they can make a difference and put into practice what they care about so deeply. We can never have too many volunteers. If you are willing to walk dogs, clean kennels, feed, clean cat cages, do laundry, periodically bake for our bake sales, we need you. Please visit our website at [www.thebuddyfoundation.org](http://www.thebuddyfoundation.org) and download our volunteer application, or visit the shelter at 65 W. Seegers Rd, Arlington Heights. Hope to see you soon.

*Carmella, President*

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