

Tales From Buddy

Animals Equal Love Love Equals Animals

In the beginning, God created man. God then created animals to give man a guide to sensibility and intelligence. Over 100,000 years ago man began to coax the domestic dog out of wolf and the domestic cat out of tiger.

Whatever your thinking and whatever your beliefs, one thing is for sure, animals add true depth and meaning to our lives. "God has created no greater friend than an animal except perhaps Himself." From day one, they will give you unconditional love. Friends often leave and move away, family dies, but your pets will always be there for you. We can't replace our pets that have died, but we can adopt another one. From the first moment that you take them home, they will love you, no matter who you are, whatever your surroundings, and/or your status in life. They will be your loyal and faithful forever friends. The bond between animals and humans is real and powerful.

Animals teach us to be more human. Live with a dog for only a

short period of time and you will learn love, devotion, joy, and laughter. Live with a cat and you will learn self-assurance, and condescension. Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later.

Children, too, learn many of life's lessons through bonds with pets. Trust, acceptance, understanding, sharing, and responsibility are but a few of these lessons. Ultimately, the pet/child bond will result in mutual caring, respect, and compassion to be carried throughout their lives. Children who learn to love animals, become adults who love animals - a simple yet powerful statement.

There is no greater volunteer than that of an animal. They visit hospitals, guide people, who are sight and sound impaired, assist police forces, and accompany our men and women in the armed services. These are just a few of their efforts. Let us not forget the cat - "There is no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat."



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Dogs come with an innate pedigree --MD. They have been known to sniff out cancer, even in it's earliest stages, find missing persons, people in collapsed buildings, lower blood pressure, ease stress, and prolong human life. No doctor can hold a candle to Dr. Dog. Pet's love, devotion, and emotional support can lessen depression, lift the human spirit and put a new perspective on the importance and values of life. Whatever lesson you choose to learn from your animal, we at Buddy know one thing, it all boils down to Love - we love them and they love us.

Love
Buddy



GIFT SHOP Did you know we have a specialty gift shop just for pet lovers. There are so many items, clothes, toys, figurines, blankets, holiday items, Buddy t-shirts, and past event t-shirts

(discounted), paintings, wall art, pictures, food bowls, leashes, and much more. Ask at the desk. They'll direct you to the gift shop.

Wish List

An Emergency Generator for Power Outages, Homes for our Buddies, bird seed, paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, napkins, dish, hand and laundry soap, litter, cat & dog food, treats, gift cards, safe toys, donations, and volunteers.

Feel free to raise donations for Buddy.

34 Left At Our Door, 2 Pregnant (There will Be More)



At about 6:00 a.m. one morning in April 2026, a volunteer arrived at the shelter to walk the dogs. Instead, they found pet carriers sitting silently outside our front door. Inside were 13 cats and kittens. One was pregnant. Every one of them was sick.

In June, it happened again. This time there were **21 more animals**—6 dogs and puppies crammed into a large carrier and 15 cats and kittens in other carriers, including a nursing mother and a pregnant cat. There was no note. No explanation. Just 21 frightened, vulnerable animals left for someone else to save.

In all, **34 abandoned animals** arrived at our shelter in just two heartbreaking incidents.

We believed the same people were responsible both times. After an investigation by the Arlington Heights Police Department, the individuals were identified and cited. We attended the hearing by the adjudicating officer, hoping for accountability. The result: A **\$100 fine**. For abandoning 34 animals, only \$100?

Unfortunately, the real cost doesn't end there. Every animal needs medical care. None had been spayed or neutered. The dogs alone are requiring dental work. All the ani-

mals need to be spayed or neutered.

Many of the cats and kittens were suffering from painful and contagious parasites, including eye herpes, giardia, and coccidia. All needed ongoing treatment before they could even begin the journey toward adoption.

When they arrived at our door, scared, sick, and with nowhere else to go, we say **yes**—because they deserve a chance at a healthy, loving life. But saying yes comes at a cost. **This is part of where your donations go.**

Without the generosity of our supporters, stories like this would have very different endings. Please help us give these 34 animals—and every animal who comes through our doors—the second chance they deserve.

Update, one pregnant mom needed emergency c-section and all kittens were lost, the second gave birth to 5. So now the number is 39...

We can't do it alone. They are depending on all of us. Please donate today. No matter the amount, it makes a difference. Thank you for helping us turn abandonment into hope and Love.



**Walk with or without your dog to raise funds
for The Buddy Foundation
Sunday September 13, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

Melas Park 1500 W. Central Rd. Mt. Prospect

Raffle drawing 11:00

Pre-registration \$35 (after Aug. 20) \$40

Kids 12 and under \$10

Includes: Event t-shirt, goodie bag
t-shirt not guaranteed after Aug. 20

To register: Call 847-290-5806 or
visit our Facebook page.

Note: All dogs must be leashed and current on vaccinations. Proof of rabies vaccination is required, i.e. tag on collar. Pick up t-shirt and goodie bag at Buddy on Sept 12, 12-2pm or at the event on Sunday.



Lyla came to the Buddy Foundation in May of 2026. She was supposed to go to a rescue but that rescue backed out. She then was going to go to another rescue but they backed out also. Lyla was on borrowed time and became “urgent” ---the code word for at risk of euthanasia. Animal control luckily kept her past her allotted time because she was such an amazing dog. Lyla is a sweet spaniel/pointer mix with the softest fur and the most gentle disposition. A woman from a rescue networking group reached out to Buddy to see if we could save her and we immediately said **yes**. Since she has been here, she's been well taken care of and a joy to be around. She is just one of many dogs who have been given a chance at a new life after what they may have endured alone on the streets. There are so many like Lyla just waiting for someone like you to come along and be their hero. Will you be that someone?

Did You Know?



Heat Stroke

Dogs, and cats, especially older cats, can become overheated just by lying in a sunny area by patio, door or a window for too long.

How to determine and prevent overheating and heat stroke.

Symptoms of heatstroke are:

- **Excessive** panting, thick drooling, lethargy, or unsteady movements.
- **Bright red**, pale or dark gums.
- **Weakness**, stumbling, or confusion.
- **Body Temperature** over 104-105 (a medical emergency)
- **Severe signs include:** vomiting, seizures, or collapse.

If you notice these symptoms, move your dog or cat to a cool area, offer water, and contact a vet immediately.

By following these precautions, hydration, shade, careful exercise, cooling methods, and monitoring for heat stress, you can help insure your animal stays comfortable during hot weather.

COOLING ACCESSORIES AND TECHNIQUES

-Wet towels or cooling vests:

Dampen towel with cold water and drape it over your dog or cat or use a cooling vest to promote heat dissipation. Frozen water bottles – place frozen bottles in your dog's bed so they can lie next to it for relief.

-Cooling bandanas: soak a bandana in cold water and wrap it around your dogs neck to help lower body temperature.

-Cooling beds or mats: gel based cooling beds can help dogs relax while reducing the internal heat.

-Kiddie pools: for outdoor heat, a shallow pool in the shade allows for water play and cooling.

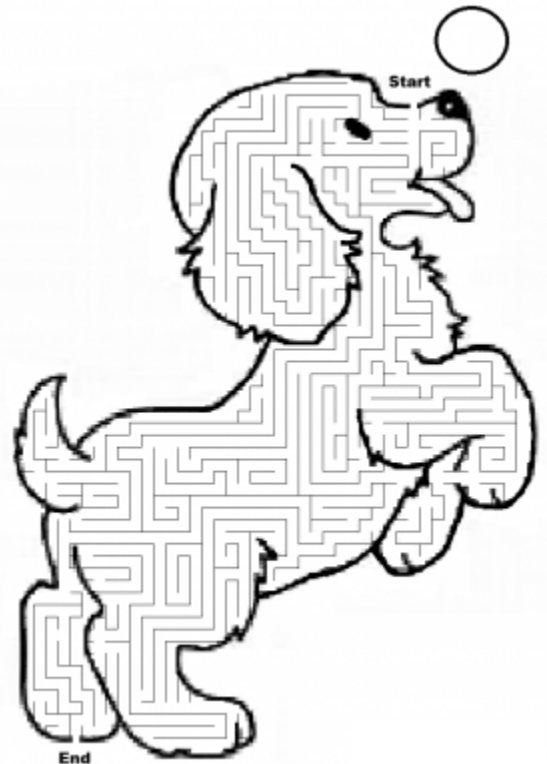
-Grooming and coat management: Regular brushing removes excess fur that traps heat. For long haired breeds, consider a summer trim to help them stay cooler avoid shaving to close as some fur protects against sunburn. **-Frozen treats:** check the pet stores **-Keep dogs indoors:** during extreme heat.

Always walk during cooler hours.

Kitty Kookie Recipe

- 6 ounces undrained tuna
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 egg
- 2 T water
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Place all ingredients into mixing bowl, stir well until soft dough forms.
- Let dough rest for 10 minutes.
- Cover large surface with cornmeal and roll dough out until ¼ inch thick.
- Use either a small cookie cutter or knife to cut into shapes.
- Place on parchment paper lined cookie sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes.

Let cool and serve to kitty!



Red Light Therapy for Pets

Also known as photobiomodulation or cold laser therapy, uses specific low-level wavelengths of visible red and near-infrared light to help with the following:

- **Arthritis & Joint Pain:** Helps ease stiffness and discomfort from osteoarthritis in older dogs and cats.
- **Injury & Post-Surgery Recovery:** Speeds up the healing, for incisions, soft tissue sprains, and back injuries
- **Skin Health:** Assists with surface-level hot spots, granulomas, and general wound repair.

Safety and Usage Tips—Consult Your Vet: Talk to a veterinarian for a proper diagnosis and treatment plan before starting light therapy **Consistency:** At-home pads applied for about 15 minutes per target area, (up to twice a day).



President's Report

As I was reading through some literature the other day I found it very disturbing to read the actual number of dogs and cats that are put to death each week by the hands of human beings. It shames me to know there are people out there who drop loving dogs and cats off at shelters knowing if not adopted, they are going to die.

It is really unfortunate that too many parents buy Spot or Fluffy for their young son or daughter as gifts. Then all of a sudden the excuses roll in: my child is allergic, the dog is getting to big, I live in an apartment and my landlord does not allow pets, my wife put in new white carpeting, and so on and so on

At Buddy we have heard it all.

For those of us at Buddy, we **do** love our animals and treat them like family members. It is hard to understand the heartlessness of some people. I thank God for our wonderful volunteers and foster fami-

lies who provide love and care to our animals. If some people would put as much energy into protecting our animals as they do their personal belongs, our shelters would not be over crowded and more animals would have a chance at life. Thank you to all who support our shelter and the volunteers who help with the care of animals in so many ways, you are saving lives.



Carmella's new dog.

Love, Carmella

We at Buddy Are

Always Looking For:

"Dedicated Volunteers" Buddy is very flexible with hours. Come walk the dogs, socialize them, clean a few kennels, play with cats or kittens/or clean a litter box or room, or do some laundry. It all goes with keeping the animals at Buddy safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Buddy Foundation family call 847-290-5806 or download a volunteer application from our website at

Thebuddyfoundation.org.

Memorials

If you would like to honor a deceased person or pet, or make a special bequest, consider a donation to The Buddy Foundation. When one sends in for a memorial, a receipt will be sent to the donor, and an acknowledgement will be sent to the family. A memorial listing will be posted in our Buddy newsletter. Please include all information.

Some of our Expenses from January to June

\$78,464 Vet bills (doesn't include labs, or drugs) **\$30,188 Medications**
\$23,595 Cages in the cat room
\$22,000 100 gallon hot water tank
\$1600 labor. \$8,000 Annual Audit
\$3,384 Fire Panel
\$3,000 plumber, backup and flooding, a Sunday in spring

\$4,500 Survey for blacktopping driveway and parking lot, must be done to get permit to do the job.

Future Expense

For Parking lot and driveway only, is about \$125,000. We are sending out for bids. Our last blacktop has lasted 18 years. Time to do it again, with all the pot holes and dips etc.

Got any suggestions of companies that an help.

IMPORTANT: If you are not getting our emails, please add your email and we will add you to the list.

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Name: _____

PLEASE DONATE!

Email: _____

Email blasts come frequently, as there are lots of activities going on and this is a way to have a quick reference and update of our shelter news.

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