



## **AMVETS TO HOST SPAGHETTI DINNER AND POOL TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT TAPS**

PEKIN, IL—(November 8, 2005) On Saturday, November 19, 2005, the AMVETS Post 169, located at 660 Radio City Dr., will host a spaghetti dinner and pool tournament to benefit the TAPS capital campaign project to build a new adoption center and shelter. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 1:30 to 6:30pm. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad and garlic bread for \$6/adult - \$3/children under 10. Desserts will be available at the bake sale table. A Pool Tournament will begin at 6pm and is open to everyone. The entry fee is \$15.

The capital campaign, Gimme Shelter, will provide TAPS with a new adoption center and shelter, which will be located at Dora Avenue on Route 29 behind Tazewell Machine Works. The current facility is 2,400 square feet for approximately 140 animals. The new facility will be 7,200 square feet and will provide a comfortable and stress-free space for each animal that is fortunate enough to come to us along with indoor/outdoor runs for exercise and fresh air. The new plan will also include ample space for storage of supplies, an adequate reception area along with sterilization room for spay/neuter, large open cat rooms with access to the outdoors, "get acquainted" rooms for families to interact with the animals, retail space and an education room for dog training and community events.

"The construction of this facility is an enormous opportunity for TAPS to enhance its care for the homeless dogs and cats in our community and surrounding areas," says TAPS Board President Henry Cakora, "but it also represents a substantial amount of money that we need to raise."

For questions regarding the spaghetti dinner or the pool tournament, please contact the AMVETS at 382-9129.

If you would like more information regarding the Capital Campaign or you would like to volunteer your time to help with the campaign, call Sue Kyle, Capital Campaign Chair at (309) 347-8600.

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