

# TAPS TAILS

## Tazewell Animal Protective Society

[www.tapsshelter.org](http://www.tapsshelter.org)

Spring Newsletter 2010

When we think of the term "dog house" it sometimes carries a negative connotation, however at TAPS, we love our dog houses!!

We are sure most of you have seen the little red dog house banks distributed through many Tazewell county gas stations, restaurants and convenience stores. These banks support TAPS "Gimme Shelter" program. Periodically, (usually monthly), a group of about 15 volunteers collect the banks, cash in the change, have a cashier's check drawn up, and mail the checks to the TAPS Treasurer.

Since TAPS is "not -for-profit", we depend on donations and contributions to cover our operating expenses and "Gimme Shelter" is a way of providing a steady stream of income into the shelter.

This program is successful for several reasons:

- The businesses that allow us to display our dog houses on their counters
- Regular customers who put their leftover change in the dog houses on a daily basis
- People who occasionally deposit dollar bills, even fives and tens!
- The faithful volunteers who coordinate the various routes

Currently, we have a few dog house banks in Peoria and Woodford counties, but we want to **greatly** expand our coverage. We are asking our readers for ideas of businesses that might be willing to help by displaying a bank. Usually the best scenario is a business with one or two cash registers, and with the counter space to accommodate a dog house. (Most businesses are proud to represent TAPS, and many regular customers make donating their spare change a fun daily ritual!)

Naturally as we expand geographically, we need volunteers in those new areas to collect the banks. TAPS is hunting for trustworthy volunteers who would be willing to help out in the Gimme Shelter program.

If anyone has a business or knows of a business that might be willing to help us out; or would be interested in helping out with a Gimme Shelter route, please contact Gale Young at 253 -6544 or [galeannyoung@comcast.net](mailto:galeannyoung@comcast.net). Remember, the animals rely on us and need our help!

**Pax, Cassie, Eva & Big Daddy**



**Gimme Shelter**

TAPS A "No Kill" Animal Shelter  
Proceeds to Support Operations

**SAVE THE DATE**  
TAPS Eighth Annual Wine & Dine  
**SUNDAY, MAY 2ND**

Ticket and additional information inside  
All proceeds go to TAPS



## *Happy Spring!*



While adoptions have been off to a slow start this year, the activity and programs at TAPS have been anything but. With spring finally upon us, we will soon be completing a couple outstanding projects, which will then allow us to move forward on others already in the planning stages – more to come later on ☺

This newsletter highlights several annual and ongoing fundraisers that help to sustain our organization. If you are not familiar with our Wine & Dine, Birdies for Charity, Rockin' for TAPS event, or our Gimmie Shelter program... there is information about each in the following pages and on our website. These are fun

events that allow you to both support TAPS and have fun in the process. Looking at the events calendar – we have MANY off-site adoption events planned for the upcoming months. Even if this is not the right time for you to adopt, bring a friend to an adoption event... perhaps they might be able to adopt, or just stop out to visit and drop off a donation to provide for the animals' care.

I was talking to my sister over the weekend and she mentioned she is currently in the preparation stage for running the Boston Marathon – (her 6<sup>th</sup> year running it). As you can imagine, running a marathon is a big goal – it requires planning, practice, hard work, and a genuine passion for what she is doing. In some ways making a difference in the overpopulation issue is similar to running a long marathon. We have identified a goal – to reduce overpopulation in our area, thus decreasing the number of unwanted animals which ultimately decreases the euthanasia rates in our immediate community, county and region. The preparation stage is all about planning – how will we approach this problem, what resources we can make available, and how we will get the word out. The next stage is all the hard work or the training stage – we need to press forward when the task seems overwhelming and remember that with each animal cared for we are making a difference. We are able to press on, and work hard because we have passion for helping the animals.

Currently, I see TAPS in the hard work stage – we are trying different programs to reach out the community to educate on the importance of spaying and neutering pets, as well as offering programs to help people in low-income or special circumstance to do so. Unfortunately, our stray feral cat program is highly under-utilized and it is stray cats and kittens that make up the majority of calls coming in needing homes and help. We are in the process of applying for a couple grants to use towards spay/neuter programs and I am hopeful that down the road will have funding available to offer free or reduced fee alteration services for people with low incomes in our community. I was recently looking at the website for a large no-kill organization in Chicago called PAWS... they have such a program already in place thanks to the generous vision of one of their supporters. Reading further about the difference their low- cost program has made on the community – it is phenomenal the impact it has made in decreasing the calls for stray pets and reduction of euthanasia rates in the city as a whole.

“In just less than nine years, the Lurie Clinic’s results are remarkable. Every year, the Clinic performs more surgeries, and the number of homeless pets killed in the city has precipitously fallen by more than 50%, to less than 20,000 pets each year.” Imagine... a city the size of Chicago and the euthanasia rate is less than 20,000 / year. We all long for a day that that rate is zero. I do not highlight 20,000 to say that this is acceptable... but rather to compare that mega-city to one the size of Peoria and surrounding communities. Sadly our rates are no where near that 20,000 mark... lets hope that in time --- with the hard work and passion of everyone; we can see a decrease in the pet overpopulation in our area as well.

Thank you for considering this serious issue once again and should anyone have the means to provide such a facility or have ideas and would like to help in writing grants, or developing funding for a large scale program such as was done for the Lurie Family Spay/Neuter Clinic in Chicago – please contact me or a member of our Board of Directors. I would love to see a day where we no longer have a list of animals waiting to come in, but rather a list of people waiting to adopt animals.

We regularly receive compliments on the wonderful facility we have – that is clean, well kept and there is a staff and group of volunteers who work hard to not only care for the animals, but also make our visitors feel welcome. I would like to extend a thank you to each person, who has in some way been a part of TAPS over the years - making it the organization it is today. We would not be here without the help of and caring support, the passion of each and every one of you! TAPS is so blessed to be a part of a community who believes strongly in our mission to care for and help the animals.

Sincerely,  
Angela Blackman, Executive Director – TAPS



# TAPS 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINE AND DINE & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, May 2, 4:30 pm  
Pekin Country Club

- Entertainment by Carl Bopp and honorary host Pekin Mayor Rusty Dunn.
- Tickets are \$50 each (includes wine and sitdown dinner). A table of ten may be reserved...otherwise open seating.
- Purchase tickets at TAPS or from any committee member (limited seating available so don't wait as we anticipate a sellout).
- Committee members pictured above (back row left to right) Dorothy Barker, Clair Maquet and Dick Barker (front row) Peggy Collins, Alice Cakora, Julie Wahls, Jill Peterson, and Linda Caudle. Not pictured but active members include Sherry Semonis, Lynn Ghelardini, Heather Morris and Shawna Rule.
- Small sample of auction items are pictured below. Additionally a set of four Chicago Bears tickets along with two other items will be auctioned off live!

Photos by local artist, Jerry Milan, including this one of Scott Altman's last launch signed by Scott



Original art by Bethany Kriegsman



Authentic designer Coach Handbag



Handcrafted jewelry by VENA Jewelry



Handsome pottery by Lost Creek Pottery



Handcrafted jewelry by Vince Udry

Plus....lovely silk arrangements from **Artistic Flowers**, **Flowers by Florence**, a blank canvas, colorful throw from **Egypt**, autographed baseball by **Jim Thome** and many more items. There is something for everyone!

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TAPS is offering engraved brick pavers to the public which will be installed in our new "Memory Walk" located at the entrance to the walking trails. This large, open area provides much needed space for volunteers to walk our dogs, since we know that fresh air and exercise aid in maintaining a good quality of life while awaiting a new home.

We all can relate stories about how animals have touched our lives. The loss we experience at their passing is very real. Commemorating them will insure that they will not be forgotten.

If you would be interested in memorializing that special pet, we would be honored to include them on our Memory Walk. A donation of \$50 per brick is requested. To order contact TAPS or Vickie Brent, 309-444-4874 or [brent5@mtco.com](mailto:brent5@mtco.com).

## Overcoming Obstacles: After Adoption Adjustments -Stories of Challenge, the Unexpected and Inspiration By Linda Tosch

**Lucy Now Daisy:** While Kim and Richard Borge were considering adopting a Jack Russell mix, they noticed Lucy, a nine month old Terrier/Whippet mix looking out of a nearby cage. To Kim she seemed, “So sad, like she wanted to be with somebody so we took her for a walk. “She was great for the walk; she interacted with us.” When they asked about adopting her they were told that she’d been returned, and TAPS staff discouraged them from adopting her. They read the former owner’s report that summed up Lucy as extremely fearful. The dog had bonded well with the wife but not with the husband. The Borges decided they wanted to give Lucy “a try.” They called her Daisy and discovered that she was an extreme challenge. “There were times when we wanted to bring her back,” says Kim. Daisy bonded with her immediately but “Daisy didn’t want anything to do with Richard, the family, nobody, and ran off our cat, Mao, to the basement,” says Kim. The Borges didn’t want to bring her back because in spite of the problems, they were attached to Daisy.



The Borges: Richard, Kim and Daisy. *There were times when they wanted to bring the dog back to TAPS but love the dog and have worked with the dog and a trainer to handle Daisy’s extreme fear.*

Daisy was attached to Kim but not Richard. “When Kim came home from work,” says Richard, “Daisy ran outside to her jumped up and down on her back legs and “did a little happy dance.” “With me,” he says, “Daisy ran as fast as she could to get away.” They were persuaded to talk to and then have dog trainer, Ann Goyen, come for a home visit. Kim says, “We weren’t really hopeful that any change could be made because we had tried.” Richard was “apprehensive,” but says, “Ann gave us some good tips on using treats, commands, and on the way I approached Daisy.” Ann instructed him not to look at her and instead of approaching her directly to “kind of come in from the side.”

Kim says, “Ann just kept reassuring us that yes, the dog is young enough that she will be able to socialize. She was just positive she was going to turn around; that’s what we were so deadly afraid of is that she wouldn’t have a good quality of life which meant we wouldn’t have a good quality of life.”

Now, says Richard, Daisy is “100% better than she was, and is 150% better with Mao.” There are still problems to overcome. Daisy has had a few accidents in the house and has still not warmed up to people who come into their home. In spite of the problems, Kim says she is glad they adopted Daisy. Even Richard admits that he loves the dog and that she has warmed up to him. Now when he comes home, he says, she is happy to see him. “She’s started to do the little happy dance with me.”

**Speckles:** When Joe and Jessica Holmberg walked into TAPS they were coming to look at two Pomeranians they’d seen on the TAPS website. In November they had lost their beloved Buddy, a ten year-old Scottish terrier. In early January Jessica had said, “Maybe we should look for another dog.” They wanted a small dog, so the Pomeranians caught their eye.

While they were at TAPS, a small dog was brought in and turned over to TAPS, surrendered by a young woman who could no longer give it a good home. The Holmbergs asked to see the dog, a four year-old Jack Russell Terrier/Chihuahua mix named Speckles. They fell in love, went through the adoption process and took him home. As requested in the TAPS contract, they took her to their vet who told them they had a good little dog.

At home, the dog wasn’t eating. They tried three brands of dog food, but the dog still had no appetite. Then they noticed little wet spots where the dog had been, and the dog had trouble urinating when taken outside. When they noticed a few spots of blood on the floor, they went back to the vet, where Speckles was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and put on antibiotics. Speckles did not respond so they did x-rays and discovered the bladder was enlarged and could burst. So, the dog was rushed to surgery. Today Speckles doing well—healthy, active, and happy. So are the Holmbergs. “Speckles is such a beautiful and loving little dog,” says Joe. “We couldn’t ask for a better dog.”



Joel Holmberg sits with the remote in hand and Speckles by his side. *Speckles is fine after emergency surgery. “God must have intended us to have this dog,” says Joel.*

**Mr. Odis Spunk Meyer or Odie for short:** When Mike and Donna Coit lost their Maltese named Zoey to kidney failure three years ago, his pal Tucker, an eight-year old Shih Tzu who suffered from seizures, “became depressed, wouldn’t eat properly and didn’t want to play,” writes Donna. His seizures increased and nothing helped. After Donna’s parents adopted a small dog, they noticed that Tucker, “sprung to life,” and they knew Tucker needed a new pal. The search began and brought them to TAPS. They were told about Odie, or Mr. Odis Spunk Meyer, the name listed on his papers, and in September 2009 they brought Tucker in to meet him. The Coits fell in love with him, and the adoption was approved. On the hour long trip home the two dogs laid side by side and “every once in a while, Tucker gave Odie a lick,” writes Donna. “When we got home, it was as if they had always been together. They are always by each other’s side, always looking for the other if one wanders into another room.”



Tucker, left, an eleven year old Shih Tzu, with his best pal and “soother” Odie, a five year-old Westie, adopted from TAPS in September. *Odie soothes Tucker through his seizures and other health problems.*

Then one night in early January when Mike got home early from work, he noticed that something was very wrong with Tucker. Writes Donna, “Mike got him to the vet, then to surgery where they removed some large bladder stones. After spending time at the clinic he was brought home where, Odie was excited to see him but seemed to know something was going on. When Tucker crawled into his bed, Odie crept on his tummy over and gently took his nose and pushed their blanket over him, then laid his head softly on Tucker’s back, and stayed a long while. “Now, when Tucker starts to get excited, Odie, using his front paw, pats Tucker and calms him down. When Tucker has a seizure, Odie will sit next to him and lick his neck or he will lay his head on Tucker’s side,” writes

Donna. The vet told the Coits that it is good for Tucker to have this contact since Tucker can’t see during a seizure, but he can feel Odie soothing him. The Coits love Odie “1000%.” Writes Donna: “He fills our home with sunshine and smiles.”

## Overcoming Obstacles: After Adoption Adjustments -Stories of Challenge, the Unexpected and Inspiration cont.

*"TAPS takes in animals from a variety of circumstances including pets surrendered from those who can no longer take care of them, pets turned over to animal control facilities that are found as strays or abandoned, or left at TAPS door. There are times when we are not aware of the animals' medical or behavioral history. We try to make the best match possible for pets and families. There are times where love, training, medical care and patience are necessary to give your new pet what it needs to become part of your family. Should there be challenges for which you feel you need help, do not hesitate to call TAPS. We can offer resources to assist you."*



**Scooby Doo:** "It takes a lot of patience to live together." Scooby Doo, an eight-year-old Collie-Shepard mix gets licked by Remy, a one-year-old Lab. Scooby Doo had been returned to TAPS because of aggressive behavior with cats. Candice Janowiak adopted him last November and lives with Remy, adopted from TAPS when she was a puppy by Candice's roommate. Both dogs are doing well.

**Daisy May:** "Talk about separation anxiety." Birdie Lange sits with Daisy May. This picture was taken soon after adopting the one and a half year-old Lab-Retriever. Lange reports that the dog wanted a lot of attention. Now the dog has a routine, is on a schedule that involves the entire family. Says Birdie, "We know when poop time



is!" The dog is up at 5:30 a.m. with Birdie's husband, Robert. Daisy May is at one door in the morning waiting for Birdie's daughter to come for coffee and another door when Birdie's husband Robert comes home from work. The dog, which weighs a little over 60 pounds now, is too big to nestle in the chair but not the couch.



**Wanda (now Daisy):** "Back off sister, I'm adjusting." It's a standoff between Ashley on the left and Daisy, right with her back against the wall. Michelle and Craig Magarity adopted the gray and white cat in February, and brought her home to two other cats. Michelle reports that Daisy was shy, but eating, playing and getting along with the other cats. Daisy is still shy around her daughters but not with the other cats. "They are always together." Daisy "has found her place in our house as the dominant one," writes Michelle. "She used to sit on the stairs watching the other two cats sit outside my door and wait for me to get up in the morning. Now she joins them at the door."



**Pamela (now Bella) with Diana Teller and her daughter Kaitlyn:** Bella was scared of men but Diana put her in a training class and the dog is doing "so much better." She still has some anxiety around strangers but is very happy in her new home which includes Diana's son and husband.

**Ginger:** "What adjustment problems?"

Ginger sits in Mildred Davis's lap. Mildred's daughter Karen Barth reports that Ginger has adapted well. She sits on the back of the recliner while her mother reads, then moves down into her lap when she is finished.



**Reece:** When first brought to TAPS Reece (pictured below on the right) was very scared and shy. She is now a "spoiled princess" according to Paula Buscher, Bradley University Head Women's Basketball Coach. Reece has adjusted well and has a best bud with Rocky (on left adopted from The Arc). It is comforting to know that throughout the basketball season the dogs have each other. "They also love to go on walks so I benefit too!" comments Coach.



## Wish List

### Priority Needs

- Copy paper
- Pre-paid gas cards
- Postage stamps (books or rolls)

### Animal Supplies

- Dry dog & puppy food\*
- Dry cat & kitten food \*
- KMR for Kitten formula
- KMR for Puppy formula
- Prescription pet food for dogs
- Prescription pet food for cat
- Canned cat and dog food
- Pet brushes and combs
- Clay cat litter
- Dog and cat toys
- Leashes and collars
- Old towels and bath mats
- Cat trees
- Puppy piddle pads
- Kuranda dog beds

\*To avoid GI upset, we have limited the brands we use for our dogs and cats to the following:  
Dogs- Nutro, Science Diet, Purina One & Pedigree  
Cats- Nutro, Science Diet, Purina One, Natural Balance

### Office Supplies

- Printer ink cartridges  
HP 92 black  
HP 93 color  
HP 96 black  
HP 95 color  
HP 97 color
- AA batteries (for digital camera)
- yarn (for warm blankets)
- plastic totes, any sizes

### Cleaning Supplies

- Antibacterial hand soap
- Liquid dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Sponges with scratcher on one side
- Bleach
- Scrubbing Bubbles aerosol cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Toilet tissue
- OdorBan (from Sam's Club)
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- 13 and 33 gallon trash bags

### People Needs

- Volunteers  
Dog walkers  
Office workers
- Foster families
- Special event planners
- Special event helpers

### Miscellaneous Needs

- Cash donations

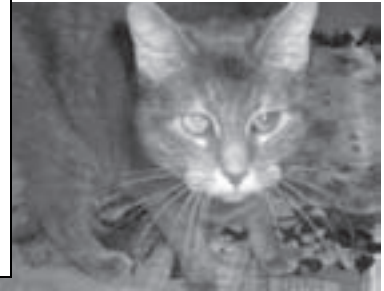


## Our Cats



Buttons is a very sweet and loving gal that bonds instantly to my human friends. She loves to hug people around the neck! She would love a nice warm couch to take naps on and maybe a window seat to watch the world go by. Button loves to talk! She is a senior who keeps getting passed by for those little kittens. Buttons really wants a forever place to spend my golden years.

Eva is a beauty of a gal with my smoky gray coloring and big dark yellow eyes. She was a bit shy when she first came to TAPS, but now will seek you out and even sit by you. Eva loves soft strokes and a good cuddle. She gets along with other cats but really prefer laid-back ones, like her. She is a sweetie!



Flash is a male, 10-year-old domestic short hair orange tabby. He first came to TAPS when his previous companion could no longer care for him. When he first came to TAPS, he was not really very happy and scared. Flash is front paw de-clawed. He may be 10, but loves to play with toys, especially if there is catnip inside. I also love chirping toys and will bat them. Flash will return all the love you give him.



Pax is quite a beauty with her long hair and sweet eyes. She enjoys hanging out with the other cats in the Open Cat Room, but she does like to be the boss. She also does not like those pesky dogs! She enjoys attention from my human companions and will seek you out. Pax is looking for a best friend. Is that you?



The John Deer Classic Charitable Corporation gives TAPS every penny of the pledges designated by TAPS supporters PLUS an *additional 10% match!* As a participant, you also have the opportunity to win prizes. Pledge what you can for this event. Pledges must be received in East Moline, IL at the tournament office by *July 10, 2010* and should be mailed to: **Birdies For Charity, 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244.** If you prefer to give a flat donation rather than a certain amount per birdie, those donations are very welcome as well. You can either include your check with the form (make sure you mark it as a flat donation for TAPS) or you can be billed for it. For more information go to [www.birdiesforcharities.com](http://www.birdiesforcharities.com), or call Birdies for charities at 1-800-336-4655. **Brochures can also be picked up at TAPS.**

## How to Raise a Puppy

If you have a new puppy, or are considering adopting one, the information in this article is critical for you to know. When you adopt a dog, it should be a commitment for the life of the dog. Sometimes there are problems that strain the relationship. We hope to help you avoid these problems before they occur, and to understand what to expect as “normal” behavior from this species of animal who is so different from us

### Your first goal – socialization!

When you get a new puppy there are some guidelines you must follow to insure your puppy grows up well adjusted. Puppies that are brought up through their critical socialization period (8 to 16 weeks) correctly are less likely to become liabilities later in life.

### Why is this so important?

Properly socialized dogs are not fearful of a particular age group, skin color, or body type. If they are not fearful, they are less likely to run away from these people, bark at them or bite them to try to make them go away. Poorly socialized dogs lack confidence. These are the dogs that might bite a child if cornered. They may pull out of a leash and run away in fear of a stranger. They may bark at the sight of every strange thing that they have never become accustomed to during their socialization period – people in wheelchairs, people wearing funny hats, people who walk with a limp. These biters, bolters and barkers often end up with a one way ticket to a shelter (or worse) - all because they were never properly socialized as puppies.

### How do I socialize my puppy?

As soon as you get your puppy, start introducing him safely to all different sights and sound. In a controlled situation, he should meet other animals, children of all ages, vacuum cleaners, stairs, crates, automobiles, pet stores, veterinarian’s offices, and everything else you can think of. He should meet as many friendly dogs as possible, as it is important to learn things from members of his own species – like communication and social behavior.

Between the age of 8 and 9 weeks, the puppy goes through a “fear imprint” period. Be extremely cautious during this time. If the puppy develops a fear during this time, it can stay with him for life. While exploring the kitchen, our 8 week old lab puppy nosed a baby gate that fell away from him and landed with a crash. Though he is now a 6 year old agility dog who flies over obstacles and jumps with pure joy, he will back out of the room at the sight of a “terrible” baby gate! While this fear has little impact on his day to day life, the result could have been much different if he had learned to fear a child, or a cat, or even the car.

The key is to try to form neutral or positive associations with as many different sights, sounds, smells and types of footing, around all kinds of people, places and things as you possible can. Neutral or positive are key words. You must control all interactions with the puppy. Don’t let some young child grope at your puppy or pull his fur. Don’t let anyone “rough house” with the puppy. Don’t let anyone tease the puppy or try to frighten him. Everyone the puppy meets must be kind and gentle to the puppy. Never leave the puppy unsupervised with children, and detach children who will be with your puppy how to properly touch, pick up, hold, stroke and talk to the puppy. We want him to learn a very important lesson – Humans can be trusted!

By Nancy Affolter, with credit to Dog Scouts of America



## Our Dogs



Bailey is a Lab/shepherd mix brought to TAPS as his previous owners were no longer able to care for me. He is a very sweet boy who needs a home with children over the age of 13 as I tend to be a bit food protective. He loves to play tug of war and knows basic commands. He completed the dog training course through the Dog Training and Behavior Center at TAPS.

Pablo is a 2 1/2 year old brindle pit bull terrier that is a great dog. He is full of energy and gets along with kids and adults. He likes to play out in the fenced yard and chase toys that you throw for him. Because of all his energy, he would probably do better in a home with children over 13 years old.



Maddox is a 4 year old tri-color hound mix who is always glad to see you and greets you with a wag and a smile. He is very playful and will need a large fenced in yard to play. He is looking for a permanent home with older children and would love for you to come out and visit him.



Hazel & puppies!



Leslie & Rebel

***Be Part of the Fun! – Volunteer and Attend Upcoming TAPS Events***

<b>April</b>	
7	Dining for TAPS @ Pekin Papa Murphys all day
10 & 11	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
10 & 11	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
17 & 18	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
24 & 25	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
24	Offsite adoptions @ Charlie’s Aquarium in Pekin 12 – 3 pm
24	Dining for TAPS @ Pekin Bob Evans 5 – 7 pm
28	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
<b>May</b>	
1 & 2	Offsite Adopt-A-Thon @ Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
2	<b>Wine and Dine with Silent Auction</b> @ Pekin Country Club 4:30 pm
8 & 9	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petco with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
8	Pekin Public Library with cats 2 – 3 pm
12	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
15 & 16	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
16	Volunteers @ Washington Walmart accepting donations
22 & 23	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
22 & 23	Volunteers @ Morton Walmart accepting donations
26	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
29 & 30	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
29	Offsite adoptions @ Charlie’s Aquarium in Pekin 12 – 3
29 & 30	Volunteers @ Pekin Walmart accepting donations
29	Volunteers @ Washington Walmart accepting donations
<b>June</b>	
5 & 6	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petco with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
9	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
12 & 13	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
13	Volunteers @ Washington Walmart accepting donations
13	Volunteers walking dogs in the Tremont Turkey Festival parade
19 & 20	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
19 & 20	Volunteers @ Pakin Walmart accepting donations
23	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
26 & 27	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
26 & 27	Volunteers @ Morton Walmart accepting donations
26	Offsite adoptions @ Charlie’s Aquarium in Pekin 12 – 3 pm
<b>July</b>	
3 & 4	Offsite adoptions @ Peoria Petco with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
3 & 4	Volunteers @ Washington Walmart accepting donations
3 & 4	Volunteers @ East Peoria Walmart accepting donations
10	Birdies for Charity Pledge Card due – see information inside
10 & 11	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs and cats 11 am – 4 pm
14	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
17	<b>Rockin’ for TAPS</b> – more information to come – SAVE THE DATE
24 & 25	Offsite adoptions @ East Peoria Petsmart with dogs 11 am – 4 pm
28	Volunteer Orientation @ TAPS 6:30 pm
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***TAPS 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine and Dine & Silent Auction***  
**Sunday, May 2 at Pekin Country Club**  
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Bethany Kriegsman is a native of Pekin, Illinois. Throughout her career, Bethany has actively exhibited her work and remains committed to promoting education in the arts. Her work affirms the transcendent and connective nature of humanity. The samples of art shown are mixed media pieces inspired, in part, by artists Bethany admires such as Joan Miro, Paul Klee, and Jean Dubbelfet. The artist stated that other pieces illustrate her love of garden imagery and organic forms. Bethany has attended the Wine and Dine in previous years and is excited to attend and support TAPS through her donation of two original prints.