

2009 Annual Report

Animal Care League



## PRESIDENT'S 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has passed and I am still in awe at our progress and growing support.

We finalized plans for our new addition to house the expanded Spay/Neuter Clinic to serve more clients. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will be a storage area with access to the 1013 Garfield roof for future "green" roof usage.

During a tough economy, our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Luncheon had a 36% increase in ticket sales! And we added several new successful fundraisers to our roster.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop expanded to a larger space costing us less rent per square foot. And the generous donation of a beautiful & spacious awning gave us greater visibility.

We increased the number of board members. The extra responsibility and time commitment of each member is greatly appreciated. We analyzed our portfolio investment strategy and made some positive changes. Operational funds are always a challenge and we continue to seek steady annual funding to cushion against erratic economies. Our Endowment Fund was established for that purpose and continues to grow.

I can't stress enough that none of our progress was possible without our hardworking, loyal staff, volunteers, board members, and of course, our very capable executive director. ACL is grateful for the many hours and efforts of all these people.



## From the Desk of the Executive Director

To say 2009 was a tough year is sort of like saying "water is wet". The economy crashed, shelters shut down and far too many people lost their jobs. While the Animal Care League managed to find homes for over 600 animals and perform 2,000 spay/neuter surgeries through our low cost spay/neuter clinic, we too felt the crush of the poor economic times. More animals came to our door and less were being adopted. But 2009 is in the past and it is time to look to 2010. So we will end last year saying we are glad it is over, we are very pleased we were able to help thousands of animals and we look forward to a much better decade.

The chief financial experts say that the economy should rebound some in 2010, but we shouldn't expect miracles. Unfortunately, not for profits often are the first to feel the down turn and the last to feel the improvement, so the ACL must prepare for another tight year. To that ends, we are watching every penny we spend and pulling out all of the stops when trying to get our animals seen for adoption. No idea is rejected without first looking at its potential impact on our shelter and we are going have to reach out even more to our supporters. We know everyone is feeling these tough times, but our animals have no way of raising money for their own care, so we have to do it for them. We have begun offering very enjoyable and affordable fundraising events called "Night Out for the Animals" which offer people the chance to get out of the house for a night and have some fun, all while raising money for our animals. We will also be taking our animals on the road even more this year to get them seen by as many people as possible and lastly, we will again hold our most popular fundraising events that everyone loves to see such as our Baby Shower, Spring Luncheon, Pancake Breakfast, Pet Parade, Give'em Shelter and Holiday Bazaar.

While my job is to provide a safe and caring place for animals to live while they wait for a new home, I truly hope everyone reading this has a wonderful 2010. We are all in this together and that is exactly how we will get through it – together.

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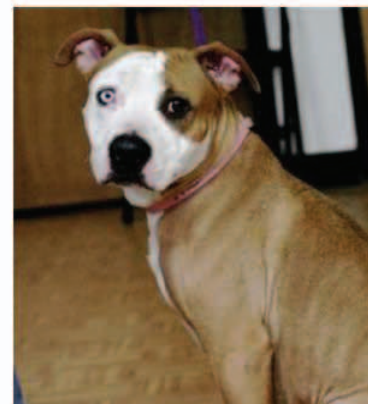
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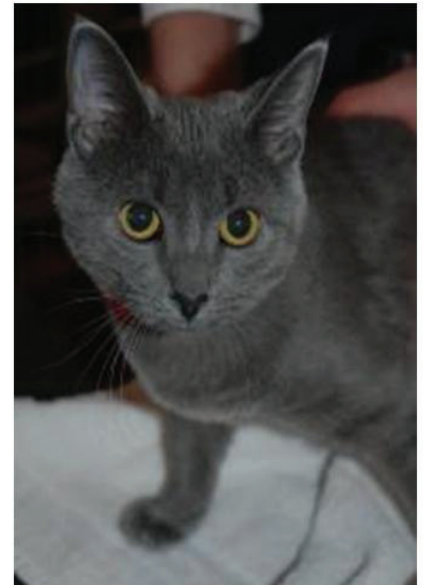
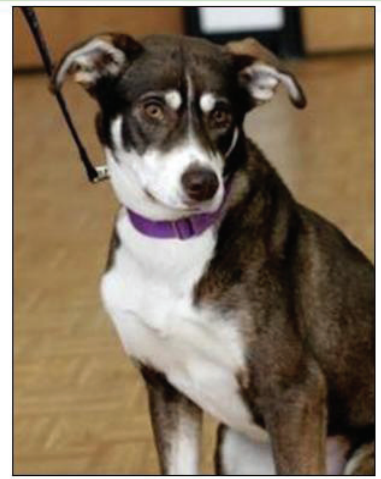
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Roo was a mastiff mix puppy who was transferred to ACL from Kankakee due to their limited space issues. Roo has a bad case of mange and as a result was pretty pitiful looking and missing a lot of hair. He was treated by the ACL vet for his health problems and sent to an ACL foster home where he could get all the rest, love, and attention he needed to heal from his health issues. At his foster home, he became a lovable part of the family endearing himself to both people and the family's dog.

When Roo was finally healthy enough to go up for adoption, he had no shortage of interested parties. The scraggly little pup had become a handsome, gentle, and affectionate guy. He played well with other shelter dogs and was equally good with children and adults who visited with him. He was adopted by a young couple who had been looking for a large breed pup for quite awhile. Roo has turned on his charm and ended up going to his new home the day after meeting the couple. Roo, now Stanley, lives in Lincoln Park now. He is a loved pet and goes to the dog park on a regular basis. He is a big boy who the owners say appears to grow an inch every time he stretches.



Celeste arrived at the Animal Care League back in September of 2008 through the Cook County Public Guardian. She is easily one of the prettiest cats the shelter has ever seen. With a unique mixture of tan coloring, and amazing blue eyes she will win over any animal lover. Celeste loves attention and welcomes anybody who would like to pet her. Her response to love and affection is purring and encouraging the attention that she's receiving to continue. Despite, all these wonderful attributes Celeste was at the shelter the longest of all the animals that are currently looking for homes.

In an effort to place Celeste in her forever home, she was moved to the 2nd Chance Shop on February 18, 2010. The very next day an interested adopter stopped by the shelter, and asked specifically to meet Celeste. Not wanting to waste any time, the adopter was directed to the 2nd Chance Shop where she met and fell in love with Celeste. After being at the shelter for over 530 days, Celeste went home with her new family!

Her story is an inspiration for every animal that is looking for a home. No matter how long it takes, the Animal Care League does everything they can to place the animals into loving homes. Celeste's new owner describes her as a "wonderful cat, who has made herself right at home". She also said it's hard to believe she wasn't adopted sooner, because she has never had a cat as perfect as Celeste.