

MACOUPIN COUNTY PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 1-7

ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK



Pictured left to right front: Kami Stayton (TAILS Volunteer), Betty Scheldt (TAILS President), County Board Chairman Andrew Manar, Animal Control Administrator Buzie Bertagnolli, County Board Member Ruth Pomatto.

Pictured left to right back: County Board Member Tony Wiggins, County Board member Robert Quarton, Ardeth Jokisch (TAILS Volunteer), County Board Member Joe Novak, County Board Member Bill Harding.

Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar has signed a proclamation designating November 1-7, 2009 as Animal Control Shelter Appreciation Week in Macoupin County.

Manar was joined by volunteers from the T.A.I.L.S. organization and members of the County Board serving on the Animal Control Committee during the proclamation signing. "We are pleased that the County Board is recognizing the importance of sheltering abused and neglected animals in our County," said Betty Scheldt, President of T.A.I.L.S., a volunteer organization which partners with the Macoupin County Animal Control to increase awareness of adoptable animals at the county shelter and promote improved care of these animals during their temporary stay at the shelter. "The County Board appreciates the work and dedication of the T.A.I.L.S. organization and we would not be as close as we are to building a new county facility without them," said Joe Novak who chairs the County Board's Animal Control Committee.

The T.A.I.L.S. organization is continuing to raise funds for a new shelter with community and corporate support. To date, T.A.I.L.S has raised almost \$80,000 towards the new shelter. Novak says that the County Board has chosen a site for the new facility on Route 4 near the current facility housing the Macoupin County Highway Department. The County Board has also recently chosen a firm to design and oversee the construction of a new facility.

In recognition of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, the County Board is asking citizens of Macoupin County to take a closer look at the valuable role their animal shelter plays in enhancing the quality of life and public safety in their County. Novak says a new shelter will allow for more abused and neglected animals to find homes and will better serve the public safety of the people of Macoupin County.