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Macoupin T.A.I.L.S. Now Online

www.macoupintails.org

Macoupin County- The pet of the week, plans for a new Macoupin County animal shelter, upcoming events and other information about the non-profit group Macoupin T.A.I.L.S can now be found at its new website—www.macoupintails.org.

Macoupin T.A.I.L.S. was formed to support Macoupin County Animal Control, and the new shelter will be a joint effort between the non-profit group and the Macoupin County Board. The group is also working to create adoption and educational programs.

Macoupin County Animal Control Administrator Buzie Bertagnolli said she hopes the website will provide the public with easier access to information on the animals that are available for adoption as well as enable them to track the group's fundraising efforts.

"I really hope that the website brings better public awareness to the increasing problem of abandoned animals in our county, the need to spay and neuter pets, and the need for a larger and better equipped shelter in our county," said Bertagnolli.

She added that the public can contact her at 217-854-4024 with suggestions for the site.

The website is just the latest step in an effort to raise public awareness of the county's need for a new shelter.

Recently, the group installed a thermometer in front of the old Macoupin County Jail to show their fundraising efforts, and they are also selling 2008 calendars featuring local law enforcement officials and their dogs. The group also has sweatshirts for sale. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars and sweatshirts will go toward the new animal shelter.

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer group can contact Bertagnolli. Donations for the new shelter can be sent to Macoupin County Animal Control P.O. Box 107, Carlinville, IL 62626. All donations are tax deductible.

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