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Animal Control Volunteer Group to Meet June 12

Carlinville-A name, bylaws, and the upcoming golf tournament were topics of discussion at the second meeting of volunteers in support of Macoupin County Animal Control.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 7 p.m. in the Macoupin County Board room on the second floor of the Macoupin County Jail in Carlinville.

The group, which first met in May to discuss forming a not-for-profit organization to support building a new shelter and other aspects of animal control in the county, brainstormed possible names for the group, and will make a decision at the next meeting.

Among the names suggested were PAWS (Placing Animals With Society), MAPL (Macoupin Animal Protection League), Buzie's Beauties, Buzie's Babies, BARK (Because Animals Require Kindness), MC BARK (Macoupin County-Because Animals Require Kindness), LAPS (Loving Animals Placed Safely), PETS, BONES, and TREATS.

Fundraising ideas such as selling t-shirts, creating a memorial wall in the new shelter, and soliciting donations of labor and materials for the new shelter were also discussed by the group.

Macoupin County Animal Control Administrator Buzie Bertagnolli reminded the group that a benefit golf outing for the shelter will be held on July 13 at the Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton. She asked that the group help sign up teams and seek prize donations and hole sponsorships from county businesses. Tournament hole sponsorships are \$100.

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer group should contact Bertagnolli at 217-854-2833 or attend the June 12 meeting.

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