

# The Ambassador

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## Reminders:

Dr. Haase is available for routine and acute care appointments, see page 3 for more info!

We will be closed Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!



## CAT BREED OF THE MONTH: BOMBAY

The Bombay is known for their loveable personality, large copper or golden eyes, a round face, and a very sleek black coat, the Bombay is a breed created in the 1960's and named after the city of Bombay in India. Created by crossing an American Shorthair and a Burmese, this breed was created to resemble a panther.



## Celebrate with us!

ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH  
NATIONAL SENIOR PET MONTH  
NATIONAL PET CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
PET DIABETES MONTH

- NOV. 1: NATIONAL COOK FOR YOUR PETS DAY
- NOV. 1: INTERNATIONAL PET GROOMER APPRECIATION DAY
- NOV. 12: WORLD ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY
- NOV. 15: NATIONAL SHOP WITH YOUR DOG DAY
- NOV. 16: NATIONAL SLOBBER APPRECIATION DAY
- NOV. 17: NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY
- NOV. 23: THANKFUL FOR MY DOG DAY

## DOG BREED OF THE MONTH: DOBERMAN PINSCHER

This incomparably fearless breed stands proudly among the world's finest protection dogs. Dobermans are compactly built, muscular, fast, and powerful. Standing between 24-28 inches at the shoulder. Coat color can come in black, blue, red, or fawn, with rust markings. These elegant qualities, combined with a noble wedge-shaped head and an athletic way of moving, have earned Dobermans a reputation as royalty in the canine kingdom. A well-conditioned Doberman on patrol will deter all but the most foolish intruder.



# Holiday Pet Safety Tips

## TOXIC FOODS



DESSERTS

WATCH FOR XYLITOL



ONIONS, GARLIC,  
& SCALLIONS



TURKEY, TURKEY  
SKIN & BONES



ALCOHOL &  
OTHER DRINKS



CRANBERRY SAUCE,  
GRAPES, RAISINS



GRAVY, SAUCES  
OF ANY KIND

ASPCA has a comprehensive list of safe/unsafe foods!

**Other Foods: Chocolate, stuffing, casseroles, ham, yeast dough, fatty foods, any spices**  
If you want to give your pet a holiday treat, make sure it is specifically formulated for pets!

## OTHER TIPS

- Make sure to secure leftovers and trash! Things such as corn cobs, bones, and trash can cause an intestinal blockage.
- Make sure guests/children do not feed your pet any extra “treats”, and be sure guests are cautious for open doors, plates of food, etc.
- Consider keeping shy pets in a separate, quiet room away from festivities! It’s okay to be an introvert!
- While we recommend sticking to your pet’s normal diet on Thanksgiving, we understand that even our furry friends can’t resist the smell of a delicious turkey or other festive dishes.
- If you do give your pets something special to celebrate, make sure it’s formulated for pets!

## DECORATIONS



Keep decorations, cords & candles out of pets reach. Beware of toxic plants, including lilies, holly, mistletoe, amaryllis, and yew.

## EMERGENCIES

These are a few of many foods and plants that can upset your pets GI tract. If you are concerned about anything your pet might have ingested, please call us. If we are closed, please call the ASPCA or your emergency clinic of choice.

**ASPCA Poison Control:  
1-888-426-4435**

**THE STAFF MEMBERS AT  
AMBASSADOR ARE THANKFUL  
FOR OUR INCREDIBLY KIND &  
COURTEOUS CLIENTS!**

# DR. STEVE HAASE, DVM

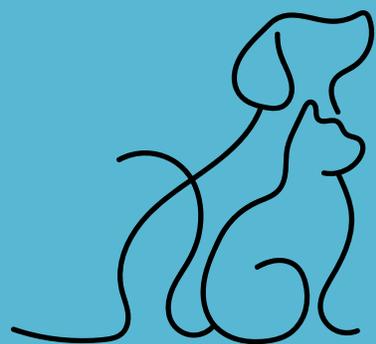
Associate Veterinarian



Dr. Haase will be available for appointments on Monday and Wednesday!

Dr. Steve Haase has been practicing for 24 years, he sold his practice 7 years ago and practiced there for another 5 years. He is widowed and has 3 children—2 grown and 1 still at home, and also shares his home with their 2 sweet dogs, Ruby and Minnie. In addition to enjoying time with his family, including Ruby and Minnie, Dr Haase loves playing volleyball, playing tennis, and hiking. He is also fluent in both Low German (East Frisian dialect) and German, and he has helped to document the Low German language, which is more like Dutch and English, here in Illinois. He loves traveling to his part-time home in East Frisia/Ostfriesland and to other parts of Germany and neighboring Netherlands, as well as to other countries in Europe. While there, he spends time with relatives and friends and enjoys going to concerts, festivals, historical sights, and cultural activities... or simply hiking or bicycling along the canal, countryside, and coast and enjoying homemade cakes with East Frisian tea (with cream and "kluntjes"—rock candy) or coffee.

Dr. Haase may be new to Ambassador, but rest assured that Dr. Olsen has chosen a knowledgeable and experienced Veterinarian to provide excellent care for our patients!



# SERVICE DOG MYTHS

AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DOG TRAINER AND SOMEONE WHO TRAVELS THE COUNTRY GIVING SEMINARS REGARDING SERVICE DOG RIGHTS AND LAWS, I SEE A LOT OF CONFUSION AND DOWN RIGHT CHEATING WHEN IT COMES TO SERVICE DOGS.

SO LET'S TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH A LITTLE GAME OF TRUE OR FALSE:

- Any breed or size of dog can be a service dog... **TRUE**
- Only life threatening disabilities warrant a service dog... **FALSE**
- Service dogs are allowed to be off leash in public... **FALSE** (they are only permitted to be off leash while performing a task that can not be performed on leash)
- Having a disability makes your dog a service dog... **FALSE** (a service dog must be TRAINED to perform a task that mitigates your disability and must meet a standard of behavior in public places.)
- An Emotional Support Animal which has been recommended by a mental health professional due to PTSD, anxiety, or depression is a service dog... **FALSE** (ESA's have NO public access rights.)
- Business staff are allowed to ask if a dog is a service dog and what it's trained to do... **TRUE**
- Even a legitimate service dog can be removed from a public place if it is disruptive, acting aggressive, or out of control... **TRUE** (you do not have any special rights just because you have a service dog and they MUST be well behaved)
- It is illegal in the state of Illinois to pretend that your dog is a service dog... **TRUE**
- It is illegal in the state of Illinois to distract, harm, injure or harass a service dog. **TRUE** - and this is where I want to make a personal point- people like myself with disabilities who use a legitimate service dog just want to go in public and do our business. It is exhausting to be constantly stopped and asked questions about our service dog and be pointed at by mommies showing their children "look at the doggie!"

**YOU SHOULD NEVER INTERRUPT OR DISTRACT SOMEONE WITH A SERVICE DOG OR INTERACT WITH THE DOG IN ANY WAY.**

**AND YES, THERE ARE MANY FAKE SERVICE DOGS OUT THERE WHOSE OWNERS LOVE ATTENTION AND INVITE YOU TO PET THEIR DOG, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO ARE LEGITIMATELY JUST TRYING TO STAY ALIVE, PLEASE JUST BE RESPECTFUL AND MOVE ON.**

**Tina Zimmerman IACP CDT  
Manestream Training**



# SHELTER DOGS

*Of the month*



**Roxy**

Meet Roxy, a delightful 4-year-old Pit Bull Terrier Mix who weighs 52.3 pounds. She's a playful, spunky, and smart girl who loves to show off her tricks! Treat-motivated and eager to please, she already knows sit, fetch, and even loves to play frisbee. She's dog-friendly and keeps a clean kennel at Wish Bone. When she gets excited, Roxy can be a bit jumpy, but it's all part of her happy personality. She's quiet in her kennel, affectionate, and has lots of love to give. This sweet girl is ready to find her forever family.

**Wish Bone Canine Rescue** Adoption Fee: \$215



**Nova**

Nova is an active super sweet Shorthair who would do well with an active family. She loves games and is very playful. She has a very high prey drive. Not good with cats. She would be fine with older children. Nova is a 35lb 3yr old female who has a high prey drive and a very high energy level. She loves to play and chase. Nova is also very smart and knows commands like place, sit, down, go potty, crate, come, time to go night night, and find it. The adopting family needs to be consistent with her as she is young and loses focus easily.

**Illinois Shorthair Rescue**



**Dijon**

Dijon may be the tiniest of the group at just 6 pounds, but her heart is every bit as big as her siblings'. This little girl is shy at first, but once she trusts you, she's the sweetest angel baby. She's made wonderful progress in foster care—after just a couple of days, she began prancing up with a wagging tail and happy little smile. Now, she even asks to be picked up for cuddle sessions, which is her favorite place to be. Dijon will thrive in a home with another dog to help boost her confidence. With love and understanding, Dijon will blossom into a loyal, affectionate companion who will steal your heart.

**Wish Bone Canine Rescue** Adoption Fee: \$315

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING ANY PET FROM ANY RESCUE, ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR PETS ARE UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINES AND PREVENTATIVES. RESCUES CALL US TO CONFIRM THESE THINGS & WILL DENY YOU IF YOUR PETS ARE NOT CURRENT.**

T H A N K F U L



## Calli & Princess

Hello, my name is Princess! I'm a 10-year-old female gray shorthair. I love soft blankets and cuddling with my bestie Callie. We are bonded and need to find a home together. Our adoption fee is \$50.

Hi, I'm Calli! I'm a 7-year-old female medium-haired brown tabby. I'm very statuesque, and I enjoy lounging around and having a nap with my best friend Princess.

Humane Society of Central Illinois

# SHELTER CATS

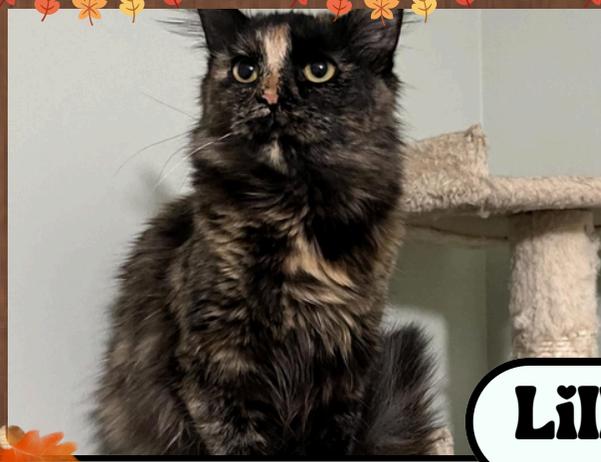
*Of the month*



## Grohl

Hey there! My name's Grohl and I'm a 1-year-old male gray shorthair. I'm an introverted dude who likes to bury myself in blankets or find a quiet place to nap. My adoption fee is \$100.

Humane Society of Central Illinois



## Lillian

Meet Lillian - our favorite little gremlin with a heart of gold! Lillian is absolutely gorgeous, but don't let her looks fool you-this girl is a total sassafras! Most of the time, she's grumbling her way through life, but don't let that scare you away. Beneath that grumpy exterior is a super affectionate kitty who loves nothing more than following her foster mom around and snuggling up for some cozy cuddle time. If you're looking for a cat with a bit of spice, a splash of sass, and lots of love to give, Lillian is the perfect addition to your home. She'll bring the zest-and the cuddles!

Clover's Cat Club

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