



The Animal & Veterinary Interest Student Association (AVISA) of Elmhurst College, Illinois hosted the first annual **Care Walk for Canines** in August. Many thanks go to AVISA President - Leo Congenie, AVISA event coordinator - Kaitlin Hoffman, the student volunteers, and advisor Cheryl Leoni who organized a fantastic event which raised over \$800 for the medical treatment of sick and injured dogs.



Veterinarian Seth Briggs and his dachshund, Daphne, represented the Banfield Pet Hospital which generously donated the goodie bags. Prior to the walk, the Elmhurst College Chaplain, Scott Matheney, blessed the dogs and walkers. The walk took place on a paved track encircling the picturesque campus mall.



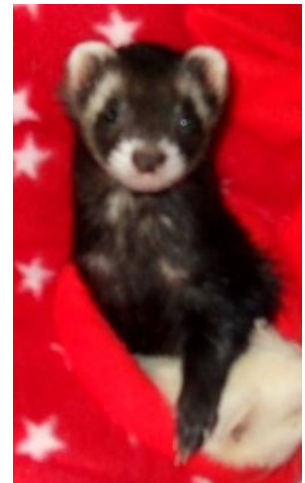
Walkers and dogs enjoyed a variety of refreshments as they relaxed on the patio overlooking the mall and listened to a great playlist of music. All of the dogs were on their best behavior as they got to know one another while walkers and passersby looked at the information on display at the Help-A-Pet and Banfield Pet Hospital tables where they collected fun and useful freebies. A raffle of dog-related items donated by Banfield ended this most enjoyable event. I'll send out a flyer prior to next year's walk because this is a pet party not to be missed!

Please pass on the enclosed brochure to someone who might be interested in helping pets and the people who love them. Don't forget to let them know every penny donated goes directly to pay for treatment to save a beloved pet from unnecessary suffering and death. Please accept the date book as a token of thanks for your support. May you fill it with joyful events shared with your loved ones. Enjoy reading the following words of appreciation that represent just a few of the many pets and their families who have been helped by your generosity. - Allyson Regas, Founder



Bella is a service dog who assists her disabled and devoted companion. HAP provided \$1,140 towards the \$2,000 surgical expense to correct her medial patella luxation. HAP helps a growing number of service and therapy animals throughout the country. Bella resides in Alaska. While there are many placement and training organizations for these extra special pets, there seems to be no assistance for healthcare throughout their lives. ***“ I truly appreciate the help I received. I was able to borrow the rest of the funds from a friend. I will continue to send updates. Thank you, thank you, thank you.” - Karen Dagna***

Zowie is HAP's first ferret patient. After paying for diagnostic tests, Zowie's mom, a 26-year old working student, was out of money for the treatment of her pet's Adrenal Gland Disease. HAP provided \$500 for three shots of Lupron. ***“She is doing wonderful! Her hair is growing back and she is gaining weight again. I just really want to thank you for helping me. I was really desperate. Without people like you, this would have been impossible. Again, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.” - Monika Pollick***



In 2004, HAP provided \$200 for Laddie's lumpectomy. Four years later, HAP received a \$75 donation from Laddie's adoring owner who never forgot the organization who was there for her during her time of need. ***“Laddie is alive and well. He will be 9 years old in another week! The money I sent HAP is from some back tithes I had. Since I haven't been to church in a while, I wanted to send it to organizations I believe the Lord would approve of. I believe He approved of my sending HAP the money because your organization helps pets and people. It's a real blessing to have someone help your beloved pet when you are unable to afford it. I have never forgotten Help-A-Pet for helping my little Laddie. I hope to send more donations in the future. Thank you again for all you do! “- Sandy Starns.***