

**Abandoned pit bulls find a home...**

# Lending out a helping hand

By Kevin Heffernan

Each year thousands of pit bulls are euthanized nationwide. One local adoption agency is making an attempt to help find the dogs a home.

A and S rescue, a pit bull adoption agency, has been adopting and fostering out pit bulls since it was founded in 2001 by Sylvia Simmons.

A and S is an Illinois certified, non-profit, adoption agency. A and S does not have a shelter and relies on sending dogs to temporary foster homes before they are adopted.

Holly Fales an ACHS graduate and co-coordinator of A and S described where A and S has received dogs from.

"Many dogs come from animal control shelters across the state. We get calls from people who have taken dogs from bad situations. Police officers and Animal Patrol

officers will call us in favor of giving the dog to Animal control where it could have a chance to be euthanized."

Fales became involved with A and S after adopting her own pit bull from the agency.

"I've been working with A and S ever since I adopted Jack [her first adopted pit bull]"

Since then, Fales has adopted two other pit bulls and has fostered numerous others.

"The adoption process was very rewarding. You have to fill out paperwork, they [A and S] are very strict about who adopts. Then I was interviewed and met

my dog I was going to adopt. I fostered him for two weeks and adopted him."

Garrett Peck has, also helped out A and S by fostering more than a dozen dogs.

Fales emphasized the need for foster homes.

"More fosterhomes equals the more dogs out of the shelters before they are euthanized,"

said Fales "When we foster we provide everything; leashes, crates. The dog remains our responsibility."

If interested in helping out by fostering or adopting you can visit their website at [www.aandsrescue.com](http://www.aandsrescue.com).



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**Holly Fales, co-coordinator of A and S rescue, poses with Tug, one of more than three-hundred pit bulls A and S has adopted out.**

# Playstation 3, XBOX 360, Nintendo Wii

## New gaming systems compete for recognition in regeneration

By Bjorn Jaranson

With the new arrivals of Playstation 3 and Nintendo Wii, people are having many questions about which system is the best, and which one is worth the price. Playstation 3 arrived at the beginning of November, and gamers anxiously awaited to find out how it would compare to the Xbox 360. However at that time, the unknown game counsel was yet to arrive, Nintendo Wii.

"Not very many people knew

what Nintendo Wii really was, so nobody really knew what to expect," said ACHS Senior Tyler Furlan.

The Nintendo Wii is different from other gaming counsels because rather than sitting down and using only your hands to control the game, with this system, your body movements

depict how you play the game. The controller for Wii is set up so that you use your hand motions as the controls rather than just pushing buttons.

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that you are playing," said ACHS Senior Bob Roth.

Out of all three systems, Playstation 3 is the most expensive, however, Playstation 3 also offers the most elusiveness. It offers a Cell-Broadband Engine, a Blue-ray disc, an always on method, and an upgraded hard drive disc.

"The battle between these video game systems is pretty amazing, and it's interesting to see which one comes out on top in the end," said Trevor Popp, ACHS senior.

It's only a matter of time before one of them is cashing in

on the money.



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