

The CatChannel Newswire

Top Stories: Mall sponsors new adoption center; cat a natural at smelling out rats for law enforcement.

Posted: Nov. 26, 2008, 3 a.m. EST

Displaced Pets Increasing, Mall Sponsors New Adoption Center

The Chicago-based company that owns Landmark Mall is sponsoring a pet adoption center inside the Alexandria, Va., shopping center beginning this weekend to help find homes for pets displaced as a result of the nation's growing financial crisis. General Growth Properties, which owns or operates 200 malls across the country, created the adoption center in a shuttered Foot Locker store not far from where the mall's Santa sits and dubbed it Bark Avenue/Meow Place. Animal welfare groups from around the Beltway will bring adoptable animals to the mall — including cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs. Some, but not all, were given up by their owners because of tough times, the Washington Post reports.

[Read the article >>](#)

Crank the Cat a Natural at Smelling a Rat for Sheriffs

He may not be a sworn deputy, but there's one member of the Will County Sheriff's staff who is a natural at smelling a rat. And he has been very successful at hunting down his prey to rid the area of vermin for nearly nine years, the Joliet (Ill.) Herald News reports.

[Read the article >>](#)

Bobcat Turns Up at Kansas City-area School

Folks at Maplewood Elementary — home of the Cougars — sought help to shoo away a 30-pound feline that wandered onto campus, the Kansas City Star reports.

[Read the article >>](#)