



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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Mr.. Bunny
2 1/2 years
N. Male

Hello ladies! Mr. Bunny at your service! Whether you want a calm and sweet lap warmer, or a playful little fellow, I can be your guy. I am not a fan of dogs, and I do have some allergies. Visit me at the Feeder's Supply on Grantline Road!



Bubba
5 Years
N. Male
Dach./ Boxer

Long body, short legs and a blocky head. Looking for some one to love me for how I am! I don't let them get me down. I love everyone just how they are! If you are looking for unconditional, look no further!

The Year of the Cat



The New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter has deemed 2017, the Year of the Cat!

Over the last 10 years, our intake numbers for both dogs and cats have significantly fallen since the establishment of the monthly spay/neuter clinics offered by the shelter and FCARL. Adoption numbers and Return to Owner numbers have increased as well. Unfortunately, this rise has mainly been for dogs.

It is a nationwide trend for cats to remain at shelters for longer periods of time before finding placement. Cats are also surrendered to shelters in higher numbers due to unwanted litters, misunderstood behavior problems, and abandonment.

This year we will focus our efforts in combating these cat trends in our community!

Once a month there is a transport to Bloomington for

the community's pets to be spayed or neutered at a reduced cost. Each month we have the ability to send 10 dogs, and 20 cats! This could potentially eliminate 40 unwanted litters of kittens every month! Spots are limited so preregistration is required.

There are many unfavorable cat behaviors that owners have trouble solving and we want to help. We will begin posting more articles about these problems and how to correct them in hopes of strengthening the bond between cat and owner.

In the near future, we hope to establish a barn cat program. This still has much needed discussions and planning before it can be put into action.

Keep watching for more information and the development of these programs on our website - www.nafcanimalshelter.org.

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Outdoor Kitty Fun

Thanks to the creation and marketing of cat litter since the mid 1940s, more and more cats are staying in — becoming indoors-only pets, that is. As such, cats are generally leading longer, healthier lives. The average indoor cat lives to be 10-18 years old, and many of us know felines who are older than twenty. Conversely, outdoor-only cats survive for an average of five years in that situation. Our homes offer a safer, healthier environment than life on the street. Just think, no ticks and fleas unless the family dog brings them in; no tangling with rabid raccoons, aromatic skunks or hungry coyotes, and no one-on-ones with moving vehicles. There's no doubt about it — indoors is safest!

Yet, when we choose to make our cats indoors-only companions, we have a responsibility to provide the stimulation that nature provides automatically. Scratching and climbing posts become pseudo-trees; interactive toys become hunted birds, bugs and field mice. A rotating array of cat playthings provides excitement, variety and exercise.



That said, many cat lovers still prefer to share the Great Outdoors with their feline friends. Happily, there are ways to minimize the risks. While vaccinations are important to indoor cats, they are essential to the health of cats allowed outside. The soil of a garden or yard can harbor diseases spread by stray, unvaccinated cats for many months. And rabies has spread over much of the country, transmitted mainly through altercations with wildlife such as foxes, raccoons and bats.

Cats should always be spayed or neutered before being allowed outside. Cats that are not fixed are likely to venture farther away from home. They are more likely to fight with other cats, which can spread many untreatable diseases. Of course, your cat could also come home with a growing family!

The safest ways to allow your cat to enjoy some time outdoors is to either harness-train him or her and go for walks together or to provide a screened-in enclosure or fenced-in yard topped with cat-proof netting.

Harness training, like many things, is easiest taught during kittenhood. But some adult cats can acclimate to it. Talk to your veterinarian about the proper type of harness and how to acclimate your cat to it.

Since outdoor enclosures can be homemade or commercially constructed, they come in all

shapes and sizes. For durability, chain link, chicken wire or wire mesh hardware cloth — secured around a simple wood frame — is preferable to ordinary window screening. Roofing is a necessity since cats are exceptional climbers. The most successful structures include climbing and resting furniture inside. A shaded area complete with a water bowl is required for warm or hot weather usage.

There are fixtures that you can purchase to put on top of an existing fence that rolls, not allowing the cat to gain traction over the fence.

Whether you choose an outdoor enclosure or add cat-proof netting to the top of traditional fencing, remember that they are best used only when you are at home and outdoors with your cats or able to check on them often.

Don't forget, a microchip, tattoo or ID tag is the very thing to reunite you and your family feline if all precautions fail.

It is also important to keep in mind what your cat may be doing while it is out and unattended. Cats can be very destructive to neighbors' properties. Lawn furniture covered in hair, feces in the flower beds, and cat scratches on car covers are just a few of the many potential issues. Animal Control Ordinances do dictate that both dogs AND cats are required to stay on the owners property.

Outdoor time can be fantastic for cats. Some cats need it! For the safety and happiness of your cat, please be responsible about their outdoor time.

Happy Birthday!



The New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter would not be where it is today with out the support and assistance from the Floyd County Animal Rescue League. This year, they celebrate 40 years since 5 people came together to form this organization.

They have helped thousands of animals in our community over the years as well as help build the new shelter 17 years ago.

Please consider attending their upcoming event to allow them to continue their efforts!

Pet Lovers' Gala

The 11th Annual Pet Lovers' Gala, sponsored by Floyd County Animal Rescue League is being held on Sunday, May 21st at the Showroom in Horseshoe Southern Indiana, Elizabeth from 5-9pm.

The Floyd County Animal Rescue League are celebrating their 40th Birthday and guests are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite star or character! Office casual dress is also fine.

There will be games, door prizes, DJ entertainment, a dinner buffet, a cake contest, a costume contest and a huge live and silent auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and donations for the silent auction are welcomed.

Tickets are \$45 each or a table of 10 for \$400, and can be purchased at the New Albany-Floyd County Animal Shelter or ticket requests and payment can be sent to: FCARL, PO Box 285, New Albany, IN 47151. Cash and Checks accepted.

Join the Madness

Basketball is always the topic of conversation in March. This year, basketball is also a hot topic at the New Albany Animal Shelter along with kitten season. Soon, the shelter will be overrun with moms and babies. While the shelter does not euthanize due to space, it can easily become crowded and overwhelming for these already stressed animals. Stressed mothers can have a harder time keeping their little ones healthy while they grow.

To help promote adoptions and reduce overcrowding, the Shelter is embracing basketball madness and holding our March Madness Feline Frenzy. This promotion will be held March 20th through April 1st.

Eight cats have been selected as part of the Elite 8.

As adoptions continue the remaining cats will progress to the Feline 4 and the Final 2. All eight will automatically have their adoption fees cut in half! Those cats that have made it to the Final 2 will have their fees completely waived. The last cat remaining on the brackets, the Champion, will have their adoption fee waived, as well as receive a Champion Cat Basket! Cats that weigh over 4 pounds that did not make it in to the Feline Frenzy Brackets can still "Shoot for Savings"! Adopters will get one chance to shoot a basket and receive half off of their adoption fee!

All cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, Felv/FIV tested negative, and current on yearly vaccinations. Some of these cats have already been waiting for

many months for their forever home. These sponsored adoption fees are made possible by the Floyd County Animal Rescue League.

Come see what all the hoopla is about at the Shelter and meet our furry friends who need a home. Shoot for a winning cause!



April Dates to Remember

April 3rd - CLOSED for Good Friday

April 16th, 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting

April 30th, 6:00PM - Volunteer Orientation

Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Every month, The S.N.I.P. Clinic and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

Happy Tails: Eli

Eli, previously Peter, has acclimated very well into his new home and feline friend.

For the first several weeks, his new older feline roommate was not a fan of his playful nature. Now they are inseparable following each other from bed to bed.

He entertains his new family with his obsession with water. Any time he hears water he runs to it to investigate!

As discussed in the earlier article, Eli has been trained to be on a harness so he can enjoy outside playtime with his family.

His family could not be happier with how he has adjusted and lived up their home!

Do you have a happy tails story? Email us pictures and a little bit about your adoption!



NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00-4:30PM

Saturday

11:00-2:30

Adoption Prices:

Cats over 4lbs - \$20

Cats under 4lbs - \$60

Dogs - \$80

Information Corner

Did you know?

Did you know that the shelter has a Facebook page and an Instagram account?

Facebook is a great way to keep up with what is happening at the shelter. Promotions, educational items, holiday closing, are just to list a few. You can comment and share these posts with family and friends to help spread the love. Our Facebook Page is @NAFCAnimalShelter

Our Instagram account is used to advertise our promotions, adoptable animals, and so much more! Our Instagram is nafcanimalshelter.

Add us to keep up to date on all the new and exciting things going on this year at our shelter!

