



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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Classifieds



Huey
Beagle X
2 Years Old
N. Male

Hi there! I am a spunky young fellow who has never met a stranger! I would love a family with a lot of energy to play with and love!



Thomas
DSH
4 Years Old
N. Male

I am pretty laid back. I will greet you when you come home after a hard days work. Show you how much I love you. However, I do not love other cats that much. I like to be king!

Pets Are Worth Saving



At times, whether it is a natural disaster, hoarding situation, etc, many animals may need to be housed or moved at once in order to be saved. Spaying and neutering can also save animals as well.

We would like to introduce our P.A.W.S. Mobile Unit, because Pets Are Worth Saving too. This piece of equipment was purchased by donations for use as an offsite adoptions / emergency shelter / spay-neuter unit.

This 24ft Long trailer is outfitted with hot and cold running water, air-conditioning, heat, septic

holding tank and scrubbable and modular housing units, floors and walls. It has cages to safely transport up to 75 animals, or house 150 in a disaster/emergency situation as a temporary shelter.

There is also a removable surgery unit that can be set up for vet evaluations and exams, or even surgeries. The surgery unit was graciously funded by the Horseshoe Foundation.

With this piece of equipment, we are so much closer to reaching our goals in being able to aid our community better in times of need.

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Back to School

Back to school time is a huge adjustment for everyone, but it's a big adjustment for our pets, too. Animals become used to their families being around almost constantly. When school starts, this changes drastically. Dogs, especially, are social creatures and can benefit greatly from having humans or other pets around, but the same goes for many other animals. Even if you're still home but the kids have gone back to school, the lack of playtime and activity can have your pet acting up or feeling depressed when back to school time rolls around. Luckily, there are plenty of things you can do to help your pet adjust.

1. Practice Leaving

If you or your kids have been home all day with your pet all summer, the best thing you can do is practice leaving. For the weeks leading up to school starting, find something to do each day that gets you out of the house for a few hours. By leaving and coming back, you are reminding your pet that, even though you have to leave, you will be back. Also, when you do get back, set aside some time to play with your pet. Let him know he's loved. This way, your pet will always look forward to the moment you come home because it will be playtime.

2. Tire Them Out

Pets — especially dogs — need activity. If you play with them or work them in some way, their bodies will go into rest mode and they will be more likely to sleep or rest while you are away. If they are



resting, they are less likely to destroy your home while you are gone. Play with your pet first thing in the morning or, if you can, take him for a walk. Sometimes, it is good to have a very busy Sunday to help tire them out for the coming week. It helps them adjust to us being away.

3. Use Background Noise

If no one is home during the day, a popular thing to do is to turn on a talk radio station or the television. Sometimes, the quiet can get to be too much for your pet and they get nervous or anxious while you are gone. This can lead to compulsive chewing on things around the house, or other bad behavior. Leaving on some kind of background noise can help your pet feel safe and comfortable while your family is back at school.

4. Get Them a Friend

Some say, "Twice the dogs, four times the trouble!" While this may not be true in the least, it is double the cost and at least double the

hair on the floor during shedding seasons. If getting a friend for your pet isn't the answer, look into daycare options. This can provide a great opportunity for your pet to socialize with other pets while exercising and playing with other humans. Pets benefit from a daycare setting even if you only do it once or twice a week. It allows them to have some excitement, play with other pets and they'll return to you tired and well-behaved.

5. Hire a Visitor

If daycare isn't an option for you, consider hiring a visitor for your pet while your family is back in school. This can be a dog walker or someone who just comes over and plays with your pet while feeding him or replenishing his water. It generally isn't very expensive to have someone come over and spend a little time with your pets while everyone is at school, and it can make a world of difference to your furry friends.

Seeking the "Best in Show"

The New Albany Animal Shelter is a strong advocate for animal welfare in our community. One item that many do not think about when considering an animal's well being is their interaction and exercise availability. The City of New Albany is working to open a dog park in the community where the public can take their dogs for some fun! Dogs who have proper interactions are less likely to have behavior issues and be surrendered to the shelter.

We are holding our first ever dog walk, P.A.W.S. Walk the Riverfront, on September 20th, 2014. This event is part of a two day event called. P.A.W.S. Rock the Riverfront, which

includes several concerts, activities, booths, and fun! Proceeds from the dog walk will go towards funding a dog park in our community.

We are seeking corporate sponsorships for this event. Your company can become "Best in Show" with a sponsorship of \$2,000 or more. This sponsorship level includes your company's logo on the goodie bag, and a t-shirt that will be given to all participants, and a "Best in Show" banner especially for your company. Your companies name will also be



mentioned in our advertisement campaigns as well.

Other sponsorship levels are available as well that would contain your logo on goodie bag items- such as water bottles, dog Frisbees, etc. Please contact us if your company would like more information or is

interested in helping the dogs of our community live better and healthier lives!

You can contact us at anytime by email, pawswalktheriverfront14@gmail.com or by calling us at (812)948-5355.

Saved Chihuahua Updates

As most of you have probably heard, on Friday the 11th, the Shelter at the request of the Humane Society of the United States, removed of over 60 dogs from a household in Western Kentucky.

It was an honor to be asked to help in a situation like this. Our community should be proud that the NAFC Animal Shelter has aquired such a strong reputation, that our ability to handle this type of case does not go unnoticed and we are respected around the region and around the nation by the Animal Sheltering Community.

The dogs, mostly chihuahuas, were living in a flea and feces filled house together. Some were crated while others ran loose. All of the dogs suffered from dental issues varying from mild to severe, and many had hair loss because of fleas.

As soon as information was received, we began to get a plan together. We knew that not all of them could stay here for adoption. We

began to reach out to other shelters and rescues around the area for assistance in taking some of these dogs.

The response was incredible! By Monday afternoon, we had commitments on all of the dogs that we were not keeping ourselves. KY Tail, Lexington Humane, Indy Humane, Bloomington Animal Care & Control, Kentucky Humane, and Bald is Beautiful all did an amazing job in communicating and working out the dogs' transports. Bald is Beautiful even came all the way from South Carolina!

By the end of the first week after being saved, all of the dogs were at the other shelters being fostered, adopted, or medically evaluated. All but one of the dogs remaining at our shelter have been adopted!

The outpouring of support from the community was outstanding as well! As soon as we posted supplies that we needed, it came walking through the doors by the armfull.

Without everyone's help, we could not have moved these dogs along as fast as we did. We are so grateful to be a part of such a gracious community! Thank you so much for all of your continued support!

This could not have been as successful or possible without a grant from the Summerlee Foundation administered by the Humane Society of the United States. Because of them, no local tax dollars were used in the rescuing and care of these animals.

Also, thank you to Terry Middleton's and Pet First Insurance for their generous donations!



Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Bimonthly, 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!

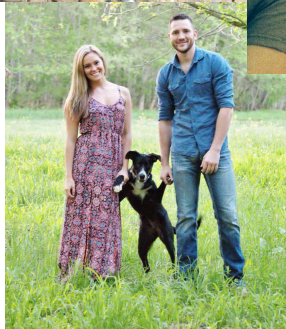
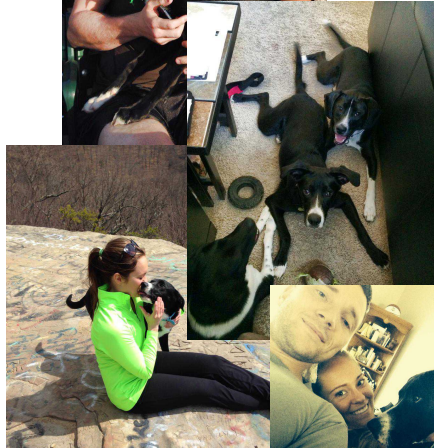
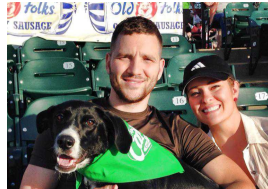
Happy Tails: Dover

Dover, once known as Dane, was adopted from the shelter when he was a not so little puppy at about 3 months old.

His new mom had always been a cat person but is now in complete awe at the relationship between the dog and his whole family!

He loves his toys and his dog cousins, but mostly his new family. He gets to go to so many new and exciting places with his new family. He couldn't be luckier to have found such a great family. (Although his family thinks they are the lucky ones!)

Please send us your happy tails stories to help encourage others to adopt! Pictures and your adoption story can be emailed to us at nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com



NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00-5:00PM

Saturday

11:00-2:30

Adoption Prices:

Cats over 4lbs - \$20

Cats under 4lbs - \$60

Dogs - \$80

Information Corner

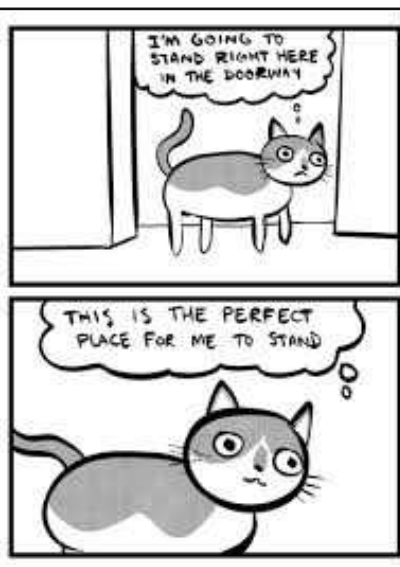
Dogs will be Dogs

In the past several months, we have had numerous dogs surrendered to the shelter because their owners decided they didn't have the time or energy to handle the dogs.

When you are considering getting an animal, you really need to consider the time and energy it takes to properly care for it. Here are some questions to consider.

Will you have to leash walk him or her, or do you have a fence? Are you going to crate the dog? Are you willing to work on housetraining and chewing issues? Do you vacation a lot and will you need boarding? Can you physically handle an active or large animal?

Please consider these things before getting a new dog - it's only fair.



Don't leave your pets in the car! Even in just a few minutes with the windows cracked on an 80 degree day, the temperatures can become deadly to pets!