

# NAFC Animal Shelter News

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## Classifieds



### Roy

Rottweiler  
Neutered Male  
2 1/2 Years Old

I have had a hard life, but I try not to let things drag me down. Things are finally starting to look up, and I want to share my joy with a new family! Show me what love is, please!



### Parvarti

DSH  
Spayed Female  
1 Year Old

Looking for someone to help make your Christmas Merry? I am your girl. As loving as can be, with a little spunk, I'll be the perfect addition to almost any home. Come see me!



## Whisker Wonderland

The Shelter would like to invite you to the Whisker Wonderland Adoption Marathon to help celebrate the Iams Homes 4 the Holidays Campaign.

The Shelter has partnered with Iams for at least 10 years during the holiday season to try and place every adoptable animal in a loving home for the holidays.

The Whisker Wonderland Adoptathon will begin at 12:00PM on Friday, December 15, and will end at midnight on Saturday, December 16. Only adoptions can be during this time. However, other business; Return to Owners, Intakes, etc will only be done during our normal business hours on these days.

Please keep in mind vets will be closed in the evening so please bring proof of rabies on current animals.

We will offer

holiday music, cookies, coloring contest, prizes, picture opportunities (Bring your own camera!), and fun for the whole family. Santa will even drop in and visit from 8 to 10PM Friday night.

This event will give those who are unable to visit us during our regular hours a chance to see what the Shelter is all about. They will also have the chance to adopt for the holidays without having to work around a schedule.

The Shelter will also be seeking volunteers to assist with the adoptathon. If you are interested, please come to the special orientation on Dec. 12th at 6:30PM. Volunteers will help maintain clean cages and show potential adopters.

Come celebrate the Holidays at the NAFC Animal Shelter Whisker Wonderland Adoptathon!

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# December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Spay, Neuter, or Adopt From A Shelter:</p> <div><p>New Albany Floyd County Animal Control &amp; Shelter 215 W. Market St. • New Albany, IN 47150 Ph: 812.948.5355 • Fax: 812.981.3773 www.nafcanimalshelter.org</p></div>						1
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# 12 Strays of Christmas



The 12 strays of Christmas are here! The 12 days before Christmas that the Shelter is open, two animals will be selected to have their

adoption fee waived, thanks to a loving sponsor. The animals selected will be ones that may be harder to place, or that have been with us the longest.

Adopters must still meet all adoption criteria in order to adopt. The Adoption fee will be paid by loving sponsors.

The 12 strays will be posted on our website the day before, as seen in the picture. They will also be featured on WDRB on our Homes 4 the Holidays Commercial! Each animal will remain with a waived adoption fee until he or she is adopted.

If you are interested in helping an animal go home with a waived adoption fee, contact us about being a sponsor.

## Jingle Bell Boarding

Some of the fondest memories a person has is Christmas morning; rushing to the tree to see what Santa has left for them! What's greater than seeing your new animal friend sitting be the tree?

Now Santa doesn't have to worry about where he will hide these furry friends until Christmas Eve. Adopters can now pick up pets on Christmas eve for Santa to deliver to the good boys and

girls! December 17th is the start of our Jingle Bell Boarding Program.

After being approved for adoption, the adopted animal can be held at the Shelter for an additional \$5 per day for boarding until Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve pick-up will be from 11:00 - 11:30AM at the Shelter. All adoptions must be finalized by December 22, 2012 to qualify.



## Christmas In A Shelter Is No Place To Be



Every creature deserves to be in a loving home during the holidays. Full of toys, warm beds, and a loving embraces. While the Shelter will be closed several days

during the holidays, the animals will be still be cared for daily. However, they will not get the attention they normally do.

If families are interested in adopting, but would like to see how an animal will fit into your home, here is your chance! The Shelter is looking for foster homes so adoptable animals can enjoy the holidays like they deserve. Families can also foster just to lend a hand.

Fosters must be approved as an adopter. A fee

will be paid at pick-up, December 22nd, but returned at drop-off, December 26th. Of course, you can always just adopt!

Families can visit the shelter anytime during our adoption hours, to see what might be available for fostering. Only animals that are up for adoption will be eligible to be fostered.

Please consider fostering a pet for the Holidays to allow them to have a Merry Christmas, too!



*From our family to yours,  
Have a safe and happy  
Holiday Season!*



## Christmas Tree Safety

The day after Thanksgiving kicks off the Christmas holiday season, and millions of homes sport either real or faux trees – glittering towers of beauty that can pose a threat to your pets. Before you put the tree up, take a few moments to go over some safety precautions.

**Choose the Right Spot:** Pick an area where the tree can be enjoyed by the family but not so much in the center of activity where it can be easily knocked over. An area by the wall or in a corner is ideal and out of the traffic flow pattern of the house. Try to place the tree near an outlet so you don't have to run electrical cords long distances.

**Prepare the Area:** Lay down plastic sheeting or buy a "tree bag." This is an extra large trash bag used for live trees. Center the tree on the bag. When the season is over and you have removed the tree ornaments, pull the bag over the tree. This will catch the pine needles as they fall from the tree – and prevent them from being chewed or swallowed by your pet.

**Secure the Tree:** Many trees have been sent swaying by a rambunctious dog or puppy. Dogs can knock over a tree by rubbing against it or playing under it. Pets can be injured if the trees or ornaments fall and break. You can place the tree in a corner and secure it from two sides to small hooks in the walls. Another trick is to place a small hook in the ceiling above the tree and use clear

fishing line from the top of the tree to the hook. Apply gentle tension and tie. The clear line is invisible.

**Hide the Cords:** Electrical cords are a grave danger to pets – especially puppies that tend to chew on anything. Cords can cause electrocution and serious injury



or even death. Secure the cords by positioning them higher than the pet can reach or hiding them with special covers.

**No Hooks:** Check your ornaments and replace hooks with a loop of string tied in a knot. Ornaments often fall from the tree and pets may catch their mouths on or swallow the hooks.

**Choose Safe Ornaments:** There is no perfectly pet-safe bulb, and any ornament can be ingested and cause an intestinal obstruction. Pet "safer" bulbs would be plastic or wood. Glass bulbs on the lower limbs can be especially dangerous. If broken, pets can step on them and cut their feet or worse yet – treat the bulbs like a ball and chew on them causing them to break, resulting in mouth or throat trauma and bleeding. Many pet owners have learned the hard way not to place any

ornaments on the lower limbs. Ornaments made of food may be especially attractive to pets.

**Ribbons:** Big red velvet ribbons are a lovely addition and may replace icicles and garland that can be eaten by dogs and caught in their intestine. Cats are especially attracted to the bright shiny icicles and it should be avoided in households with pets. Ingestion of this material can cause intestinal obstruction and tears that may require surgery.

**Presents:** Dogs love to investigate and most don't understand that the presents are not meant to be opened before Christmas Day. Decorative ribbons and string can be ingested, gifts can be destroyed by a playful pet. Consider storing the presents in a safe area until right before the holiday or make sure your pet is always supervised while investigating and searching for his special gift.

**Sweep and Water:** Sweep up the pine needles. Ingestion of needles can cause vomiting and gastric irritation. Keep the tree watered and only turn the lights on when you are at home. Risk of fire is always present with a live tree. Do not allow your pet access to the tree water to drink.

**Supervise:** The safest thing to do is to allow your pet access to the tree only when supervised. Pets that continue to want to bother the tree should be discouraged – using positive reinforcement. Bitter apple can be sprayed on low branches for persistent chewers.



## Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Once a 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!

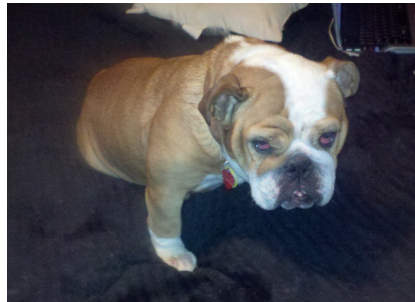
## Happy Tails: Honey Boo Boo

Honey Boo Boo, shortened to just Boo, we all remember fondly. She came to the Shelter from another organization after having heat stroke. The shelter raised money to help get her the surgery she needed to save her life. After her surgery, she went into foster care.

Luckily for her, she never had to leave the comforts of her foster home. She fit in so well with the entire family, they decided to make her a permanent addition. Boo could not be happier with her new lease on life.

She adores the children. Boo can also romp and play with the other dogs now, without overheating so easily. She has become a bed hog. Thankfully, since her surgery, she snores a little less.

Please email us your adoption success stories. Photos and stories can be emailed to [nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com](mailto:nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com). Thank you for helping encourage adoptions.



### 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

### We NEED your Help!

#### Feeder's

Supply has always been a huge supporter of the Shelter allowing an area to showcase some of our adoptable cats.

The Shelter and Feeder's Supply rely solely on volunteers to help maintain and care for the cats at these locations. Without these volunteers, the cats may need to be returned to the shelter, possibly missing out on potential adopters.

The State Street Feeder's Supply has a critical demand for volunteers. Duties may include, cleaning litterboxes, feeding, watering, wiping off shelves, and sweeping.

If you are interested in help to save our spot at Feeder's Supply by donating a little bit of time one day a week, please contact the shelter at (812)948-5355.

