



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



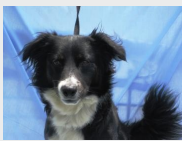
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## Classifieds



**Bozzi**  
Border Collie X  
N. Male  
3 Years Old

I may be a little vertically challenged, but I make up for my height with personality! I am a fun loving guy who just wants to play, just not always with the other dogs.



**Sadie**  
DSH  
S. Female  
11 Years Old

I may be wary at first, but really I am a gentle old soul looking for some companionship. Come give me a chance.



**February 8th -14th**

The New Albany Animal Shelter will become the

**LOVE SHACK**

*The little old place where you and a pet can find each other!*

## - Love Shack - That's Where It's At!

Valentine's Day is a holiday that was made for sharing love and affection with those who are close to your heart. It is just around the corner and no one wants to spend it alone. Even animals want someone special to fill their hearts with love! The New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter still have plenty of loving cats that are looking for that special place to call their own. Show these cats some love and make them your furry Valentine!

From February 8th through the 14th, the New Albany Animal Shelter will become the "Love Shack", pairing people with cats who are looking for a long time commitment and

tons of love! After all, cats are the best at cuddling! During this limited time, cats that are over 4lbs will have their adoption fees reduced to only \$14! They are already spayed or neutered, microchipped, Felv/FIV tested negative, and current on vaccinations.

No need to try to hide your furry new friend. For an extra \$20 donation, your furry valentine can be held up to 4 days to allow you to pick up on Valentine's Day or whichever day you plan to celebrate.

So come on down to the "Love Shack" to find the furry love of your life!

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# Doga, Skijoring, and So Much More

The new year is here! Let the adventures begin! Now is the time to try some new activities that will help you get outdoors, active, and having fun. There are now more of these activities than ever before that you can include your dogs in as well.



Doga is the practice of yoga with pet dogs.

Through acts of meditation, gentle massage, and stretching, doga practitioners seek to achieve a greater harmony with their dogs. Canine acupuncture and chanting are also known to take place within the occasional doga routine.

In Doga, the submissive dogs and their human masters work as one unit - the masters help their dogs facilitate different poses and, in some cases, the pets are used as props or instruments while the masters perfect their poses. This is seen to be a Zen way of practicing non-traditional yoga and training, while exploring power play dynamics.

The UK charity Dogs Trust have also warned that unsupervised Doga may impact the welfare of the dogs, stating: "It is important to remember that dogs can't tell us when they have had enough. Doga, and any variation of it, should always be carried out under the watchful eye of trained professionals".

Doga enthusiasts

have argued that the practice emphasizes yoga's focus on union between beings, helps establish a pack mentality, strengthens the bond between owner and pet, and can provide additional weight resistance thereby intensifying one's yoga ritual. Doga can purportedly also provide a great source of entertainment for dog-friendly class members

Skijoring with a dog is a sport in which a dog (or dogs), assist a cross-country skier. One to three dogs are commonly used. The cross-country skier provides power with skis and poles, and the dog adds additional power by running and pulling. The skier wears a skijoring harness, the dog wears a sled dog harness, and the two are connected by a length of rope. There are no reins or other signaling devices to control the dog: The dog must be motivated by its own desire to run, and respond to



the owner's voice for direction.

Many breeds of dog participate in skijoring. The only prerequisite is a desire to run down a trail and pull, which is innate in many dogs. Small dogs (less than 35 pounds) are rarely seen skijoring, because they do not greatly assist the skier; however, since the skier can provide as much power as is required to travel, any enthusiastic dog can participate. Athletic dogs such as Pointers, Setters and herding breeds take to skijoring with glee, as do the northern

breeds, such as Siberian and Alaskan Huskies, Malamutes, Samoyeds, and Inuit dogs; however, any energetic dog is capable of enjoying this sport. Golden Retrievers, Giant Schnauzers, Labs, and many cross-breeds are seen in harness. Pulling breeds work well also such as American Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers, American bull dogs, and mastiffs.

The sport is practiced recreationally, and competitively, both for long distance travel and for short (sprint) distances.



In warmer weather, hiking is also a great adventure for both pets and their persons. Many parks in the area have miles of trails through the woods, along creeks, and across fields that dogs can enjoy also.

Be sure to pack your pet essentials (water, bowl, waste pick up bags, etc)when on these adventures as well as any others that you may find. Its important to keep your dogs nourished, and hydrated.

Not all dogs will be able to handle these situations and environments so it is important to access your individual dogs endurance level and mobility limits. Also, be able to recognize when your dog is getting uncomfortable and reaching their physical limits.

# Busted Cat Myths

There are hundreds of myth and legends about cats. Some even date back to Egyptian times. Some of these myths may be true, while some are nowhere close to the truth. Here are a few examples.

## 1. MYTH: CATS HAVE NINE LIVES

Fact: The myth most likely originated from Egyptian gods and religions, where sun god Atum-Ra, one of the Ennead, or the Nine would assume the form of the cat when visiting the underworld. Throughout the ages, cats continued to be considered magical and otherworldly, and their resilience in surviving falls from high places and long confinements without sustenance continue to amaze us.

## 2. MYTH: PREGNANT WOMEN CANNOT LIVE WITH CATS

Fact: While toxoplasmosis is a risk during pregnancy, a woman is more likely to catch it from handling raw meat or digging in the garden than from her cats. Cat guardians can protect themselves from cat-related exposure by emptying the litter

box daily, having someone else clean the litter box or wearing rubber gloves and a mask if the litter box task can't be foisted onto anyone else.

## 3. MYTH: CATS STEAL THE BREATH OF BABIES

Fact: Cats are heat-and comfort-seekers. Curling up next to a newborn in a crib meets both of these needs. However, if the cat chooses to press up against the face of a bundled infant who is too young to turn away on her own, her breathing may be hampered. Keep cats out of the nursery at naptime/bedtime

## 4. MYTH: CATS PURR ONLY WHEN HAPPY

Fact: Purring is one of the first sounds kittens can make. They can purr by the time they are 48 hours old. While nursing, both mom and kittens can be heard to purr. But while purring is often heard at times of contentment, cats also purr when in pain and in the throes of death.

## 5. MYTH: CATS HATE WATER

Fact: While most cats hate baths, many find running water fascinating and spend time



pawing at dripping faucets or demanding their guardians turn on the water for a fresh, cool drink. Kittens, in particular, find sinks and showers a source of amusement, although for most the thrill lessens with age.

## 6. MYTH: CATS ALWAYS LAND ON THEIR FEET

Fact: As a tree-climbing species, the cat's survival depends on its ability to survive falls when possible. The feline vestibular system and vision work together with the cat's flexible spine to allow the cat to right itself and, when there is enough time, to "parachute out" in a manner similar to the flying squirrel. While they can usually right themselves, they can still sustain serious injury which may result in death.

# Spay Now or Stay Stupid!



With cats coming into heat at 4 months of age, and having 2 to 3 litters a year, it would be stupid not have your cat spayed or neutered. In honor of World Spay Day 2014, the shelter will be holding another Spay Now or Stay Stupid Clinic!

For two days only, February 27th and March 11th, Floyd County residents that meet an income requirement can get their cats a rabies shot

and spayed for free! (\$5 license fees are not included.) There are limited spots available so visit the shelter to reserve your spot!

Having your cat spayed or neutered can help the animals health and the community in many ways.

Almost every city or town you can go to, has an issue with pet overpopulation, especially in cats. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that over 7 years, one pair of breeding cats can be responsible for over 400,00 cats.

Every heat cycle

that a female goes through will also increase her chances of uterine cancer. Males chances of testicular cancer increases the longer they have their testicles.

Please think about your pets health and happiness and get them spayed or neutered. If the Spay Now or Stay Stupid Clinic is full, please ask about other low cost programs!

Spaying and neutering can save lives, so be able to call your pet a hero and call us today! Keep an eye on our website for the dates when they become available.

# 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!

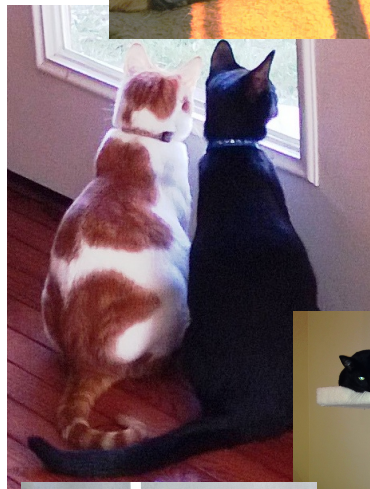
## Happy Tails: Willie & Jasper

Willie and Jasper came to the Shelter as strays around the same time from completely different areas. As their time at the shelter went a long, they were caged together, becoming good friends.

Their new family decided not to split up the newly bonded pair, and adopted both. In their new home they can usually be found together snuggling, playing, and watching the birds and squirrels at the feeder outside.

Some may say they are spoiled, but they know they are just really loved!

Share your happy tails adoption story with us and it may be featured in next months news letter!



### 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

### Apology from the Editor

Dear Newsletter  
Recipients,

We received many emails and calls in regards to Januarys Newsletter. Somehow, it showed up in inboxes numerous times.

We are not certain what caused this to happen, but we a greatly sorry for the inconvenience that it caused. We are checking our email programs to make sure settings are correct to help ensure that it does not happen again. If it does, we will access our techniques and look at other ways in which we can get the newsletter to you.

Thank you so much for your support in the Shelter and in what we do. We wouldn't be where we are today without our community.

Sincerely,  
The Editor

