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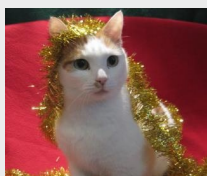
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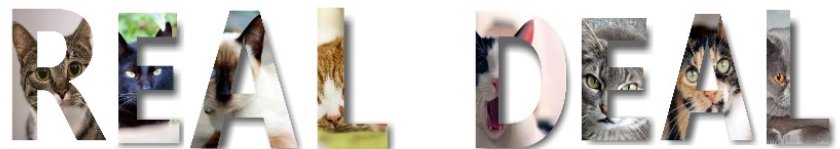
Lilly Rose
Rat
Female
1.5 Years

I am a sweet girl who loves to snuggle on shoulders, roll around in my giant exercise ball, and just relax. My adoption fee is \$10 and I come with a small cage.



GeeGee
DSH
S. Female
6 Years

I am a purring bundle of fur. I just want a little love in return for the huge amount of love I will give to you! I am one of the 12 Strays of Christmas too!



Mention "The Real Deal" and get 50% off your adoption fee of any cat and a free gift!



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Special offer valid from Jan 11th - Jan 18th

It's a REAL DEAL!

While the holiday season was full of adoptions, there were many cats left behind still looking for a new home.

The Shelter is making the resolution to have more adoptions this year then ever before. To help achieve this goal, they are holding their first sale of the year!

Watch WLKY on January 11th for the REAL DEAL with Maxine Rouben, featuring the New Albany Animal Shelter! Between January 11th and the 18th, come to the Shelter and get a real deal! With a mention of WLKY's "The Real Deal" segment, you can receive

50% off any cat adoption as well as receive a free gift!

This really is a deal when all of the animals are spayed or neutered, Felv/FIV tested negative, microchipped, and are current on vaccinations.

Taking a "free" cat to the vet to have this done would cost almost \$300!

Now is the purrrrfect time of year to add a new member to your family, one of the feline variety! Come to the Shelter during the adoptable hours of 12:00 and 4:00 Monday through Friday, and Saturday 11:00 til 2:30 and find a match for your family at half price!

FREEZE WARNING

If pets have to be left outdoors for any length of time, Floyd County ordinance requires pet owners to provide them with adequate shelter, food and water. However, during severe weather, sometimes even these provisions are not enough – especially if the dog is very young, old, ill, small, underweight or has a short coat. Most dogs living outside fall into one or two or more of these categories.

There is a misconception that because dogs have coats, they can be kept outside year-round, without a thought given to weather conditions.

Even if they have a well-built, slant-roofed, insulated doghouse filled with straw bedding, small or short-haired dogs should be brought inside when the temperature falls to 15 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Larger, thick-coated breeds may remain outside, with adequate shelter, until the temperature drops to around 0 degrees. Precipitation and wind chills should also be considered.

If a dog is shivering, curling up into a

tight ball, or attempting to dig a “bed” in the snow, he is probably too cold to remain outdoors. If he is extremely cold to the touch or the paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. The pet should be moved to a warmer area and the pet’s veterinarian contacted immediately.

The temperature is plummeting. Pet owners need to be checking to make sure they have everything they need to help keep their furry friends warm, and getting what they do not have.

Heated pet beds are great about helping your pets, inside or outside, stay warm. Make sure when shopping, you verify that it will work in the appropriate setting.

Ice Free Heated Water Bowls are very important. Water may freeze very quickly outside, even if you change it frequently if the temperatures are low enough.

Most of these items have a chew guard on the cords already. However, if they do not, you can feed the cord through a piece of PVC pipe to help protect it.

Some dogs, especially those who are smaller or with short hair, may benefit from clothing as long as they do not try to eat it off. It can help protect them from the wind and snow as well as reflect their own body heat back on to them.

There are now special creams that can be put on your animals



feet as well to protect their pads from the ice.

Shelter is mandatory whether it is summer or winter. In the winter though, there are some dog houses that will help keep the animal warm better than others. Some have extra insulation, door flaps, or their own heating system. Others have the openings positioned in a way that doesn't allow the wind to enter easily. Also, you do not want a pet house that is a lot larger than the pet itself. Too much extra space allows for too much cold air to be around the pet. With closer walls, the pet's own heat can be reflected back to the animal.

Don't forget the outside cats as well when getting ready for winter. They have all the same needs that dogs do.

You can also consider bringing the pet inside when the temperature reaches a certain point, or when you wouldn't want to go outside yourself.

In the coming weeks, this freeze threat may be higher than ever. Be smart and do what is best for your pets. You wouldn't want to pay for your decisions with the life of your pet.



Managing Your New Christmas Gift

Sometimes during the holiday season, families receive pets as surprise gifts for Christmas. The gifter believes there is no way they won't love the new puppy or kitten!

After a few days, sometimes even a few weeks, the new family may be overwhelmed with the new addition. Having not been prepared, the family may become exhausted both physically and mentally. Children often tend to lose interest in their new pets, leaving mom and dad to do all the work. Here are a few tips that can help make the new addition a new family member.

First, try to pet proof your home to help avoid destructive behavior and possibly expensive vet visits. Make sure all toys and decorations are out of reach when animals are unattended.

As new pet owners, you need to assign house rules. Decide early on

whether or not the animal will be allowed on furniture and/or counters, where it will sleep, and establish housebreaking/ crate schedules. The animal may get confused if rules change frequently, or are inconsistent.

Selecting a vet and setting up a wellness exam can also help ease stress. Having a vet/owner relationship established early on is good in case something unexpected happens. You will also want to make sure the animal is spayed or neutered. An animal that is fixed can be calmer and are less likely to have behavior issues. It will also prevent unwanted litters in the future. If cost is an issue for getting this surgery done, please contact the NAFC Shelter to get assistance.

No dog is too old for training class either. Many local pet supply stores offer



training classes for dogs of all ages. The Shelter will also be starting a training class in January. Most training classes will teach basic commands along with manners, and can assist your pet in becoming a more welcome addition to the family.

The Shelter website has printable information sheets on several behavior issues that new pet owners may find helpful.

Homes 4 the Holidays Wrap-Up

Our annual Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign was a great success this year! From November to the end of December we placed over 100 animals in new homes, and over the Christmas and New Year Holidays we adopted out all of our dogs! What an amazing way to end the year!

We could not have had such a great success without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and staff. We received so many donations of supplies over the holiday season that all of our animals had a very merry

holiday! We want to thank our volunteers and donors for the time, donations and support. Our shelter could not survive without you!

Unfortunately, we did have to cancel our Whisker Wonderland 36 Hour Adoptathon due to the winter storm. We are so grateful for all of the help that was offered and received.



A special thanks to:
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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: Rudy

Rudy, once known as Petey, came to the shelter as a stray. After being placed up for adoption, he was adopted by a wonderful lady who didn't mind that he was a little bit older.

Now in his new home he has many new friends, blankets to cuddle under, and sweaters! He is so well adjusted into his new home, you would think he has lived there his whole life!

He has become the light of his family's eye and an ambassador for senior pet adoption!

Pet adoption is an amazing thing. It brings so much love and joy into a home, as Rudy has shown. Do you have a happy tails story? Email it to us with pictures and your family may be featured in our newsletter!



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

Dog Training Class

We are now taking applications for our Winter Dog Training Sessions!

Classes cover basic obedience and manners, K9 first aide, and an introduction into K9 "Bonding through Massage" are also covered in this class. Special issues can be addressed as needed.

Classes are held once a week on Sunday nights. Each session is 8 weeks long.

Spots are filling up quickly so sign up soon. Forms can be printed off our website or picked up at the Shelter.

Dogs adopted from the shelter can attend for \$20. Those not adopted from us have a fee of \$65. Fees need to be paid in advance.

For more information, please contact the shelter.

