



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



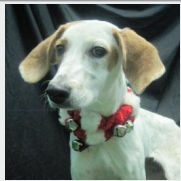
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Classifieds



Pringle

Hound Mix
Spayed Female
10 Months

Hey! I am a very sweet girl but once I pop, I just can't stop! I am pretty active and would love to be a running partner. All I need is someone to show me the way. Also, someone very sweet has already paid my fees!



Secret

DSH
Spayed Female
2 years

I have spent over half of my life here at the Shelter. I am doing alright now that I am alone in a quiet place, but I really just want to go home. My adoption is Free!



Make the Resolution to Love More
and help us make our resolution a success!

Adopt a homeless cat!

Attend our

New Years Blow Out Sale
begins January 2, 2012

Ringing in the New Year

During the holidays, many animals found their forever homes through adoption. However, there were some that were left behind. The shelter still has a number of animals, with the majority being cats, patiently waiting for their turn to go home. Most of the dogs featured in our 12 Strays of Christmas Program were adopted very quickly. The cats were not as fortunate. Secret, our 6th Stray of Christmas has been waiting patiently for almost two years!

In 2013, the New Albany Floyd Co Animal Control & Shelter is putting a focus on cats,

making the New Year's resolution to place every adoptable cat in a forever home. We hope the community will make the resolution to love more this year, and adopt one (or more!) of our homeless cats.

January 2, 2013 will start our New Year's Blow Out Sale! The first 20 adult cats adopted in 2013 will have their adoption fee waived with a \$10 cash donation! Remember that the 12 Strays of Christmas Cats will remain free until they are adopted as well. Lets end the waiting game for the cats at the shelter, and love more. Adopt a homeless cat!

10 Pet Resolutions



This New Year isn't unlike any other — you've probably made resolutions that you'll struggle to keep after the first week. Make a real difference in 2013 and forge a pact with your pet. These resolutions will help keep your pet happy, healthy and safe throughout the year. And well, what's more important than that?

10. Pet-proof Your Home: As you may already know, pets get into anything and everything! Keep poisons and other dangerous items in secure places, preferably in a locked cabinet or in a room that is out of the animal's reach.

9. Get Your Pet ID'd: Whether it is a tag or a microchip, identifying your pet with your contact information will help in the recovery process should it become lost — especially in the case of lost dogs and cats. Just remember to keep the contact information current, and microchips are only as good as the information attached.

8. Socialize Your Pet: Don't

worry — you don't have to create a Facebook profile for them! But like children, your pet can become destructive and unmanageable when she is not given enough attention or is not allowed to socialize with other animals of her kind. Obedience/training courses are just what your pet needs to learn some manners. And remember, it's never too late to train an animal.

7. Groom Your Pet: There is nothing worse than a stinky pet. Stay on top of her grooming routine — bathe her, brush her coat, and clip her nails. All these things will make her the envy of your block. And if you haven't noticed yet, your pet is usually happier and healthier when she is clean and pretty.

6. Have Your Pet Spayed or Neutered: Of course we all know spaying (and neutering) helps decrease the population of strays, but did you know it can benefit the animal's health too? Among the health benefits: a decrease in testicular cancer, prostate problems, urine marking and inter-dog (or inter-cat) aggression for males, and a decrease in mammary cancer, uterine cancer, and ovarian cancer for females.

5. Use Preventive: Why worry about heartworms, fleas and pesky parasites? Preventives are

your pet's best line of defense against parasites and the diseases they cause. Also, consult your veterinarian, as year-round use is now recommended in most regions.

4. Create a Cleaning Checklist: Cleaning litter boxes, scooping the yard and washing beds are all things that should be done regularly. Developing proper cleaning habits will help create a clean and pleasant environment for your pet. Also, poor sanitation can lead to behavior and health issues.

3. Exercise With Your Pet More: Exercise provides health benefits, mental stimulation, and can reduce behavior problems.

2. Don't Postpone the Annual Checkup: Not only will waiting until your pet is ill lead to unnecessary suffering, complications may arise and this can make treatment more expensive. Keep your vet bills in check and visit the white-coated professional annually. Preventative care and annual vaccinations are essential to your pet's health. Dogs and cats are also required to have current rabies vaccinations by state law.

1. Love Your Pet More: Remember daily, to let your best friend know how much they mean to you, even if it's just an extra pat on the head!

Road Dangers

December was a very sad month at the shelter. In the past few weeks, we have seen more animals hit and killed by cars, than we had all year long. We do not know what has caused this number to spike, but we hope this trend quickly reverses itself.

Pet owners are ultimately responsible for their pet's safety. Animals can be unpredictable. Some animals

get easily spooked and dart into traffic, while others just don't understand that roads are dangerous. Proper fencing and containment are the best ways to ensure your pet's safety.

Remember to check the security of fences occasionally to avoid escaping, and walk your pet on a leash if fencing is not available. Also, if your pet is injured, proper identification can help ensure

life saving treatment.

Please think for your animals, keep them safe, and off the street.



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 Christmas 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 run, be destructive or aggressive, or to mark their territory. 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.

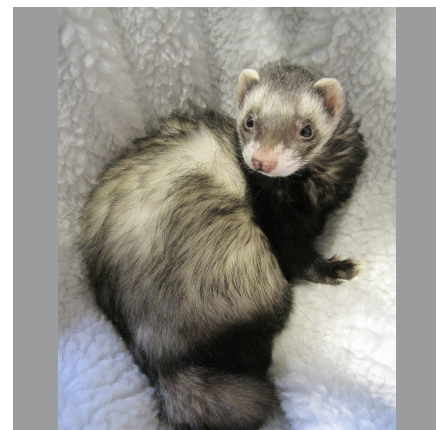
No dog is too old for training class either. Many local pet supply stores offer training classes for dogs of all ages. The Shelter will also be starting a training class in January. Most training classes will teach basic commands along with manners, and can assist your pet in becoming a more welcome addition to the family.

The Shelter website also has printable information sheets on several behavior issues that new pet owners may need help with as the animal becomes part of the family.

Clementine Tangerine

Clementine Tangerine, our beloved ferret, passed away on December 18, 2012. Clementine was a remarkable ferret in that she was so gentle and kind to everyone. Originally turned in to the shelter when her family was moving, she quickly won everyone's heart. Her escapades as she ran around the shelter chasing cat toys and paper rolls will be much

missed by all of us, but her legacy will be in all the school children she helped educate about proper pet care. There were many giggles in watching Clementine scamper about a classroom, bringing out smiles in even those children that were initially wary of her. She will be greatly missed by all of us at the animal shelter. Rest in Peace Clementine Tangerine.



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: Hatchet

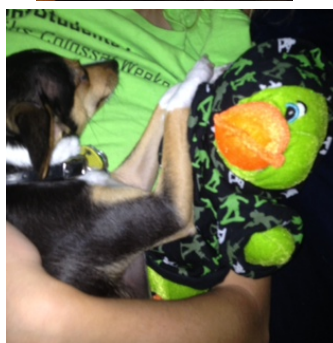
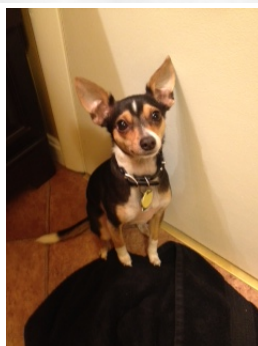
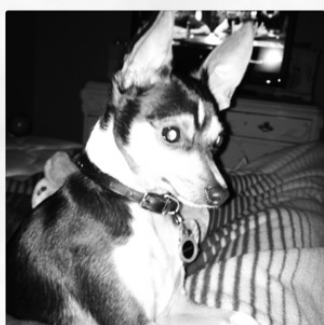
A little over a year ago, this little guy came to the Shelter with his mom and brother when their family had to move. His big ears matched his big spirit and his heart.

Hatchet was quickly adopted by a staff member that fell in love with him. He patiently waits by the door for his mom to come home from work everyday. His joyful greetings always warm the heart and bring a smile.

He has quite the selection of sweaters and accessories to help keep him warm. Hatchet also loves to cuddle with stuffed animals, blankets, people, and anything that will cuddle back!

His successful adoption helped encourage the adoption of many others by family and friends.

Your adoption story can help, too! Send us pictures and a story to nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com to help spread the word about 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

Whisker Wonderland
Thanks

Our Whisker Wonderland 36 Hour Adopt-A-Thon was a great success. We did 22 adoptions! We managed to stay awake and open around the clock to do pet adoptions. We couldn't have done it without help from our community!

A special thanks to:
All our volunteers,
Jay-C Store (Highlander Point),
Floyd Central Thriftway,
Circle K (Main Street),
Slam Dunk Donuts,
YESS,
Jimmy Johns,
Huber's Orchard and Winery,
Chick-fil-a,
Floyd County Animal Control Board,
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and our FCARL Friends!

