



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



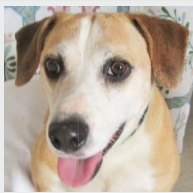
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## Classifieds



Bo  
Beagle X  
8 Years Old  
N. Male

I may be a little older but have just as much life left in me as all those youngins around me! Visit me today, I'll show you love!



Kitty Perry  
DSH  
10 Months  
S. Female

Let me sing you a song about love! I am young and spirited, and won't be held back! Come see me, maybe there will be fireworks!

## Save the Date!



It's that time of year again! On June 14th, the Georgetown Twin Drive-In Theater is opening its gates to four legged family members, allowing dogs on leash to attend for a \$2.00 admission fee. All dog admission fees collected will be donated to the NAFC Animal Shelter.

The Drive-In's main feature will be Dreamwork's, How to Train your Dragon 2! The other additional movies playing have not been announced yet. Besides great movies, several exciting child and dog friendly events are planned. There are plans to have a coloring contest for the children's pleasure, while dogs can participate in nail trims and most unique trick (or best trained dog) contest, watch demonstrations, or kick back and relax with a pet massage! Booths will be set up by area dog related businesses and adoptable animals from area rescues will be in attendance. The NAFC Animal Shelter's P.A.W.S. Mobile Unit will be available. Special

concessions like dog snow cones and dog treats will even be sold just for the dogs to enjoy on their day out!

Don't Forget your cash! The Shelter will be hosting a silent auction! So far we have over \$600 in items that will be available, and the donations are still coming in! Some auction items are restaurant gift certificates, Holiday World, Newport Aquarium, and Mammoth Cave Tickets! Watch the website as the event gets closer to see what items will be available! You won't want to miss our Doggie Boutique either! We will have a variety of doggie shirts, collars, harnesses, and much more available for purchase with a donation!

Don't miss this fun filled family event! Gates open at 6:30pm. Further details and rules for bringing your pet will be available at the Drive-In website: [www.georgetowndrivein.com](http://www.georgetowndrivein.com)

Please have your dog's rabies certificate available, and expandable leashes are not allowed.

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# Hot! Hot! Hot!

Summertime is a time for fun and frolicking but it's also fraught with danger for our pets. When the temperature rises, we need to take extra caution to make sure our pets are okay in the heat. Here are some key tips to help keep your pet cool and safe.

Don't leave your pet alone in the car on a warm day. Despite the warnings, every year, pets die after their owners leave them in a parked car that overheats. Within just a few minutes, a car can get extremely hot, stifling, and deadly. A veterinarian did an experiment on a warm summer's day in which he sat in a parked car with the windows cracked. He wanted to see just how hot it would get. Within 30 minutes it was 117 degrees inside the car. "Never, ever leave your dog in a parked car on a warm day," he pleads at the end of the video he made to document his experience. That goes for any pet, by the way.

When it starts getting warm outside, take your dog or cat to the vet for a full check up. The check up should include a heartworm test and a flea, tick, and heartworm protection plan. These are year-round issues but in the summer months, with much more outdoor time, it's especially important to monitor them.

You may want to avoid walking your dog in the heat. Aim for mornings and evenings when letting your dog outside, cautions Dr. Marty Becker in his article, "Beat the Heat Tips for Your Dog." Sometimes, though, it's just hot all day long and Dr.



Becker says, "Even in the coolest part of the day, watch for signs of trouble: Glassy eyes and frantic panting indicate a dog who needs help. Get to a veterinarian immediately if you see these symptoms!"

When the temperature outside gets hot, it can be harder to keep the indoors cool. Some people turn their air conditioning off when they leave for the day. If you have a pet at home, this could put him in danger. Instead of turning off the air conditioner, try leaving it on a conservative but comfortable setting (perhaps 76°F) while you are out. Also consider closing curtains to reduce the heating effects of sunlight through the windows, and ensure that they have plenty of water throughout the day.

Pets can get dehydrated or get heatstroke quickly so any pet outside needs to have plenty of water and access to shade. Some dogs even enjoy kiddie pools

to lay and play in. With such shallow water, if left in the sun, the water can become hot, so it is important to check the water temperature regularly.

It is also good to know which dogs are less tolerant of heat. Some dog breeds are less tolerant of the heat than others. Remember that older, obese or short-nosed dogs (Pugs, Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Pekingese, Boxers, Shih Tzu's and French Bulldogs) are more susceptible to heat stress. Also, older dogs, puppies and dogs with health issues can also be less tolerant to hot weather. Of course, you should keep a close eye on your dog in the heat, no matter what his breed, age or state of health.

Our pets rely on us to protect them and keep them comfortable and safe year round! Remember, if you're hot, your pets are definitely hot.



# Why Do Cats Scratch?

Cats like to scratch! Scratching is a normal part of cat behavior and serves several functions, including conditioning the claws, providing a means of stretching, and acting as a marker (both olfactory, or scent, and visual). The act of scratching actually removes frayed and worn outer claws, exposing new, sharper ones. However, what is normal cat behavior can become frustrating to deal with for cat owners — particularly when the cat in question starts destroying furniture or even scratching members of the family.

The vast majority



of cats will live happy, non-furniture-destroying lives without being declawed, and a few extra steps taken by the caring pet parent can help to ensure this is the case. Problem scratching can usually be prevented with environmental and behavioral management.

In some cases, keeping the cat away from the area that is being damaged is the simplest solution to the problem. Another possible solution is to allow the cat to have access to whatever is being scratched inappropriately, but to make that area unattractive to the cat, while replacing it with a more desirable appropriate scratching area. Many cats scratch the couch because they simply do not have another option to exercise their scratching needs. All cats have a need to scratch and should be provided with appropriate posts to do so. Hopefully, your cat is not scratching but you are trying to pre-empt a problem.

Most cats prefer to scratch a vertical surface that is tall enough to allow them to

fully arch their backs and really get into it, but also stable enough they don't have to worry about toppling it. Cat trees or condos can be an excellent option if they are well-constructed of appropriate materials, as they also provide cats with the ability to get above their surroundings — another very natural cat behavior!

Some cats prefer certain textures. Some like wood, cardboard, or carpet. If your cat is scratching something, trying to find something of the same material may help.

To deter cats from certain items, you can try using double stick tape on the scratched surfaces. Cats do not like sticky things on their paws. Many pet stores often sell other products that can be used to deter scratching.

Declawing may still be an option as well. Talk to your veterinarian about what would be best for your cat and family if you are having scratching issues.

## June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat-Month

June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month! Around this time each year, we begin to get more and more cats. To help encourage adoptions this month, we will be having many exciting promotions to celebrate Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month!

Some people do not realize the value of adoption. Not only are you saving a life, but you could save hundreds of dollars! Finding a "free" cat or kitten off the internet or newspaper may sound good, but is it really?

Many of these "free" animals have had no

veterinary care at all. After several rounds of vaccines, appropriate testing and worming, and surgery, etc, your vet bill could easily be \$300 - \$500.

Adopting a cat or kitten from the New Albany Animal Shelter only costs \$20-\$60. And it comes with a lifetime of support for any questions that you may have.

Also, when getting an animal from an individual that you do not know, you may not find out about any behavior issues the animal has, or any signs of a potential health

problem.

Now is the perfect time to adopt! The best hope for cats is if we all work together to save lives through adoptions and spaying or neutering.



## 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: Ellie

Ellie, once known as Erica, was adopted several years ago after being at the shelter for several months. She was adopted by an amazing family with incredible painting skills! They painted our visitation rooms many years ago!

Now in her forever home, she is as spoiled and loved as can be. She spends much of her time playing in the yard and fetching balls. When she isn't outside, she loves being with her family.

Ellie could not have found a better home. She and her new family are a perfect match, and she always has a smile on her face!

We love seeing our animals in their new forever homes! Send us your happy tails story and you may be featured in our next newsletter!



#### NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00-5:00PM

Saturday

11:00-2:30

Adoption Prices:

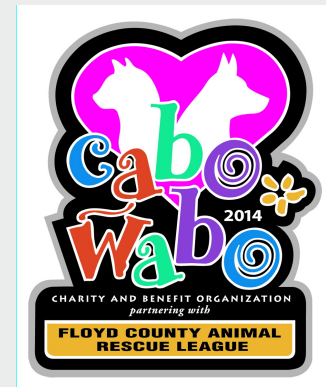
Cats over 4lbs - \$20

Cats under 4lbs - \$60

Dogs - \$80

### Information Corner

P.A.W.S Rock the Riverfront



The New Albany Animal Shelter and FCARL are joining hands again with Cabo Wabo to bring you another P.A.W.S. Rock the Riverfront Concert in September.

This year, there will also be a concert the night before, and a Dog Walk the morning of. Proceeds of the Dog Walk will go towards the funds needed to build a dog park in our community.

Keep an eye on our website and future newsletters for more details on this weekend of fun!

