



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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Classifieds



Tabitha

S. Female
10 months old
DSH

I have been growing up at the shelter and I am ready to move out. I love everyone here, but I want a family and a place to call my own. Take a chance on me, you won't regret it!



Prissy

S. Female
2 year old
Jack Russell X

Are you looking for a fuzzy friend? I have lost my home and can't seem to find my way back. Maybe there is a place in your heart that I can live forever now.

March Feline Frenzy!

Shoot for Savings!
March 15 - 31

**You get one shot!
Make it count!**



Do You Have What It Takes?

Basketball is always the topic of conversation in March. This year, basketball is also a hot topic at the New Albany Animal Shelter along with kitten season. Soon, the shelter will be overrun with moms and babies. While the shelter does not euthanize due to space, it can easily become crowded and overwhelming for these already stressed animals. Stressed mothers can have a harder time keeping their little ones healthy while they grow.

To help promote adoptions and reduce over crowding, the Shelter is embracing basketball madness and holding our Feline Frenzy, Shooting for

Savings Promotion. This promotion will be held March 15-31st, 2013. For every cat (over 4lbs) adoption, adopters will get one chance to shoot a basket and receive half off of their adoption fee! All cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, Felv/FIV tested negative, and current on yearly vaccinations. Some of these cats have already been waiting for many months for their forever home. These sponsored adoption fees are made possible by the Floyd County Animal Rescue League.

Come see what all the hoopla is about at the Shelter and meet our furry friends who need a home. Shoot for a winning cause!

Traveling Comfortably With Your Pets



Spring Break is just around the corner. Many families take this opportunity to go on a vacation to escape the stress of work and school, even if just for a week. Here are some tips to help keep the stress levels to a minimum when traveling with your pets.

Your dog will need a veterinary examination and appropriate documentation to travel with you. The law requires that dogs going state to state – whether by car or airplane – travel with two documents from a veterinarian: a health certificate and a certificate of rabies vaccination. While at the vets office, make sure all of your personal information is correct and the veterinarian has an alternate phone number.

Make sure ID tags and microchip information are up-to-date. Include your permanent address and telephone number, emergency contacts and cell phone numbers. ID tags and microchips are useless if your contact information is not up-to-date and accurate.

Having a recent, clear picture of your animal can help if the animal were to get lost. People are more likely to recognize an animal after seeing a picture.

Always keep a container of water handy with

you on all trips. Make sure the water is kept clean and cool. As you drive, add water little by little to the water brought from home. This gradual mixing can help dogs adjust to different water, important if they have easily upset stomachs.

Use seatbelts to fasten carriers to the seat. A crate won't help in an accident if it's just sitting on the back seat. If you don't use travel carriers, use a restraining harness. Dogs, like humans, can get thrown around in an accident if not belted in.

Stopping every few hours is good for you and your dog. It gives both of you time to stretch. It will also give your dog time to eliminate, have some water, burn off some energy, and loosen his muscles. Avoid leaving animals in the car unattended. The temperature can rise to 120 degree F in a matter of minutes, even with the windows cracked open. Rotate who goes away from the car to make sure there is always someone there with the dog.

If your family plans on flying, make sure you triple check all of the requirements needed for your pet to board the plane. All airlines are different in what they allow. Carrier types and sizes can be a huge issue in regards to how the pet will be flying - as a carry on or below the plane. Allow plenty of time before your flight in case any complications with your pet arise. Seasonal temperatures in baggage compartments of planes must be considered as well.

If your pet has anxiety issues, you may want to talk to your vet prior to your trip for suggestions on keeping them calm. In severe cases, medications may need to be administered in advance.

Lodging when traveling with pets can be very complicated. Doing your homework on pet friendly lodging can really pay off. Book rooms before leaving home and confirm them from on the road. Lists of dog-friendly travel lodges are available at www.petswelcome.com and www.travelpets.com Keep your dog leashed when you exit and re-enter a hotel room. Even if the hotel is dog-friendly, not all the guests may be. Be courteous to the hotel staff and guest. Introduce your pet to the neighboring rooms and staff, to help make everyone comfortable. Pick up after your dog, bring a sheet if your dog sleeps on the bed, groom dogs that shed, and wipe paws on muddy days. Make sure your dog isn't the reason a hotel may change dog-friendly policies.

Don't leave dogs alone in hotel rooms. If you must, crate them with a favorite toy or treat that will keep them entertained until you come back. Receiving complaints of your dog barking or being destructive will not be an enjoyable part of your trip. Also ask about local pet day care businesses or dog walkers if you must leave your dog for an extended period of time.

Plan ahead for success later. Take the time to pack carefully, get the necessary documents and ID tags, and arrange dog-friendly accommodations. You – and your dog – will be glad you did.

Can Pets Really Save Your Life?

Throughout history, pets have proven to be great companions, loyal partners, and our best friends. However, studies show that pets do far more for their families than just that. We aren't just talking about the guide dogs, medical alert dogs, and other assistance animals either. There are many proven physical, mental, and social benefits to owners whose animals are not specially trained.

According to the National Institute of Health, through many heart related studies, people that own pets typically have lower cholesterol, blood pressure and triglyceride levels. This can ultimately help reduce the risk of having a heart attack. Statistics show that cat owners are almost 30% less likely to suffer from a heart attack and almost 40% less likely to suffer from cardiovascular incidents such as stroke!

Many people suffer from some level of stress, anxiety, or discomfort. At high



levels, these issues can cause your body to release toxins that are actually detrimental to your immune system. Animals have the amazing ability to relax and soothe your soul. Those who suffer from Alzheimer's and autism really benefit from the soothing quality of animals.

Other than being a child's best friend, pets can help children lead healthier lives. Babies growing up with pets typically have a better immune system and fewer allergies. Studies show that children ages 5-7 in pet owning homes attend more school per year than those without, sometimes even up to several more weeks. The dirtier the dog, the higher the immune

response! Children can also learn responsibility by helping care for pets daily.

Owning a pet can also help people lead more social and active lifestyles. Pets are like magnets for conversations, and can even prove effective as matchmakers! Shy people may become more confident in socializing with their trusted friend at their side. Pets can also help encourage you to get off the couch and move! Animals need exercise just as much as we all do. So go for a walk, make some friends. Both you and your pet will benefit!

Understanding how much a pet can help your health makes us appreciate them even more. Most importantly, pets provide unconditional love for their families, and can give us a sense of purpose and love that may be missing from our daily lives. So, consider adopting a pet today! Not only will you be saving a life, but you just might save each other!

Standing Up For What's Right



Humane Lobby Day is an event sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States where citizen animal advocates like you gather to learn and practice lobbying for animal protection laws at the state level.

Typically, there are a few topics in particular that

are focused on. This year's topics are spay and neuter programs for low income families, and the "whistle blower" bill.

Government funded spay/neuter programs are important for any community. Stray animals can easily over an area very quickly. Many families can care for an animals daily needs, but costly surgeries may be out of their reach.

With government assistance, these families will be able to get their animals altered, improving the pets health and quality of life. Fewer stray and feral animals also reduces the animals in shelters.

The whistle blower

bill will make undercover investigations on farms a felony if passed. Many animals on farms may be mistreated by their confinements and how they are handled or worked with. Farm property is also usually where puppy mills are located. Without being able to do undercover investigations, these animals may not have a chance to get out of these environments.

We will be attending Humane Lobby Day in Indianapolis this year to talk to government Representatives and push for more humane treatment for animals! We'd love to see you there!

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: Sam & Cima



Many years ago, Samantha (black) came to the shelter. She waited for a long time for the perfect family. With some dedication and work from the new owner, she became an amazing dog. Sam even convinced her owner to save another dog from the Shelter.

Cima (blonde) was adopted very quickly as a puppy. With all her puppy behaviors still clearly visible, her new owner's training and Sam's guidance, Sima grew up to be an incredible dog as well.

Both dogs are very well trained and still young at heart. Playing fetch and doing tricks (for treats of course) are some of their favorite things to do.

The family as a whole is such a perfect fit and we could not be happier for them!

Have an adoption story? Email your story along with a few pictures to us at nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com and your family could be the next Happy Tails story!



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

Spay Now or Stay Stupid Results

Our Spay Now or Stay Stupid event held on World Spay Day was a great success. With help from our volunteers, the shelter was able to spay and neuter 30 cats for the public, potentially eliminating hundreds of unwanted litters from our community!

Please help us continue spaying and neutering animals in our community. Urge everyone to take advantage or donate to one of these available assistance programs.

Our Fix Your Critter Day works with the SNIP Clinic to help get dogs and cats spayed or neutered at a low cost. Contact the Shelter for more info.

The Feline Fix is a low cost program just for cats that is managed by the Floyd County Animal Rescue League. For more info for this program, contact FCARL at (812)949-9099.

