



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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SPONSORS NEEDED for our 12 Strays of Christmas! Money for the 12 Strays can be donated to the shelter by mail, in person, or online via PayPal. Please include a note what you would like to included with the special pet - such as a dedication. Dog sponsorship is \$110 and cat sponsorships are \$50. Please keep in mind, a dog sponsorship may become 2 cat sponsorships if we run out of available dogs! The extra money helps with the advertisement fees. Here is an example of a 12 Strays ad!



Holiday Promotions

2014 Homes 4 Holidays Programs

12 STRAYS OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS 12/10/2014

The last 12 days before Christmas, 2 animals will be selected to have their adoption fee sponsored!

CHRISTMAS IN THE SHELTER IS NO PLACE TO BE

Ever consider being a foster parent for the Shelter? We are looking for foster parents for our adoptable animals to give them a chance to experience the Christmas Holiday in a home.



JINGLE BELL BOARDING

Animals adopted after December 20th, can be held for a Christmas Eve pick-up for \$5 per day.

With the holidays just around the corner, the NAFC Animal Shelter's Homes 4 the Holiday Programs are about to begin.

We are currently looking for donations to help fund and support this campaign!

The two largest portions of the current holiday campaign are our "12 Strays of Christmas" and our "Christmas in the Shelter is No Place to be".

The 12 Strays of Christmas is an incredibly successful program that we have been doing since 2008. Each of the 12 days before Christmas, 2 animals will be selected for a special advertising campaign and will have their adoption fee sponsored. The animals that have been selected for this may have been with the shelter the longest or may be a little more difficult

to find a home for. Your family can sponsor one of these animals to help get them in a home for Christmas. This sponsorship has become a very popular Christmas gift!

The shelter is no place for an animal to spend Christmas. It should be spent with a family! Christmas in the Shelter is No Place to Be is a great program that gives our shelter animals what they deserve for the holidays. If you have ever thought about fostering, now is the perfect time, as we will be fostering out our adoptable animals over the holiday, so that no pet is left behind!

Contact the Shelter today with any questions that you may have. Let's make this holiday season great for the homeless animals of Floyd County!

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Preparing for a New Baby

Your four-legged sidekick has probably figured out that something's up. Follow our countdown to D-day and the transition will come with fewer barks (oops, we mean bumps) in the road.

For many couples, a dog is their first "baby." And chances are, your hound knows he is! Your canine will still be a cherished part of the clan when your son or daughter arrives on the scene, but your routines will shift, and that can befuddle your furry friend. Like babies, dogs thrive on predictability, and a "newborn dramatically changes not only your life but your dog's as well," says Victoria Stilwell, dog trainer and host of Animal Planet's *It's Me or the Dog*. Soon he'll have to share your adoring attention with a demanding infant, and he won't understand why the long walks he relishes are getting shorter.

Don't wait till Baby is home to help your pup adjust to the expanded fam. "While you're pregnant, initiate changes to get him used to a new schedule," Stilwell says. Put our plan into play and see Spot fall in love!

When you find out you're expecting, if your dog hasn't been to a basic obedience class, it's time to sign him up. Behavior that seems innocuous now -- like jumping up to greet you at the door -- might become an issue when you're eight months pregnant or carrying an infant in your arms. An instructor can help correct that.

Many dogs have never been around children before. Little people do unpredictable things that adults don't, like make sudden

movements, shriek, and get in dogs' faces. To give your pet exposure to tots, take him to the park to see how he reacts to babies from a distance, Stilwell suggests. Ask mom friends if you may walk near them when they have their kiddo in a stroller -- or, if things go well, even alongside them. These tactics will gradually acclimate your dog to the sight and sound of children.

Three months before your due date, actively prep your pup for his future "sibling." Though it may seem loony, get a doll and treat it as you will your infant. Carry it around at home, coo to it, and tote it in the baby carrier. Set up the bassinet, crib, and swing, and then have the doll "use" them. "You want the dog to become familiar with these items now, not when your baby is in them," says Betsy Saul, cofounder of PetFinder.com, an online pet-search site. Let your hound investigate everything the way he does best -- by sniffing. "And introduce him to smells like baby lotion and powder," Saul says.

Practice walking your mutt while you're pushing your future baby's wheels. "Your neighbors may be puzzled, but this will help your dog get used to the stroller," Saul says. Be sure not to loop the leash onto the stroller handle. If your furry friend happens to see a squirrel or another canine buddy, he might jerk the leash -- dangerous when there's a baby tucked in the stroller! Forget the adage "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Try the "back" cue, which is an important skill for helping your pup learn about personal



space, Stilwell says.

One month before your due date make sure you have a plan. When you head to the hospital to deliver, you'll be gone for a couple of days. Do you know who will be feeding your dog and walking him? "Line up sitters or close friends your pet knows and likes," Saul says. "Enlist someone you can count on if you have to call at 3 a.m. to ask her to take your dog out later." And have a back-up person on hand too.

Worried about juggling a newborn and your pet in the early days? You might want to sign up your pup for "doggie day care" and try it out now. This will allow the dog to adjust to the newborn in smaller time segments, which can be less overwhelming for everyone. Also, your furchild will be worn out after a day of play, and may be less jumpy and excited with the baby.

Having a new baby in the home is an adjustment for everyone. Remember, it will take time for everyone, including your pets, to get used to the new addition.

Zazzy and Zinga

Zazzy and Zinga are usually the some of the first animals noticed at the shelter. They can normally be found behind the front desk.

Bazinga, also known as Zinga, is a black standard poodle that is 2 years old. He came from a show breeder that could no longer show him because he developed too much white as he matured. Zinga belongs to our Animal Care Coordinator, Theresa. Since she has had him, she has completed many levels of training and has started search and rescue training with him as well. He was named after the popular expression off of the "Big Bang Theory".

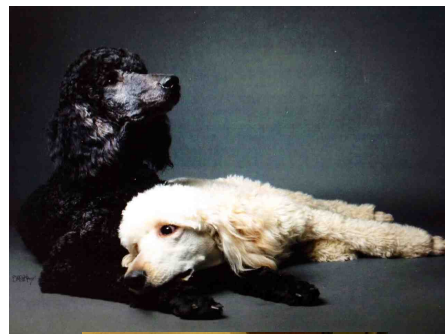
Following the same theme, Zazzles, also known as Zazzy, is a Golden Doodle that is about 18 months old. She was rescued from a shelter in Kentucky

that was going to euthanize her. When she came to us about 6 months ago, she was incredibly sick, and almost died.

During her recovery, Zazzy and Zinga became best friends as Theresa fostered her. She ended up adopting Zazzy into her family as well. She has also completed multiple levels of training as well, and is one of the star students.

These two do not just come to the shelter to visit, they also work there. Both Zazzy and Zinga are used in our dog behavior assessments. Part of the assessment is a dog to dog interaction. These two are both able to be used to see how other dogs react, in that their demeanor is generally neutral and nonthreatening.

They have been such an asset to both their family, and the shelter.



Dos and Don'ts of Thanksgiving

With the holidays approaching, your dog or cat will inevitably be begging to partake in the big turkey dinner. A few items are safe for dogs to partake in. others are not. Here is a breakdown of some of the traditional items.

Turkey can be a wonderful lean protein to share with your pet. You will just want to be sure to remove any excess skin or fat, stick with white meat, and make sure there are no bones.

No to Alliums (onions, garlic, leeks, scallions). These can be harmful if your pet

is not used to them.

Yes to plain potatoes. Extra ingredients can be harmful.

No to grapes and raisins. They can cause liver failure.

Yes to Cranberry Sauce in small amounts.

No to xylitol or artificial sweeteners and chocolate. These are deadly and poisonous to dogs.

Macaroni is okay, but some animals have an intolerance to dairy, so leave out the cheese.

Plain green beans are ok as well. Just watch out

for onions and other ingredients.

Keep in mind, that if your dog does not usually get table scraps, they may start to beg more frequently. If you do want to give them scraps, do it in their bowl at one time. Do not give them pieces as you eat.



Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

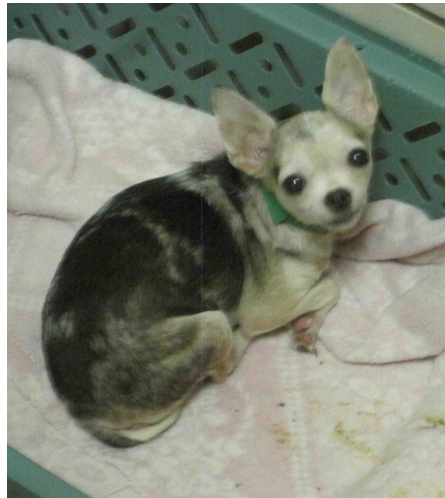
Bimonthly, The S.N.I.P. Clinic and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

Happy Tails: Roo

Hi, my name is "Roo", you know, like Baby Roo in "Winnie the Pooh". At the Shelter, my name was Mia. I am sooo happy and it all began when the nice people from the NAFC Animal Shelter rescued all 68 of us dogs from the sad place we were living.

After they had gotten us all fixed up and gussied up, people came to see us. A man and lady kept looking at me and guess what, I got to go home with them. I was so happy I barked and barked, and then barked some more. I'm still barking but then.....I'm a Chihuahua!

Now I have a dog sister and 2 beds and my own food in my own bowl! I love to race around in my big fence yard and let everyone know how happy I am. My mom and dad think I am so sweet and smart and can't get over how fast I've adjusted to my new home.



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

Thank You, Finks!

For seven years, Finks Motorcycle Shop has always used their parking lot during Harvest Homecoming to benefit a charity. All of the money collected from their parking fees goes to the selected organization. An adjoining property also gave Finks the ability to use their lot for parking as well!

This year was the second year they have decided the monies will go to the New Albany Animal Shelter.

Finks would not have been able to do this again without the help of their volunteers to help man the lot throughout the weekend.

It is with a very grateful heart that we were able to accept a donation of several hundred dollars from Fink's Motorcycle Shop!

We thank them for their continued support!

