



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



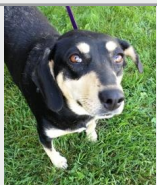
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## Classifieds



**Snickers**  
3 Years Old  
Shepherd Mix

I am an adorable young lady looking for her soul mate. I am always happy and looking to cheer someone up. Let me put a smile on your face!



**Boots**  
2 Years Old  
DSH

Hi! My name is Boots because of my cute little white feet! So, come see me show you my cute personality too!



"Best Brewed Dogs Around"

## 2nd Annual Dogtoberfest

Drink Specials and Lottery Scratch Offs!

The New Albany Animal Shelter is partnering with several area organizations to celebrate October's national designation as "Adopt A Shelter Dog Month". The second annual, month long Dogtoberfest Celebration will continue all month long!

Every dog adopter will receive a Dogtoberfest Mug that is good for many special things! If you are not in a position to adopt, you can get a Dogtoberfest Mug for a \$10 donation at Wick's Pizza, the NAFC Animal Shelter, and even at the Floyd County Animal Rescue League's Harvest Homecoming Booths!

You can take your Dogtoberfest Mug to Wick's Pizza for **drink specials** from October 1 - 8 and 14-31

and get unlimited fills of the New Albanian's Strassenbrau Beer for only \$3! Wick's is also allowing you to bring your dog to enjoy a meal on the patio, if seating is available. They will provide water and a treat for your dog, too! The mug can also be taken to the Exchange, for fills of soft drink throughout the month of October.

The Hoosier Lottery has launched the Lucky Dog **Scratch Off** to help provide awareness of adoption opportunities and promote the importance of spay and neuter programs. For a limited time, adopters will also receive one of these scratch offs! More info on this on page four.

Help the Shelter celebrate dog adoptions and adopt or donate today!

# Avoiding Halloween Horror Stories

It's Halloween night and the door bell is continuously ringing. This may be very frightening to your dog or cat or other pets. You need to be prepared for trick or treaters on Halloween night. Have a room set up for them and keep them behind closed doors during trick-or-treating hours. Have food, water, a toy or two and a litter box if needed all set up for them.

Here are some tips to keep your pets happy on Halloween.

As much as your dog or cat may beg for some of your Halloween candy, always remember that chocolate is deadly to them in any amount. There's a chemical that naturally occurs in chocolate that they can not tolerate.

The wrappers, such as tin foil, can get stuck in your pets digestive tract and make them ill or cause death. There are plenty of recipes for making home made dog and cat treats, you can always make them with a Halloween theme if you want to make something special for your pet.

Large dogs can have lethal tails when it comes to wagging them. I've seen a German Shepherd that we used to have clear a coffee table in two seconds flat when she got excited. Don't leave any lighted candles or Jack-O-Lanterns where they could be knocked over by a swinging tail or by a

curious cat. Not only could your pet start a fire but they could severely burn themselves in the process.

You saw the cutest costume for your pet! Just because you think a certain Halloween costume for your

fur person is cute doesn't mean that they will enjoy wearing it! Try it on them in advance and see how they react. If they don't like it, don't force them to wear it.

If you are going to dress your pet in a costume, keep in mind that unless the dog or cat is extremely receptive to this kind of thing, you could be causing it discomfort and stress. Some animals don't mind at all but others do not want to be bothered with this kind of thing. They'll be under enough stress with the festivities going on outside and people constantly at the door so don't cause them any more stress then you have to. You may love to dress in costume but then, you aren't a dog or a cat.

If a pet costume comes with a mask, don't use it. While some dogs will love dressing up, they usually aren't too keen on masks. If you do use a mask on your pet, make sure that it's eyes have plenty of room to see and that there is nothin



g covering it's nose or confining it's mouth.

Having an adult party? Remember, dogs, cats, birds and other animals do not like being intoxicated. Some people at the party may think it's funny to get an animal drunk or high but it can kill them. It's better to hurt someone's feelings by telling them to leave the party than to deal with a seriously ill beloved pet.

If you are having a indoor party, make sure that you put your dog or cat in a room where they won't be disturbed. Even if your pet is ultra friendly and doesn't mind loud noises, music and lots of people you should keep them separate for the night. Also, be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through the open door as you hand out candy. Best bet is to just put them in a room with some food and water for the night and check on them once in a while to let them know everything is fine.



## FREAKY FELINE FRIDAY

October 11th Only  
12-4PM

- 1st 5 cats adopted are  
**FREE**

-The next 15 cats adopted are  
**\$5**

-The last 15 cats adopted are  
**\$15**

Special prices **ONLY** apply to  
cats over 4lbs.

Sponsored by the Floyd County animal Rescue League



# Helping your Pets Grieve

Do pets grieve? Absolutely they do. In fact, many animals, including elephants and dolphins, have elaborate "funeral" rituals for members of their packs. They can also experience depression, but for animals in the wild, grief is a natural part of their life cycle. They process it and move on. They live in the moment.

Where the grief cycle gets different for pets is that they tend to take on their human survivor's emotions. Humans are comparatively afraid to go through the grief cycle, and therefore they interrupt the cycle with other events to avoid going through the needed, if painful, steps. With pets mimicking our behavior, you will more clearly see many of the same steps of the grief cycle that we experience. Their version of anger and guilt will look like misbehaving. Cats, for example, will possibly "miss" the litter box or take to "spraying," a behavior they haven't done for quite some time, if ever. Dogs will potentially chew on something that they shouldn't, or take on a bit more of a

"grumpy" attitude.

As animals move into the steps of acknowledging and acceptance of the death, they will possibly stop eating, playing, or interacting with others. Some show significant changes in vocalization, becoming either more or less vocal. Furthermore, the surviving dogs may change the quantity and location of their sleep. More than half the surviving pets became more affectionate and clingy with their caregivers.

There are many things that can be done to help our other furry friends deal with the loss of their friend, too. First of all, give them the opportunity to see and say their good-byes to their friend. Animals process events with their noses, and therefore they can smell the scent of death. This will confirm for the surviving animal that their friend has died. If it's not possible for the surviving animal(s) to see their friend, get a clipping of the pet's hair and allow the other pets at home to sniff this.

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**225 State Street  
New Albany, IN 47150  
(812)945-9425  
[www.wickspizza.com](http://www.wickspizza.com)**

**Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs: 11AM-1AM**  
**Friday: 11AM-3AM**  
**Saturday: 11AM-3AM**  
**Sunday: 12PM-12AM**



**118 West Main Street  
New Albany, IN 47150  
(812)948-6501  
[www.exchangeforfood.com](http://www.exchangeforfood.com)**

**Lunch Hours:**  
**Mon-Fri: 11AM-2PM**

**Dinner Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs: 5PM-10PM**  
**Friday: 5PM-11PM**  
**Saturday: 1PM-11PM**

## 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!

## Helping Pets Grieve (cont.)

You can help the other pets in the household by keeping their routines as unchanged as possible. Increasing their activity, through going for walks or playing with toys, may also be helpful. This will not only benefit your pet, but help you too.

Human beings would rather experience the emotion of denial than to acknowledge the death of a pet and process all of the emotions of this process. To a lot of pet owners, this may mean replacing the pet right away. However, bringing a new animal into a household that's still mourning is not a wise thing to do — for you, or for your remaining pet. When we do this, the animals become stuck in our grief and depression. If a human isn't finished grieving, the new or remaining animals are going pick up on this "weak" energy. From that very moment, that animal could possibly find itself in a position of being in control of both of their lives and

becomes unbalanced.

Getting another pet is like having a second child. People have a second child to have a second child, not to replace the first child. And in another sense, getting another pet is a TRIBUTE to your deceased pet. You received so much from your deceased pet, in the form of unconditional furry love, that it's perfectly normal for you want to experience this love again.

The Floyd County Animal Rescue League has a Memorial Tree that is a lasting way to express devotion for your treasured friends. The proceeds from the tree go to help the homeless animals of Floyd County get the care and homes they deserve.

Everyone handles and experiences the loss of a pet differently. You can get more information on pet grieving or read and participate in discussion boards at [www.chancepot.com](http://www.chancepot.com).



"If we comb and style our hair balls, we can sell them as toupees for \$250 a piece!"

### 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

Lucky Dog Scratch off  
Giveaway

Scratch a ticket,

Scratch a pet's itch to be adopted!



**Are you feeling LUCKY?**

For a limited  
Time Only!

Every adopter will have a  
chance to get lucky with a  
free ticket for the

**Hoosier Lottery's  
Lucky Dog  
Scratch Off**

Help other pets find their forever home  
by donating your winning and  
unscratched tickets back to the shelter!



For a limited  
time only, all adopters  
will receive a free Lucky  
Dog Scratch off from the  
Hoosier Lottery for a  
chance to be lucky too!

Unscratched  
and winning tickets may  
be donated back to the  
shelter to help more  
animals to become lucky  
and find their forever  
homes!

Must be over  
18 years of age to  
participate.