



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



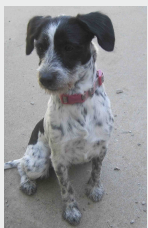
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Classifieds



Princess
Terrier X
S. Female
6 Months Old

I am young and young at heart! I want an active family to add some excitement and love to my life!



Georgia
DSH
S. Female
6 year old

I am a laid back girl that is very sweet. However, it may take me a little time to come out of my shell.

Resident Shelter Pets:

Meet the Birds

Many people come to the Shelter and inquire about some of the animals that we have in the front lobby and around the building. These are our resident animals, and are not available for adoption. In the next several newsletters, we will introduce you to them, and explain why they are so important to us!

Meet the birds- above our communal cat cage in the front lobby, there are two cages of finches. Sonny and Cher are the two society finches, and Peanut Butter is the white finch. We also have a cockatiel named Pato who resides in the lobby as well.

Peanut Butter you may remember from our Green Tree Mall location. At the time, he had a friend named Jelly who has since passed away. He has been with us for roughly 6 years now.

Sonny and Cher were purchased from a pet store after our zebra finches from the Mall location had passed away. They have been with us for about 4 years now.

These little birds are so beneficial to those feline critters underneath of their cages. Don't worry, the cats cannot access the birds or their cages in any way!

Life in a cage can be pretty dull and boring. These birds are environmental enrichment, much like a television for the cats. They help stimulate the cats and give them something to watch. They,

on the other hand, love their home in the front lobby. They love being high and all of the light.

Pato came to the shelter about a year ago when his family, who had recieved him as a wedding gift 13 years prior, got a divorce and neither had time for him. He is now an educational bird for the Shelter and can attend school functions where kids can hold him and see him up close. When children can hold an animal, they become much more engaged in learning!



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Fall Pet Safety

Fall is a beautiful and favorite season for many people. Many fondly recall the sensations associated with brisk autumn temperatures, the aromas of drying plants, and the variety of colors bursting from withering leaves. Although many of the seasonal changes associated with fall have great appeal for people, they also present many potential health hazards for our pets, about which owners must be aware.

Fewer hours of daylight and an earlier sunset means that we are partaking in many of our daily activities when visibility is poor. Dog owners end up walking or exercising their canine companions in the darkness of early morning or evening.

Reduced light makes it more challenging for drivers to see animals (and people) in driveways, sidewalks, and roads. If you walk your pooch or permit your feline companion to venture outdoors, maintain close observation and control by using a leash and collar or chest harness. Have your pets wear up-to-date tags and implant a microchip to improve their likelihood of a safe return should they go missing.

The pleasure associated with observing the colors of fall quickly dissipates upon embarking on the laborious job of cleaning up a seemingly endless supply of leaves.

The startling noises created by leaf blowers may drive your pets into seclusion or cause them to flee your property. Additionally, gas powered devices can leak fuel or oil, which creates a source of toxicity should ingestion

occur when your pet licks a substance from the ground or their paws.

Leaf piles remaining on your lawn quickly accumulate moisture, which promotes bacterial and mold growth. If your pet ingests these

microorganisms, digestive tract upset (vomit, diarrhea, decreased appetite, etc.) could ensue.

The safest practice is to keep your pets confined indoors, separate from your yard work.

The Chrysanthemum (mum) is a seasonally blooming flower that is commonly associated with fall. Toxicity can occur if your dog or cat ingests the mum's flower, stems, or leaves, all of which can cause medical issues. While most mushrooms are nontoxic, a few types are. It is best to not allow your animals to eat any mushrooms to avoid the risk of it being a toxic one.

Fall's cooler temperatures drive rodents in search of shelter from the cold and into our homes. Rodenticides (poisons which kill mice, rats, and other creatures) can help deter vermin infestations, but rodenticide ingestion also causes life threatening toxicity to both dogs and cats.

As mice and rats can transport chunks of rodenticide from a container to a location that is accessible to other animals, it's best to hire a professional service to



address your rodent problem instead of putting down easily accessible commercial poisons. With suspected or known toxicities, immediately contact your veterinarian or emergency veterinary hospital. Additional resources include the ASPCA's Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) or Pet Poison Helpline (855-213-6680).

Halloween is also a very enjoyable time in the fall - for people. There are many hazards for pets that can cause this time to be much less enjoyable.

Many candies and festive foods can be toxic to animals so it is important to make sure these items stay out of reach.

Costumes can also pose a threat. Even for people that your animals know and love, a costume can cause them to look, smell, and sound like someone completely different. This could cause a dog to become fearful and bite, dart and run away, or hide.

Halloween decorations may also pose a threat. Fake spider webs, glow sticks, candles, and rubber and plastic decorations could land your pet at the vet.

Do I Need Pet Insurance?

Some may not be aware that pet insurance exist, but it does and its saving families a lot of money.

Many pet insurance policies protects pets in case of accidents or illnesses. But pet insurance doesn't have to be just for the unexpected! Because wellness care is so important to keep your pet happy and healthy, many insurance companies have two or more options for this care, which may includes vaccinations and check-ups, preventative medications. Some companies even have multiple animal policies the will cover all in the house at a discounted rate.

Veterinary care is getting more expensive, especially as more sophisticated diagnostics and treatments become available for animals. For instance, veterinarians can now use MRI technology and chemotherapy to treat their

pet patients.

It can help you avoid a tough financial decision about your pet's health and can help you financially prepare for the unexpected. This is especially important when you consider a single incident can run into hundreds or even thousands of dollars in veterinary bills.

When getting a new pet, insurance can be a good idea because you may not know the dog well enough to know what they may try to do that will cause harm. With any adoption through the New Albany Shelter, there is a 30 day emergency insurance package that is given for free! It can cover up to \$700 of emergency procedures for only \$75!

Insurance can be a great idea for puppies and kittens! They are so mischievous and tend to get into things they shouldn't-whether it be a toxic chemical or food, or just



eating an entire set of toy cars!

As dogs age, many issues can arise as well, such as heart issues, tumors, hip dysplasia, etc. All of these can be very costly. With insurance, your cost for treatment could be greatly reduced depending on your policy.

Your veterinary pet insurance premium may depend on a few factors like the level of coverage you pick, your geographic area, and the breed and age of your pet. There are many companies that now offer insurance, so be sure to check around online for quotes and policies before you purchase.

P.A.W.S. Walk the Riverfront Update

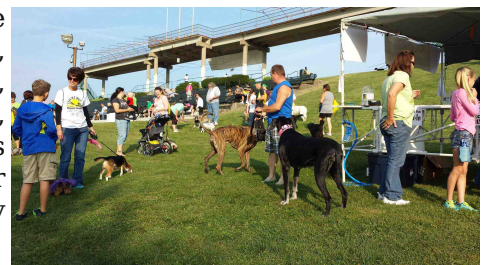
On September 20th the New Albany Animal Shelter held its first ever dog walk. This event went off without a hitch and was a huge success! The weather was incredible as well.

We had nearly 80 people pre-register for the walk, and nearly 30 new registrations that day! Some of the walkers came alone, while others came with multiple dogs! We had well over 100 dogs walking to

support a new place to play - a local dog park!

While all of the final numbers are not in yet, through registrations, donations, and sponsorships, the community helped gross \$10,000! For the first year for this event, we are extremely happy with this number!

Please keep an eye on our website and the newsletter as dog park information becomes available!



October Dates to Remember

October 11 - Closed for Harvest Homecoming

October 13th - Closed for Columbus Day

October 16th, 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting

October 30th, 6:00PM - Volunteer Orientation

Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

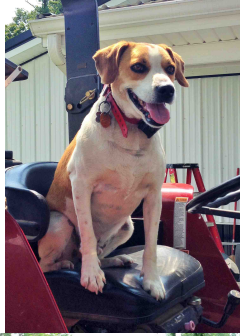
Bimonthly, The S.N.I.P. Clinic and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

Happy Tails: Lexie and Baxter

Lexie and Baxter were adopted into the Raake family in September 2012. Since then, they have become loved family members who bring energy and excitement in all they do as well as becoming the best of canine friends.

Since adoption, both have "grown" up into healthy and happy companions to Pam and Paul and their two grown daughters, Sarah and Hannah. Lexie is unquestionably a "daddy's girl" while Baxter is more of an energetic free spirit that loves everyone and everything. Both love running and playing on the Raake farm and chasing any squirrel, groundhog, raccoon, or other animal they come in contact with. Lexie's favorite activities include chasing birds and bumblebees, and Baxter's is playing with toys and riding the "Baxter buggy."

The Raakes are so glad Lexie and Baxter adopted them into their family and hope for many more happy years to come!



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

Fall Volunteer
Orientations

Due to the upcoming holidays, the volunteer orientations will be held a little differently than normal.

October's orientation will still be held on the last Thursday, the 30th, at 6:00PM

November and December will have a joined orientation in the beginning of December to avoid any Thanksgiving and Christmas complications.

The date has not been set yet for this orientation, but it will be posted on the website and in the November Newsletter once it is decided.

During the holidays, especially on the weekends, we become really busy and can really benefit from volunteers that can help show adoptions!

