



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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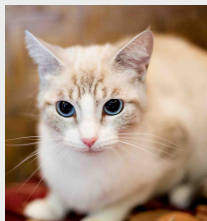
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## Classifieds



Huey  
Beagle X  
N. Male  
2 years old

I am a spunky, fun loving guy looking for someone who wants to enjoy life with me by their side! I still need some basic work on manners and housebreaking though!



Yvaine  
DSH  
S. Female  
1 year old

I am a gorgeous girl and I know it! I love attention from just about everyone. Every so often, like most woman, I like a little time to myself, too!

## PAWS Walk the Riverfront

The NAFC Animal Shelter is holding its first dog walk on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The monies collected from the walk will assist in funding a local dog park. Dog parks are a great place for dogs to socialize off leash, as well as get plenty of exercise. "Best in Show" sponsors contributing to this event are Feeder's Supply, and Just for Pets. While these businesses are helping, we still need community participation to help raise money!

Registration for the dog walk is \$35. While same day registration is available, pre-registration is recommended and will guarantee a t-shirt and a great goodie bag! Seniors, Veterans, and those registering as a pack will receive \$5 off per person. Registration will open at 8am, and the walk begins at 9:30am.

The walk is a 2 1/2 mile course that begins at the New Albany Riverfront Amphitheatre and follows the beautiful Ohio River. The course can be adjusted for each walker's ability.

Prizes will be awarded to the walkers and packs that raise the most money! You may participate alone, with your dog, or make



a "pack" by joining a group of 5 or more friends! If you can't walk but want to help, virtual walkers are welcome, can fundraise, and join packs! After the walk, visit our booths to see what local vendors are offering.

Make plans to join us for this day of fun with you and your dog! This event is part of a weekend extravaganza in conjunction with Cabo Wabo and The Floyd Co Animal Rescue League and will be held on the New Albany Riverfront! Concerts will be held on Friday night and Saturday evening with food and drink from local vendors, and even a beer garden. Watch the website for more information about these great band performances!

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# Surviving K9 Adolescence

Those weeks of careful monitoring have finally paid off — you're now the proud caretaker of a housebroken pup! But wait, is that a yellow stain partway up the drapes? And after you unclip Rex's leash in the dog run, and he maniacally bounds around for 45 minutes, it still takes a ten-minute game of "catch me if you can" to get him back on-leash to go home. What gives? Your puppy has grown into a teenager.

From the age of 6-18 months, your dog undergoes adolescence — that gawky stage between puppyhood and adulthood. Physically, your dog has his adult teeth, but he still needs to chew on hard toys. That cottony puppy coat is falling out during one tremendous shedding cycle, allowing the adult coat to grow in. He has almost reached his adult height, but for now is all loose elbows and gangly movement.

During adolescence, the domestic canine resembles a perpetual-motion machine that requires superhuman stamina to wear out. It's a good idea to find your pup a friendly pack of other canine adolescents to run with in the safety of an urban dog run or suburban fenced-in yard. If your dog lacks canine friends, send him or her out with your resident human teen to fetch a Frisbee or go jogging.

Tiring out your canine teen will also save wear and tear on your abode. Chewing often results when a bored, anxious, or curious dog is allowed the run of the house. For the canine adolescent, boredom and curiosity can

lead to major household damage via chewing, digging, and general reorganization.

This damage could largely be avoided if caretakers would simply continue to confine their dog in a training crate or dog-proof room whenever no one is around to monitor canine investigations. Canine teens are not yet capable of the consistency it takes to earn the run of the place unsupervised.

Those Paws, Those Eyes ... That Smell! Hormones also play a major role in your canine's adolescence. Most dogs become sexually mature at eight to twelve months of age. At this time, females will experience their first estrus (heat) cycle and males will begin to lift their legs and show interest in "the ladies." By spaying or neutering early (between two and six months of age), you can save yourself and your dog experiences of increased indoor urination (females in heat do it to advertise for suitors; for intact males, it's a way of marking territory), inter-dog aggression (primarily between dogs of the same sex who are compelled to "fight off the competition"), and the complete loss of attention span that attends raging hormones. This also eliminates accidental matings, false pregnancies, and the male teen's need to taste-test female urine.

An adolescent, even a neutered one, will experience occasional lapses in attention. At times he may look



at you as though you had just addressed him in Mandarin, trying to convince you that you never taught him the sit command. Handle these lapses the same way you would with an untrained dog. Take a step or two backward in your training program and patiently re-teach him the command by luring him into the requested position. Be sure to make it worth his while with the use of positive reinforcement. Keep his focus on you, using favorite toys and treats as lures. And keep your training sessions short and functional, always ending with a game or playtime. If you take away the fun, he or she will show even less interest.

In order to get through your dog's adolescence, remember to provide plenty of exercise, continue to crate/confine when he or she is unattended, spay or neuter, and continue fun training sessions fun. And by all means, hang on to your sense of humor. Although your pup may try your patience, take heart — adolescence is one thing your dog is guaranteed to outgrow!

# Girl Scouts earn their Bronze Award!

Girl Scout Troop #102 from Georgetown, Indiana, delivered 572 items including bleach, dish soap, paper towels, and dog food to the the Shelter on Friday, August 22nd! Not included in that number is an addition 312 individual detergent packs and a monetary donation of \$25. All of this was the result of the troop's week'long supply drive at Highland Hills Middle School!

The 6th grade Girl Scout troop spent last year planning this event in order to raise their Bronze Award. The award is the highest award given to a Junior Girl Scout! In order to qualify for this honor, the girls had to complete a Journey (several badges built around one theme), build their Junior Team, explore their community, choose a service project, create a plan and put it into action spreading the word.

Over the year, the girls invested over 20 hours each

to complete the necessary planning for their project of collecting animal supplies. This included taking a tour of the shelter and finding out what their needs were, creating a video to promote the supply drive, meeting with the principal of Highland Hills, promoting the drive at the Middle School's Open House and at the PTA with especially made flyers and posters made by the girls.

All of their hard work resulted in a very successful animal supply drive that was held at the school every morning for a week. The students and faculty generously responding by donating many items. The end result more than double the troop's original goal of 250 items!

The Shelter could not be more grateful to Girl



Scout Troop #102 for their very generous donation to help care for all of the animals in our care.

Donation drives can be done to earn a few hours of community service if needed for students. Going around the neighborhood with flyers and an item collection date can be a lot more beneficial than some think.

Please contact us if you are interested in doing a donation drive and we can assist you with information you may need or want!

## Cat Fascination with Water

In spite of their reputation for tolerating only dry land, many cats are actually water lovers. Some like to play in standing water, whereas others are fascinated by running water and prefer to drink from a faucet. This attraction to running water may reflect an adaptive behavior from a wild past. Perhaps because running water has fewer contaminants, many wild animals prefer to drink from streams rather than ponds.

Water bowl splashing could also be attributed to the need to test the water to make sure it's safe. The paw pad represents one of the most sensitive areas of a cat's body. A cat may scoop water with her paw to check for possible "dangers" in the water

or to test the temperature. Cats' long distance eyesight is superb and they see anything moving easily, but their close-up vision is somewhat weak. They rely on their noses to sample food and paws to test water. And they may be partaking in a little fun and enjoyment seeing the mini-ripples their paws create in the bowl.

Make sure that you provide your cat with fresh water every day, even if she makes a mess. Offer her more than one bowl in your home. If you don't mind her perching on a bathroom sink, leave one with a few inches of water for her to play in during the day. You might consider an inexpensive automatic water dispenser that trickles water continuously. Many cats find them irresistible.

These are readily available at pet supply stores and through catalogs.

Another idea is to take a one-gallon plastic jug and cut a hole about two inches from the bottom. Make the hole just a bit bigger than your cat's head (don't forget to allow for her whiskers) so that she can reach in for a drink but can't splash too much water on the floor. If she pushes the jug around, you can attach it to a wall.





# 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: Stiggy and Lola

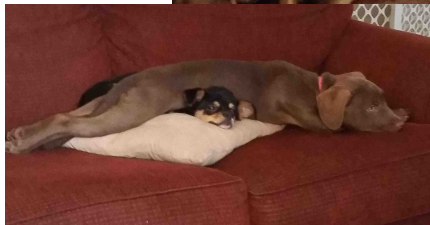
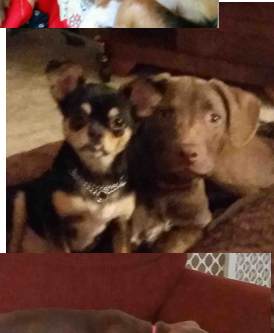
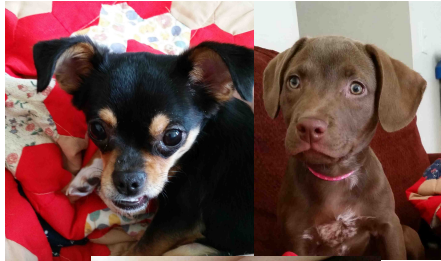
Stiggy, (chihuahua mix) and Lola (the lab mix) both came to the shelter as puppies. Stiggy came in the day after he was born, with his mother. Lola, was just about 7 weeks old, when she was surrendered to the shelter.

Stiggy, now over a year old, has really taken to his new home and family. Lola, now about 4 months old, has really began to blossom as well. She was separated from her mother when she was too young, and has developed at a slower rate.

Both dogs greatly enjoy wrestling, playing with toys, and cuddling with each other or the little boy in the family.

They have made a great addition to the family. The family couldn't be happier.

Please send us your happy tails story and your family may be featured in the next issue!



### 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

PAWS Walk the  
Riverfront Sponsors

Best of Show:

- Just for Pets
- Highlander Pet Grooming
- Feeders Supply

Alpha Dog:

- Ridgeview Animal Clinic
  - Hillside Animal Clinic
  - Carla Byrne Memorial
  - Your Community Bank
  - Kelsey Martin Foundation
- administered by the  
Community Foundation  
of Southern Indiana
- Floyd County Humane Society

Other:

- River Valley Financial Bank
- Animal Hospital of Lanesville

