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Classifieds



Aubrey
DSH
2 Years Old
S. Female

Seeking a gentle and loving hand to call my own. I am an absolute lover, even to other cats. Dogs on the other hand, not so much. Please visit me today!



Lenny
Lab X
3 Years Old
N. Male

Hello there! I am an active boy looking for a companion that can keep up with me! I don't have the best manners, but maybe the right family will teach me!

Fourth of July Safety

More pets get lost on July 4th than any other day of the year.

Source: HomeAgain

Keep your dog safe this Independence Day.

Share these eight tips for enjoying the Fourth of July with your dog.



Be sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date and visible ID tag on her collar at all times.



Take a current photo of your dog, just in case.



Exercise your dog early in the day before parties begin.



During cookouts, ask guests to play with your dog away from the flames.



Keep dog treats on hand for those who want to give your dog food.



Leave your dog at home with a frozen stuffed treat during the fireworks.



If your dog is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to cover the fireworks.

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The Fourth of July the person.

can be a very scary time for all of your pets. Above are 8 very important things to consider to keep your pets, and your guests happy and safe during this festive time.

Dogs and cats that are scared may be more likely to act out aggressively to your guests even if they know

Please don't take any chances of your pet getting spooked because of the noises and getting lost. Keep your pets inside, safe and secure, during the fireworks.

Before the holiday, make sure that your beloved pet is wearing identification with valid information.

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The Joys of Water

Trying to beat the heat this summer? Hit the water, and bring your dog!

It's well known that most dogs love water. Many breeds, such as labs and retrievers, are natural swimmers, and love to get wet. This can make for truly memorable summer experiences. Some dogs aren't quite as at home in the water. Never fear, though, because most dogs can be trained to swim.

If your dog is unused to the water, consider using a pet flotation device; basically a life jacket for your dog.

Start out in shallow water; try letting your dog walk in the water first. Then, you can ease him into swimming, holding up his back end first while he paddles with his front. As he gets more comfortable in the water, you can let him swim on his own.

Hurstbourne Veterinary Clinic does have a pool that can be used to teach your dog to swim as well as used for hydrotherapy.

Use sunscreen on his nose and ears. Light colored dogs are particularly susceptible to sunburn.

Always be there to watch over your dog when he's swimming. If you're at a

lake or ocean, try to keep an eye on the current and how far out your dog is swimming. Dogs can get tired while swimming and you don't want to let him get out of your reach.

When dogs are swimming, they like to lap up the water that they're doing laps in. This can be bad for them, as chlorine, salt, or pollutants will be present in pools, oceans, or lakes. When you go swimming, try to bring plenty of fresh water for your dog to drink so he won't be tempted to drink unhealthy water.

After swimming, make sure to rinse your dog off with clean water. If you want him to get extra clean, bring dog shampoo. Don't forget to rinse and dry his ears, to protect him from ear infections.

If you have a pool, feel free to let your dog swim around. Just be sure he knows where and how to exit the pool, and try not to play rough with him. If you don't have a pool, many dogs have plenty of fun playing with hoses, sprinklers, or kiddie pools.

Lakes and rivers are great places to play with your dog in the water too. Try playing fetch; but be careful not to throw the ball too far out. You can bring your dog to the beach, too, but be careful of the surf and other factors, like jellyfish. Before you venture out, though, check to make sure the spot is "dog friendly."

If you can, another fun idea is

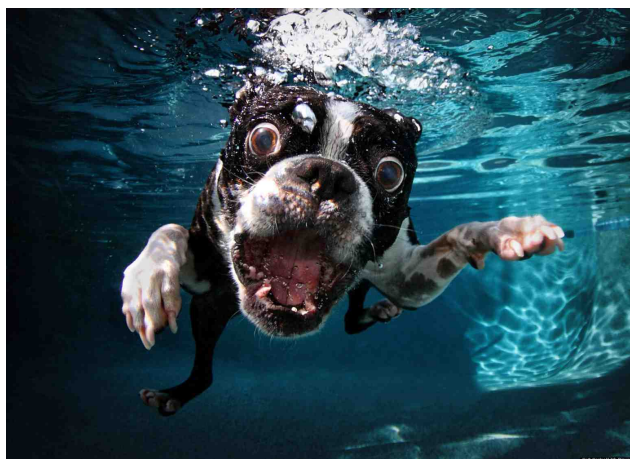
to bring your dog boating. Before you try this, though, make sure your dog is a strong swimmer. Always outfit him in a pet flotation device and make sure he's wearing identification. On the boat, try to provide him with non-slip surfaces, a shady spot, and a place to rest. Also, make sure your dog responds well to commands, as this can be essential on the water. Like swimming, start slow with your dog. Go on small boat trips in gentle water before getting more adventurous, and always make sure he's comfortable.

Any time that your dog is going on adventures in the water or in wet areas, it is particularly important that they are up to date on vaccinations. Make sure their Parvo/Distemper vaccine includes Lepto.

Leptospira bacteria survive especially well in warm, humid areas, and are often found in stagnant water, such as ponds. Wild animals can carry Leptospira. Therefore, dogs with a higher potential for exposure to contaminated water and wild animals and their urine are at a greater risk. Most infections happen in the summer and early fall, and outbreaks sometimes follow flooding.

Talk with your veterinarian about what vaccines are recommended for dogs that will be swimming, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors a lot this summer.

Many dogs really enjoy swimming. For some, it can even help with sore joints and muscles. However, some dogs may be terrified for unknown reasons. It is important to not push these dogs too hard or you can make their fear worse.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our funds are being cut significantly by the County. Please watch our Facebook page and our website for things that you can do to help us continue to serve our community the best we can.

Donate to the Dog Days at the Drive-In

Whether you work at a salon, restaurant, or make custom crafts - why not help your company advertise AND help the animals in your community!

For the past several years, the New Albany Animal Shelter has joined hands with the Georgetown Twin Drive In for the event fondly known as Dog Days at the Drive In. During this event, the public can bring their dogs to see the movies with them for an additional fee. We have also invited several other rescue groups, pet related vendors, and host many activities for both family and pets! It is one of our most popular fundraisers each year. The last couple of



a door prize or part of a silent auction item. Please remember, not only are you helping the animals of Floyd County, you are also promoting your business in a positive light! We appreciate anything that your organization is willing to donate! We will accept gift cards, items, baskets, etc.

If interested in donating, please contact us to set up a drop off or pick up time! Please contact Marilee at (812)948-5355. You can also email us at nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com, or mail in item to 215 W. Market St., New Albany, IN 47150.

Thanks again for your continued support!

years, we have had a silent auction. This generated more income than ever, all going to the homeless animals of our community.

We are currently seeking donations for this year's event, on July 11th to raise even more money! Donations can be of any size or amount. They may be offered as

Meet the Staff:

Animal Care Supervisor, Karyssa

Meet Karyssa. Karyssa is another one of our Animal Care Supervisors. She is cross-trained as well and may be seen working in the front lobby with customers or in the back with the animals. She can medicate, vaccinate, lead staff and volunteers, kennel duties, and perform all front desk operations.

Her first job was working at the shelter. She has now been with us for 7 years.

Karyssa generally stays pretty busy when she isn't working. Her time is spent with her family, friends, and pets. She actually met her husband Mark while he was volunteering

at the Shelter! They have been married for several years now and have a beautiful daughter, Cheyenne.

They also have several furry children, all from the Shelter of course! Denver is a chihuahua and Sheldon and Leonard are both poodles. We can't forget the cat, Heath.

Karyssa and her family enjoy watching the Steelers play, especially from the stands. They have been to two games, and can't wait to attend more! She also enjoys watching Sons of Anarchy as well and wished the series did not have to end.

Her family

spends a lot of time outdoors camping, swimming, and spending time with the rest of their extended family.

Karyssa has been such an asset to the shelter and we hope to have her for many more years!



July Dates to Remember

July 3-4th - Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

July 13th -Closed for Staff Appreciation

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

July 30th, 6:00PM - Volunteer Orientation

Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Every 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: Booger

The dog formally known as Amie, was adopted over a year ago by a wonderful family. She was renamed Booger, very appropriately.

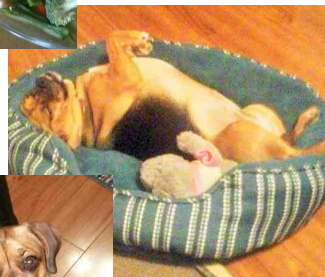
From her first moments home, Booger has been behind a whirlwind of emotions. Frustration,

laughter, chaos, and above all - love. Her new family understood that she had to adjust to her new life just as they had to adjust to her.

They absolutely love her and her quirky personality. The say she is both a ham and a blessing.

Booger was very lucky to have found such a good and understanding new home. We hope for all dogs to be this lucky!

Please email us your happy tails story to be featured in our next newsletter!



Happy Scare-The-Crap-Out-of-Your-Dog Day



SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00-4:30PM

Saturday

11:00-2:30

Information Corner

Changes in Peanut Butter

Peanut Butter:

A favorite treat of many canines. Not only is it a good source of protein, but it also contains heart healthy fats, vitamin B, niacin, and vitamin E. Stuff peanut butter into a Kong to keep your dog busy for hours. It is used in many homemade dog treat recipes, too!

In the past, any peanut butter could be used to treat your friend with no real danger. Now many brands have added the ingredient Xylitol, a toxic ingredient for dogs.

Xylitol is an ingredient added for sweetness. Many candy bars and sweets also have this ingredient.

Even the smallest amounts of this can cause major medical issues, even death.

Please check your peanut butter and other treats for this dangerous ingredient. It could be the difference between life or death.