



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



www.nafcanimalshelter.org

November 2015

## Inside

- Holiday Promotions
- 25 Cool Dog Facts
- 10 Tips For A Safe Thanksgiving
- Animal Control Corner
- Happy Tails: Chili
- Information Corner: Cat Reproduction
- Comics

## Classifieds

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 (PayPal donors please add 10%). 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

### 2015 Homes 4 Holidays Programs

#### 12 STRAYS OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS 12/8/2015

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 \$7.50 per day.

With the holidays just around the corner, the 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!

We are excited to announce that our 12 strays program will have a new media campaign. Our animals will be featured on the WHAS "Great Day Live" morning show!

Christmas in the Shelter is No Place to Be is a great program that gives our shelter animals what they deserve for the holidays, a home. If you have ever thought about fostering, this is the perfect timetime to try. 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!

On Sat, Nov 7th, we will kick off Homes for the Holidays with our "Deal or Steal" game. Adopters can deal for discounted or even free adoptions!

Phone (812)948-5355

nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com - www.nafcanimalshelter.org

215 W. Market St., New Albany, IN 47150

# 25 COOL DOG FACTS

Check out some of these interesting and far-out facts about dogs.

1. Is it a duck...or a dog? The Newfoundland breed has a water resistant coat and webbed feet. This dog was originally bred to help haul nets for fishermen and rescuing people at risk of drowning.

2. It pays to be a lap dog. Three dogs (from First Class cabins!) survived the sinking of the Titanic – two Pomeranians and one Pekingese.

3. A Beatles hit. It's rumored that, at the end of the Beatles song, "A Day in the Life," Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland sheepdog.

4. Wow, check out those choppers! Puppies have 28 teeth and normal adult dogs have 42.

5. Chase that tail! Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas! If your dog is chasing his tail excessively, talk with your vet.

6. Seeing spots? Or not... Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they grow older.

7. Dogs do dream! Dogs and humans have the same type of slow wave sleep (SWS) and rapid eye movement (REM) and during this REM stage dogs can dream. The twitching and paw movements that occur during their sleep are signs

that your pet is dreaming

8. No night vision goggles needed! Dogs' eyes contain a special membrane, called the tapetum lucidum, which allows them to see in the dark.

9. Pitter patter. A large breed dog's resting heart beats between 60 and 100 times per minute, and a small dog breed's heart beats between 100-140. Comparatively, a resting human heart beats 60-100 times per minute.

10. If your dog's acting funny, get out the umbrella! According to a Petside.com/Associated Press poll, 72% of dog owners believe their dog can detect when stormy weather is on the way.

11. It's not a fever...A dog's normal temperature is between 101 and 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

12. Is something wet? Unlike humans who sweat everywhere, dogs only sweat through the pads of their feet.

13. Here's looking at you. Dogs have three eyelids, an upper lid, a lower lid and the third lid, called a nictitating membrane or "haw," which helps keep the eye moist and protected.

14. Americans love dogs! 62% of U.S. households own a pet, which equates to 72.9 million homes

20. Did you hear that? Sound frequency is measured in Hertz (Hz). The higher the Hertz, the higher-pitched the sound. Dogs hear best at 8,000

Hz, while humans hear best at around 2,000 Hz.

21. Express yourself. Dogs' ears are extremely expressive. It's no wonder! There are more than a dozen separate muscles that control a dog's ear movements.

22. Growing up. While the Chow Chow dogs are well known for their distinctive blue-black tongues, they're actually born with pink tongues. They turn blue-black at 8-10 weeks of age.

23. Why do they do that? When dogs kick after going to the bathroom, they are using the scent glands on their paws to further mark their territory.

24. No, it's not just to make themselves look adorable. Dogs curl up in a ball when they sleep due to an age-old instinct to keep themselves warm and protect their abdomen and vital organs from predators.

25. Breathe easy. In addition to sweating through their paw pads, dogs pant to cool themselves off. A panting dog can take 300-400 breaths (compared to his regular 30-40) with very little effort.



Fall makes me jump for joy!



## Animal Control Corner

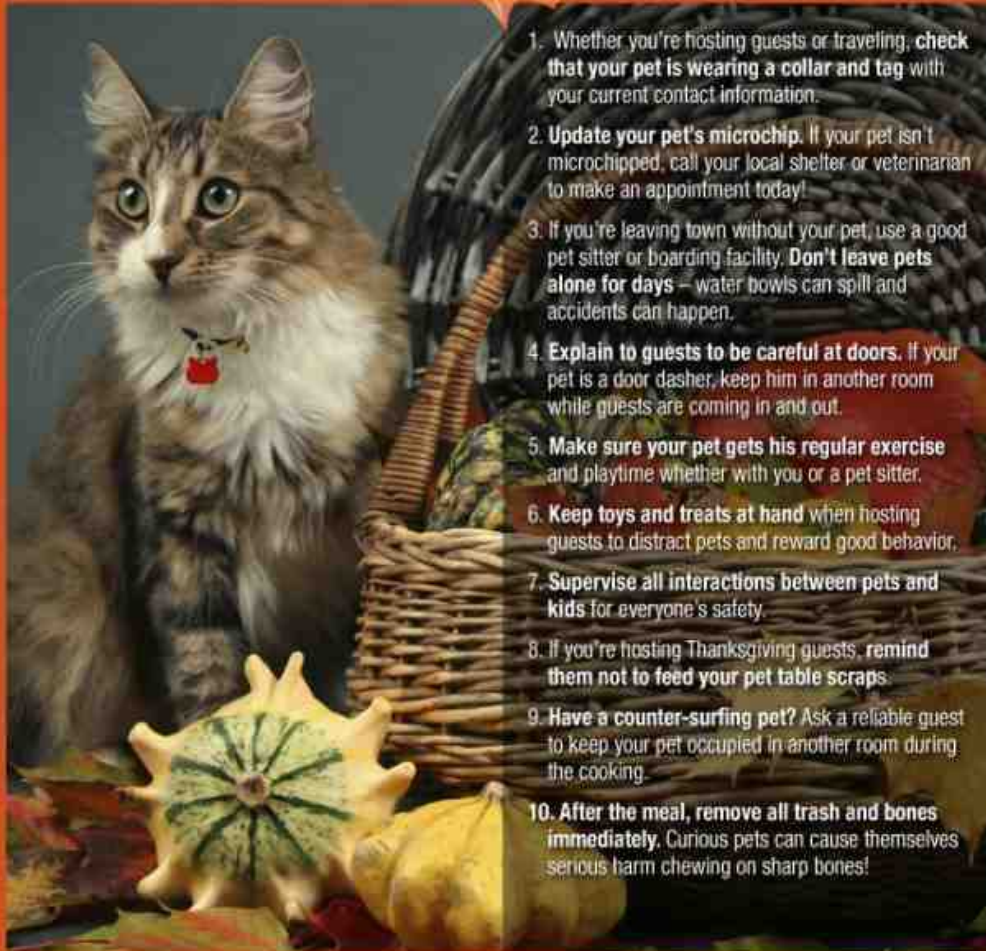
One of the top reasons people surrender their cats to a shelter is because of litterbox issues. Here are some reasons why your cat may suddenly not use the litterbox.

Most cats, particularly our larger or overweight friends, cannot comfortably fit in a commercial litter box. It's like that pair of pants that has gotten uncomfortably small — you keep trying to squeeze into it although it's unpleasant, until you finally decide it's not worth it and just give up. The high sides of some litterboxes may also make it difficult for older cats to get in and out of the box.

A good, inexpensive alternative is to purchase a plastic box used for under-the-bed storage — these are big enough for cats to comfortably get in, dig, and then cover up their business. Almost any plastic storage box can be used as a litterbox. Litterboxes should be at least one and half times the length of the cat. If unsure, pick the bigger size. People like covered litterboxes for the exact reason that many cats dislike them — they keep odors in!

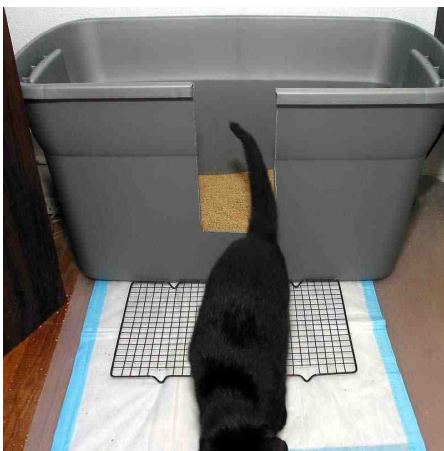
If your cat suddenly stops using their litterbox they should be examined by your veterinarian. One of the first signs your cat has developed a urinary problem is they will stop using their litterbox. If untreated this can even become life threatening.

# 10 Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving



1. Whether you're hosting guests or traveling, **check that your pet is wearing a collar and tag** with your current contact information.
2. **Update your pet's microchip.** If your pet isn't microchipped, call your local shelter or veterinarian to make an appointment today!
3. If you're leaving town without your pet, use a good pet sitter or boarding facility. **Don't leave pets alone for days** — water bowls can spill and accidents can happen.
4. **Explain to guests to be careful at doors.** If your pet is a door dasher, keep him in another room while guests are coming in and out.
5. **Make sure your pet gets his regular exercise** and playtime whether with you or a pet sitter.
6. **Keep toys and treats at hand** when hosting guests to distract pets and reward good behavior.
7. **Supervise all interactions between pets and kids** for everyone's safety.
8. If you're hosting Thanksgiving guests, **remind them not to feed your pet table scraps.**
9. **Have a counter-surfing pet?** Ask a reliable guest to keep your pet occupied in another room during the cooking.
10. **After the meal, remove all trash and bones immediately.** Curious pets can cause themselves serious harm chewing on sharp bones!

For more information, check out **Petfinder**



The DIY tub on left is perfect for older cats. The hole can be adjusted to the appropriate size for the cat. The tub on the right is perfect for a large cat that won't fit comfortably in a normal box. It can also be used to keep dogs out of the litterbox!



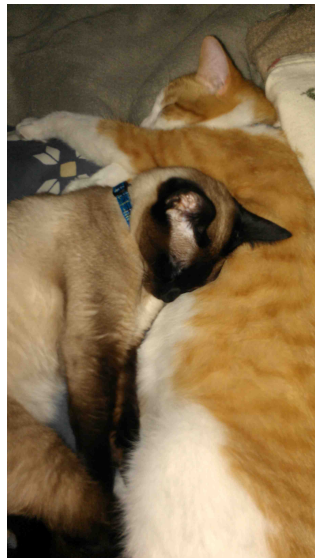
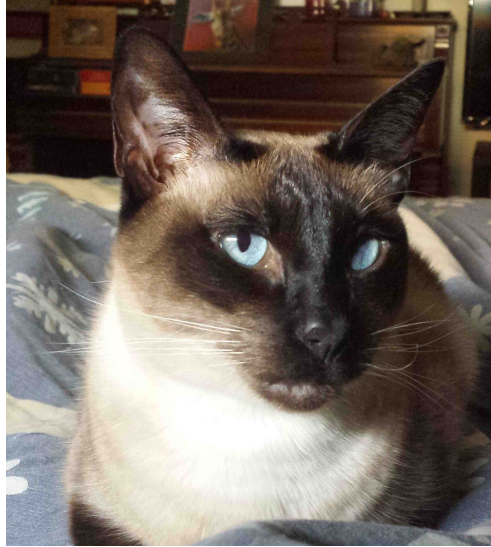
# Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Every month, The S.N.I.P. Clinic, the NAFC Animal Shelter, and FCARL 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: Chili

Chili was adopted in 2011. While at the shelter, Chili was shut down. All she did was hide under her bedding. She wouldn't come out to anyone. One of our Animal Control Officers was able to look past her negative attitude and saw a cat that just needed a home.

Since coming home, Chili, named for her "chilly" attitude, has blossomed. Although most things are still on her terms she loves being petted, is sweet and loves cuddling with best friend Fozzie. Her favorite activities are sunbathing and walking around the house with a toy mouse pretending she is a lion on a safari hunt.



### 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

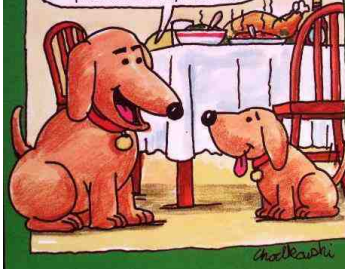


**INCOGNITO**

Just a few more hours to go... and I should be okay

### The Trickle-down Theory of Thanksgiving.

It's gonna rain turkey, son!  
Stuffing falls, things happen!  
People drop rolls, peas roll off  
plates!... Stay alert!...



## Information Corner

### CAT REPRODUCTION

Normal reproduction in cats is all about high efficiency! Cats have always been recognized for their ability to reproduce—in Ancient Egypt they were worshipped as the worldly symbol for the Goddess of Fertility, Bastet. Cats of that era were so revered that they were often mummified and buried with their human families, and cemeteries were dedicated to the noble cat.

Cats can experience their first heat cycle when they are as young as 4 months of age. There is a very large range of what is normal for the domestic cats cycle. Generally, during the reproductive season which runs from about February to October in the continental US, a female will display estrous behavior every 14-21 days unless she becomes pregnant, ovulates without pregnancy (pseudo-pregnant), or becomes significantly ill.