



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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### Classifieds



Poppy Boxer 2 Years Old S. Female

Poppy is an incredibly sweet girl that came to the Shelter as a stray. On our surgical exam, our vet found out that she had a severely broken lower jaw. We reached out to The ArrowFund for assistance, and they did not hesitate to take her and help her recover. Her jaw was partially amputated. They also found and removed cancerous tumors as well. This poor girl has had a rough start to life. She may not do well with other dogs, but she has the heart of 100 dogs! Her adoption wil go through the ArrowFund, but she can be visited here at the Shelter.

www.the arrowfund.org

## Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month



October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month and there are more dogs in need than ever, but that doesn't mean that every person is in a position to have an animal. If your family is one that can adopt a pet, fantastic! If not, you can still help!

You can donate your time by posting Facebook and Twitter. paste a simple message like this: "October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. Save a life: Adopt dog! https://www.petfinder.com www.nafcanimalshelter.org". You can also post an adoptable

Print a copy of our donation wish list or other flyers and post them around your office or neighborhood. The flyer for our "Donate your Soles" Shoe Drive is a perfect example!

dog each day for everyone to

share and see!

Sign up as a foster parent or shelter volunteer, then tell your friends

how great it is. Volunteer orientation is held the last Thursday of the month at 6:00PM. November and December orientations will fluctuate due to holidays. Watch the website for dates.

Add a Petfinder widget or banner to your Web site or blog so anyone visiting your page can easily see adoptable animals too!

Write an editorial about the importance of pet adoption for your local paper.

Contact your local shelter or rescue group and offer to photograph their adoptable pets and upload the pictures to Petfinder.

Pass on an understanding of importance of pet adoption to the next generation. Talk to your kids, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and other upand-comers about animal shelters why and Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month, and pet adoption in general, important.

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# Dog Proof Your Home: Senior Dogs

In their twilight years, dogs naturally become less physically agile and mentally sharp. Dog proofing your home to accommodate these changes will make both you and your senior dog more comfortable.

As your pooch gets older, he is less alert and his eyesight is not as sharp as it used to be. Take notice of areas in your home that seem difficult for him to navigate and move items out of his way. The idea is to place furniture and other objects around the perimeter of the room so he has a big open space in the middle and an unobstructed path to other rooms.

Fido is probably not jumping much anymore and may have trouble getting up the stairs or hopping onto the sofa. If you live in a two-story home, make sure that everything he needs -food and water bowls, toys, his bed - are on the ground floor so he can get to them. You can even purchase or, if you're handy with wood-working, make a small triangular-shaped ramp to help your pup get up and down the porch so he can go and do his "business."

Your dog's declining vision makes it harder for him to see, especially in the dark. Keep areas he frequents, like his doggy door (if you have one)

and his feeding spot, well lit to help him see them. If you notice that he consistently bumps into certain objects in your home, either move them or place a lamp near them. The additional light will help him get around more easily.

Sharp corners of furniture and other objects can injure your canine if he bumps into them while trying to find his way. Soft rubber cushions are usually located in the furniture or baby section of stores. Attach them to sharp edges to keep your dog safe and to increase your own peace of mind.

Fido can become less aware of the power of his tail and a little more careless when wagging. Especially if he's a bigger pooch, those antique porcelain curios from your great grandmother can be swiped off the coffee table and shatter into bits. Bypass his guilt and your fussing by putting precious objects out of reach where they can't be broken.

Be more conscientious about picking up small items that fall to the floor. Fido may think that

coins, buttons, or other mouth-size objects are treats and accidentally eat them. Remember, his

head is a bit foggy, and he might realize his mistake after it's too late. Keep his toys in a corner out of his path so he won't trip over them. Put plastic grocery bags away to prevent him from getting tangled in them.

Older dogs to nap than tend more younger canines. They also have less fat to cushion them while lying down. Purchase a cushy, comfortable, over-thetop bed for your senior doggy to protect his bones from the hard floor. Place his bed in a quiet spot so he won't be disturbed when resting. In this phase of his life, he needs his beauty sleep!

While he may be old, his desire to be with you hasn't faded like his capabilities have. If he seems to want to get up on the sofa with you, give him a boost, but realize that you will also probably have to help him back down again. If your own sleeping area is upstairs and he loves to cuddle up at bedtime, put extra bowls for food and water on the second floor in a well-lit area.

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# Harvest Homecoming Activities

Every October, the community starts getting excited and preparing for Harvest Homecoming. Harvest Homecoming is one of the biggest festivals in the area. In addtion to the many craft and food booths set up, many area business and non-profit organizations set up booths to help spread awareness for what they offer the community. The Floyd County Animal Rescue League (FCARL) is no different.

The Floyd County Animal Rescue League is a partner organization for the Shelter. They help buy and pay for vaccinations, medications, and extensive medical procedures for the animals in the shelter's care, as well as provide spay/neuter assistance for the community. They are a valuable resource for our community.

They will have a booth set up in spot #B32-33 on Bank Street. Here they will have information on organization as well as games, prizes, homemade dog treats and FCARL goodies for sale with all the proceeds going to help the animals!

#### Harvest

has been a big Homcoming supporter of the animals for In addition to inviting the Shelter to participate in the parade whenever we can, they also sponsor Kid's Day in the This includes a costume contest and the best pet trick contest. Harvest Homecoming always invites us to have adoptable animals at Kid's Dav in the Tent!

While pets are allowed at Harvest not Homecoming, you can still show love and support for animals by supporting the local agencies that do so much to help those animals in our by and enjoy all they have to





community that need help. Stop It's All About the Arimals

## Meet the Staff: Animal Care Attendant, Kayla

Meet Kayla Kime, Animal Care Attendant at an the New Albany Animal Shelter. Kayla is usually found working with the animals or showing customers around. She has been a part of the Shelter family for nearly 3 years. Before working at the Shelter, she had adopted a dog and attended training class with her.

Kavla is able to medicate, clean, vaccinate, train, and more with animals. She can also lead and train volunteers in their tasks.

Kayla lives a busy life with her mother and step father and all of their critters. Kayla has 2 mixed breed dogs herself, but there are two other dogs and two cats in the family as well. Her current dogs have even been through the Shelter's training class!

When Kayla isn't working or spending time with her family and friends, she enjoys many other acivities. She loves to play the electric guitar and took guitar lessons for 2 years. She enjoys a large variety of music styles, but her favorite band would be Matchbox 20.

Kayla is an avid collector of all things wolf. She admires the beauty and grace of these wild creatures. Her dream is to visit the West and see them living in the wild.

Kayla is a critical part of the Animal Shelter family. Her pleasant and caring

disposition makes her a great friend for all of the animals and people who visit the shelter! We hope to have Kayla around for years to come!



Oct. 10th and Oct 12th - Shelter Closed Oct. 15th, 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting Oct. 29th, 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!

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(Floyd and Clark)
Highlander Pet Grooming

NAFC Animal Shelter Pacers & Racers Dr. Farnsley's Office Terry Middleton's Studio Hillside Vet Clinic UPS Store (Highlander Point)

## WHEN:

Sept 10th -Nov 10th

**ABOUT:** The NAFC Animal Shelter is partnering with Wooftrax and Funds2orgs to rescue shoes from landfills and help underprivileged countries. We will receive funding for collecting and fulfilling this need.



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Wooftrax is a phone application that donates money to us when you log in and walk your dog!



#### **SHELTER INFORMATION**

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-4:30PM Saturday 11:00-2:30

## Information Corner

Donate your Soles!



Even though the Donate your Soles Fundraiser has just begun, we are well on our way! It's a Win/Win for everyone! **Drop Off Locations:** NAFC Animal Shelter, Pacers and Racers. Dr. Farnsley (DDS), Terry Middletons, Hillside, Especially Pets, IUS Bookstore, UPS Store (Highlander Point) Samtec Rivervalley Financial Bank (Floyd and Clark) Highlander Pet Grooming