



# 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. Our vet quickly 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 will go through the ArrowFund, but she can be visited here at the Shelter.

[www.the-arrowfund.org](http://www.the-arrowfund.org)

## Fall Safety Tips

The start of fall brings new seasonal household items that pose a threat to the safety of our pets. These common household items can cause serious problems if ingested by animals. Here is the list of seasonal products that the veterinarians at Pet Poison Helpline recommend keeping away from pets.

While most mushrooms are generally non-toxic, certain types can be very dangerous and are hard to identify. Therefore, it is wise to consider all ingestions of unidentified mushrooms as toxic until proven otherwise. One of the most dangerous is the *Amanita phalloides* or death cap mushroom which is found throughout the United States. Symptoms could range from mild to deadly. Pet owners should scour their yard frequently to get rid of any mushrooms.

As people prepare their boats, cars or cabins for winter, pets may inadvertently be exposed to antifreeze. As little as one teaspoon in a cat or a tablespoon or two for dogs, can be fatal. Signs of early poisoning include acting drunk, excessive thirst, and lethargy. While signs may seem to improve after eight to twelve hours, internal damage is actually worsening. Immediate treatment with an antidote is vital.

As you prepare to winterize your garage, cabin, or house, make sure to place poisonous baits in areas where your pet cannot reach them.



Rodenticides also pose the potential for relay toxicity. In other words, if your dog eats a large number of dead mice poisoned by rodenticides, they can experience secondary effects.

Piles of decomposing and decaying organic matter and molding food products in your backyard compost pile have the potential to contain 'tremorgenic mycotoxins', meaning molds which cause tremors, which can start in a matter of a few minutes.

Horse lovers, beware. As little as one pound of dried maple leaves blowing into your horse's pasture can be toxic. When ingested, these leaves result in a severe hemolytic anemia – it causes red blood cells to rupture, causing weakness, pale gums, an elevated heart rate and shock.

The best thing any pet owner can do is to be educated on common household toxins, and to make sure you pet-proof your house appropriately. Make sure to keep all these products in labeled, tightly-sealed containers out of your pet's reach. When in doubt, if you think your pet has been poisoned, contact your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680 with any questions or concerns.

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# Allanimals Featured Article

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has a bimonthly publication called, "allanimals" that highlights animal related rescues, adoptions and stories. The following article, from that publication, talks about one of the experience the Shelter has had with HSUS, which led us to be named one of the top 10 Emergency Response Shelters in the nation.

Without aide from HSUS, the Shelter would not have been able to lend a helping hand when needed in emergencies to help save the lives of displaced animals. We could not have been more appreciative!

## HOMETOWN HEROES // FACES OF THE ANIMAL PROTECTION MOVEMENT



### NEW ALBANY/ FLOYD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER INDIANA

#### Hooray for Spay!

In 2007, the shelter began a low-cost spay/neuter program. Every month, staff members transport animals across the Ohio River to a clinic in Louisville, Kentucky. Since the program began, the shelter has seen a 33 percent drop in its annual intakes.

#### Low-Cost Cats

Animal care coordinator Theresa Stilger says a low adoption fee for cats 4 years or older reduces time-in-shelter for felines. For only \$20, adopters receive a cat who has been vaccinated, spayed or neutered, microchipped and tested for feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia. Says Stilger, "It's a deal you can't beat."

#### Ready to Roll

After a tornado leveled a nearby community, director David Hall realized his shelter was underprepared should disaster strike its town. With help from donors, the shelter purchased a trailer that can serve as a mobile emergency shelter for up to 125 animals. At other times, the trailer functions as a mobile adoption unit.

## INDIANA INSPIRATION

MIDWEST SHELTER GOES THE DISTANCE TO HELP ANIMALS IN NEED  
// BY KELLY HUEGEL

**WHEN DAVID HALL** and his staff arrived on the scene, the canine residents of the house were assembled outside. The shades were drawn, and large box fans blew outward from several windows. "As an animal care person," Hall says, "you know this is going to be an interesting afternoon."

It was July 2014 and Hall, director of the New Albany/Floyd County Animal Shelter in Indiana, had received a call from Pam Rogers, HSUS Kentucky state director. There was a big hoarding case, and concerned advocates needed help. So Hall and his team drove their rescue trailer across the Ohio River to Mayfield, Kentucky, where they picked up 64 dogs who had been living inside the small home.

The partnership exemplified how, in addition to serving its community, the New Albany shelter is quick to help animals in need outside county—and state—lines, says Erin Huang, HSUS Indiana state director. "They're just always at the ready."

An HSUS emergency placement partner, the shelter has also taken in animals from large-scale seizures in Indiana, Mississippi and other states.

With assistance from the Kentucky Humane Society, shelter staff evaluated and placed 54 of the Mayfield dogs with rescue groups throughout the country. Hall and his team adopted out the remaining 10; there was plenty of demand for the pups in the local community.

Hall says that while he and his staff are always willing to help beyond their borders, their main mission is supporting their community. Thanks to robust adoption and spay/neuter programs and the support of the Floyd County Animal

Rescue League and the Floyd County Humane Society, the shelter sometimes finds itself with empty cages. From sponsoring events like the annual Dog Days at the Drive-In to raising money to build a new dog park, Hall and his team are focused on creating the best environment possible for people and their pets.



Director David Hall and his staff help animals in their hometown and afar.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our funds are being cut significantly by the Floyd County Council. 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.



# Dog Sitting Dilemma

Over the last several months, we have seen dog sitting dilemmas time and time again here at the shelter. In some situations, the pet gets loose from the sitter and ends up at the shelter. Other times, someone who decided to lend a hand and watch a pet for a bit, ends up with the pet long after the pet was supposed to be returned home. Another problem is when the owners return home to find the conditions of their beloved pets much worse, because the dog sitter didn't do as they were instructed.

If you are dog sitting for someone, or using a sitter, there are several things you can do to help protect yourself and the pet, as well as to help the sitter be held accountable.

Even if the owner is family or friend, a contract should be written up

by both parties and signed. Some hardship situations where a family helps out by taking the pet for a week or two could easily become months. If the sitter is not in a position to keep the animal, this can become an issue. A simple contract saying that the pet can stay for a given amount of time and what will happen if this time is exceeded is a great start.

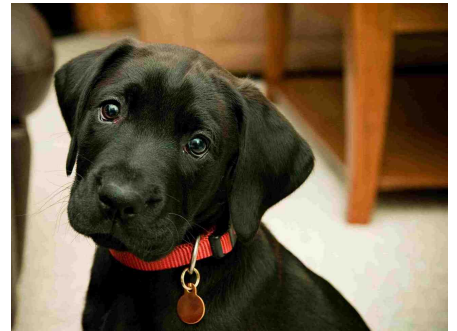
If it is just during a vacation time, it is still a great idea to have a statement from the owner stating that the animal is under the care of the sitter and include vet records and a copy of the owners ID. Without this statement, the sitter may have issue getting treatment for the pet or reclaiming it if needed.

If someone is going to be watching your pet for an extended amount of time you may consider having

a vet check up before leaving it in the sitters care. With this, you will have record of the animals weight, hair condition, and much more incase the sitter doesn't properly care for the pet in your absence.

Microchips are also great to have to prove ownership if needed.

Having a trustworthy pet sitter can be a great alternative for pets when needed. Take these few steps listed, to help ensure the best time for everyone.



## Meet the Staff:

### Animal Care Attendant, Anna

Meet Anna Watson! Anna has been a member of the Shelter family for just over 2 years. She is one of our Animal Care Attendants.

She helps with the daily care of the animals, vaccinations, and medications. She can also show families

looking for lost and found pets. She is also partially trained in front desk jobs such as processing adoptions and intakes.

Anna has just recently graduated from IUS with a bachelors in biology and minors in microbiology and chemistry. She hopes within the next few years, to begin her schooling to become a veterinarian. Currently, she still lives at home with her parents and older brother as she saves money for school.

Anna only has one pet, "Lilly". Lilly is a Cairn Terrier that has been a part of Anna's life since she was ten.

She spends much of her down time on her new

computer, nicknamed "Wade Wilson" because of it's bright colors. She enjoys watching videos, editing photos, and playing online games against millions of people. Elder Scrolls is her favorite to play.

Many times you can find her reading books on her lunch break. She prefers to read traditional books rather than reading on a device.

Anna is very shy and quiet at first. Once you get to know her, you begin to see her very quirky and outgoing personality.

Anna is a great team player and we are lucky to have her. We hope to continue to have her on our team as she continues her schooling!



# 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!

## Donate Your Soles To

The New Albany Floyd Co Animal Shelter



Help Us to Raise Funds with Wooftrax  
Shoes For Shelters by donating your gently  
worn, used, or new shoes!

WHERE:  
NAFC Animal Shelter

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.

**Contact:** The NAFC Animal Shelter  
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or nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com



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)  
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