



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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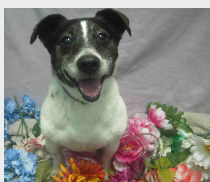
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Classifieds



Megan
DSH
S. Female
9 Months Old

I just want a forever home! I have lived in so many places in my short life already. I can be kind of finicky with the litterbox at times though here at the shelter (never in my other homes). Please help me understand "forever"!



Rook
Jack Russell
N. Male
8 Years Old

Hi! My name is Rook and I LOVE water! I love to chase it, bite it, and run through it! Don't let my age fool you. I am a very punky guy still!

Disco Fever!



The Floyd County Animal Rescue League, will be holding its 9th Annual Pet Lover's Gala with a 70's Disco Theme on Sunday, May 17th from 5:00-9:00pm at Horseshoe Southern Indiana Showroom in Elizabeth, Indiana. The day is fast approaching and everyone at the Rescue League has been busy planning for what is sure to be another fun night.

While the gala is a lot of fun, we want to remind you that it's also one of FCARL's biggest fundraisers of the year. The funds raised at the gala help further their mission of educating the community in the humane treatment of animals and responsible & enjoyable pet ownership.

Last year, the Rescue League spent nearly \$25,000 on medical, adoption support, and spay/neuter assistance for the shelter and the public.

They can only continue to provide these

services to the shelter and the community with support of amazing donors, volunteers, and members.

This year's 70's Disco themed gala is certain to be an exciting night. We are encouraging those of you attending to dress in costume in order to participate in the costume contest. The night will include a dinner buffet catered by Horseshoe Southern Indiana (with vegetarian option), DJ Entertainment, a huge silent auction, a cake auction and door prizes.

Tickets to the event are \$45 each, or purchase a table of 10 for \$400. A portion of this price is a donation, and therefore tax deductible. Please purchase your tickets by Friday, May 8th, 2015. Tickets can be purchased by sending your ticket request and payment via check to: FCARL, PO Box 285, New Albany, IN 47151-0285 or at the New Albany-Floyd County Animal Shelter.(Cash or Check Only)

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Preparing for Vacation

With all the packing and travel planning that accompanies a vacation, it is easy to forget that the most lovable members of the family usually have to stay behind. Although they may be staying at home, pets should be properly prepared for vacations as well.

Most pet owners know to leave emergency numbers for the veterinarian and a trusted neighbor, along with detailed pet-care directions. He's already sad you're leaving - make sure your pets are cared for while on vacation. But what many pet owners overlook is that pets grow used to their daily routines, which are often uprooted by boarding or pet sitters. Pet owners should take a few simple steps to preserve their animals' daily routines and to ensure that their pets feel safe and comfortable.

1. Choose a familiar face as the pet sitter: Pets are more likely to stick to their usual routines if they feel comfortable with the person providing their care. Extended family members, close friends, and friendly neighbors make great pet sitters, because they

already know the pet's disposition, habits, and quirks. If a professional pet sitter or other new face will be coming in, schedule a few meetings before leaving, so that the pet can acclimate to the new person.

2. Maintain routines regarding food and water: Ensure that food portions remain the same size with electric pet feeders, which are available for weekends or even full weeks. Both pet and caregiver will appreciate this step: not only will steady, regular portions curtail the pet's stomach upset, but the pet sitter won't have to worry about measuring meals accurately. Automate pet care even further with a pet water cooler, which will provide fresh cool water for several days. If your pet waterer uses a filter, be sure to change the filter before long trips.

3. Make sleeping arrangements comfortable: Wash any pet beds and place them in the usual location. If the pet sitter will be staying in a guest room, provide a heated pet bed there, as well. This is especially important for older dogs; they often prefer to sleep in the same room as their caregivers, but may also suffer from stiffness or arthritis, which makes sleeping on the floor painful. The heat is especially therapeutic, and has been shown to ease separation anxiety in pets. For the warmer months, simply unplug it or consider an all-season pet bed, which can cool them down and warm them up. For both dogs and cats, place a t-shirt or other

article of clothing in or near the pet bed. The familiar scent is calming if the animal gets distressed or anxious.

4. Ensure easy outdoor access: For pets that are used to having a dog or cat door, be sure to check that the door is unobstructed. Remove any items that could become dislodged, fall, or otherwise become a pet-door blockade, such as dangling tree limbs or stray outdoor toys. Electric pet doors give both cats and dogs greater freedom to go in and out, if the pet sitter cannot stay home or must be gone for long periods of time. They also prevent other garden pests and neighborhood pets from entering your home.

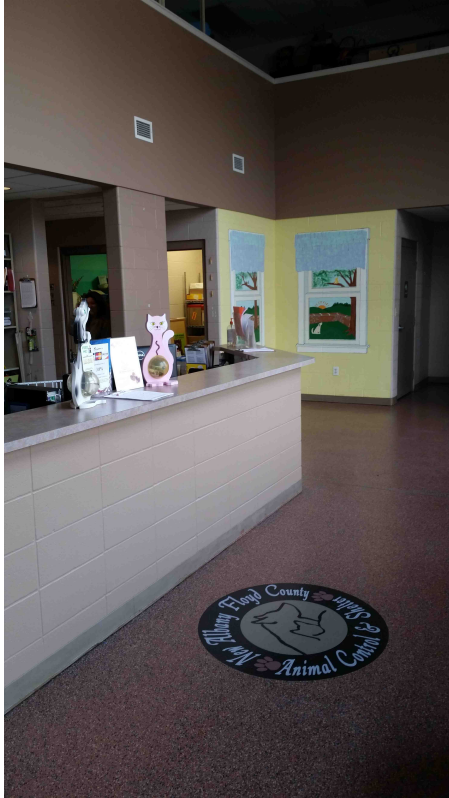
5. Make cleaning up a breeze: The least appealing part of pet sitting is the clean up. The kitty's litter box can have a strong, off-putting odor, and picking up after the dog is equally unpleasant. An automatic litter box means that the pet sitter does not have to worry about daily scooping.

For a truly carefree vacation, it is critical to make pet care stress free for both the pet and its caretaker. By preserving routines and providing easy-to-use tools, pet owners can rest assured that pets will be comfortable and safe in their absence.

If your pet is going with you, be sure to have a health certificate and rabies vaccination record in your bag if crossing state lines. These may take time to receive, so plan ahead!



It's Finally Done



For the last month the Shelter has been in the process of preparing and completing a Shelter Fix-Up.

A few weeks prior to our temporary close, the shelter was in a state of disarray as furniture was moved, supplies boxed, floor tiles lifted, etc.

We had a long weekend scheduled to be closed as the new floors were laid. The animals were all moved to foster care or to the temporary shelter that was in place.

Most of the work was completed during that time, but some of the painting had to be completed after the animals were allowed to return.

As with most construction projects, the Shelter Fix-Up did not happen without delays. There were a few snags that kept the project

from being completed during that weekend.

Most of the floors were redone with a concrete overlay, paint, flecks, and sealers! They will withstand so much more than what the old tile did. They also put our logo in the front lobby, and it looks incredible!

A fresh coat of paint has also been applied to certain areas. The green walls around the front lobby were recolored to match the doors and floors. All of the interior doors and windows were also touched up and repainted.

It is amazing at how different and new the Shelter looks now! Thanks so much to everyone involved, especially the fosters that stepped up and cared for our animals

Meet the Staff:

Animal Control Officer, Melanie

Melanie is an Animal Control Officer at the Shelter. You may have seen her around the shelter or on the streets responding to animal control calls.

She has been with the Shelter for about 7 years, but has been training and doing animal control for the last 5.

Growing up in the area, Melanie is very familiar with the neighborhoods and streets of Floyd County, allowing her to quickly get from one animal control issue to another.

She is also interested in advancing her training in the field. She has already completed National Animal Control Association Training Levels I & II.

A couple of weeks of each month, Melanie is on

call. Anytime during the day or night she has to be available to respond to emergencies on a moments notice.

When she is not working she enjoys reading, watching Netflix, and playing Ingress (a phone app). She also spends much of her time with her many pets.

As you can tell from her work, she is an avid animal lover. Melanie has helped rescue many cats that she has taken in, cared for, and kept herself. Many came to be a part of her family while she lived in California for a few years prior to becoming part of our Shelter family.

She really takes pride in being able to help keep the animals of Floyd County safe and well cared for, while

maintaining a positive relationship with the community.

April is also National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Month. We would like to thank our officers here at the Shelter, as well as all of them across the nation, for doing their best for the animals in their communities and for giving up some of their personal time to make sure everyone is safe!



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:Dexter and Devin

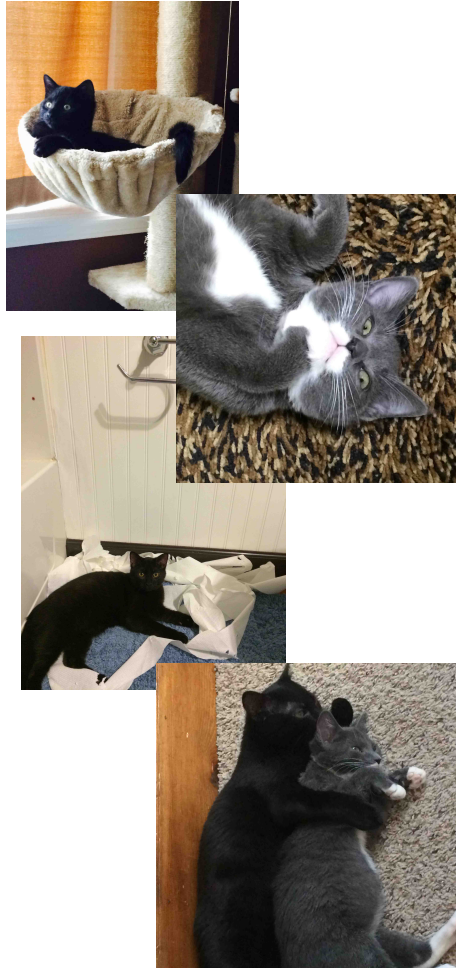
Dexter (black) and Devin (grey and white), are two brothers that were lucky enough to stay together. Their family fell in love and decided they couldn't decide between them and took both!

As you can tell, they love each others company, but they also love their new kitty friends. Devin especially loves to cuddle with his one eyed cat friend, Otis.

Dexter and Devin are very cuddly, but they are also very mischeivous! Dexter loves to undo the toilet paper!

The boys have blended beautifully into their new family.

Positive adoptions stories always make people feel better. It also helps spread the word of adoption! Please send us your Happy Tail Adoption story with pictures! It can be emailed to nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com



NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00-4:30PM

Saturday

11:00-2:30

Adoption Prices:

Cats over 4lbs - \$20

Cats under 4lbs - \$60

Dogs - \$80

Information Corner



This summer, the Shelter will be visiting Kid's Dentistree several times a month, every other Monday afternoon between 2-4, to help promote pet adoptions and responsible pet ownership. Stop by, donate, and see us during your child's dentist appointment!

There will also be a drawing for those who donate an item off of the wishlist at Kid's Dentistree to enter to win an iPad Mini and a \$50 iTunes Giftcard!

Their address is 2325 Green Valley Road if you would like to visit! More information on our website.

