



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



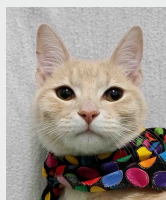
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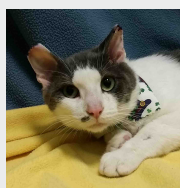
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Classifieds



Bogo
DSH
N. Male
7 Months Old

Spunky, fun loving guy that enjoys wrestling, lovingly of course! I love to give love bites, too. I sleep in odd ways so I may be a bit of a bed hog. I prefer to have all of the attention for myself!



Phil
DSH
N. Male
2 Years Old

Lover seeking lap. I enjoy the attention of a companion - cat and/or person. I need to be indoors as I have sensitive ears! Visit me today, Love me forever!

Pet Lovers' Gala WILD WEST ROUNDUP

Floyd County Animal Rescue League's 10th Annual
PET LOVERS' GALA
WILD WEST ROUNDUP

Featuring a Costume Contest, Live Auction, Dinner Buffet, Games, Door Prizes, DJ Entertainment, Cake Contest, and a HUGE Silent Auction!



SUNDAY, MAY 15 2016
at the
Horseshoe Southern Indiana Showroom
11999 Casino Center Dr. SE, Elizabeth, IN 47117

\$45.00 ADMISSION or \$400 for a table of 10

For tickets/information, call us at 812-949-9099 or e-mail us at events@floydcountyanimals.org. Sponsorship and Donation opportunities are available. Business casual or Wild West costume. Please do NOT include a real or toy weapon in your costume.



The Floyd County Animal Rescue League, will be holding its 10th Annual Pet Lover's Gala with a Wild West Theme on Sunday, May 15th from 5:00-9:00pm at Horseshoe Southern Indiana Showroom in Elizabeth, Indiana.

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.

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5 Ways To Help Your Dog and Landscape Play Nicely Together

Dogs and outdoor spaces go together naturally. But with their penchant for digging holes, carving runway paths worthy of an international airport and eating plants, some dogs can wreak havoc on landscape design. Knowing what some of the most common problems are and how to overcome them will help keep the peace between you and your dog, and leave you both with a beautiful yard to enjoy. Here's what to keep in mind:

1. KNOW YOUR DOG

Every dog is unique, but different breeds tend to have different traits. Terriers will dig, beagles will try to escape and golden retrievers will dive into water. What's more, every dog has its own special personality and character traits, too.

2. PUT IN PATHS

Dogs feel it's their job to patrol the perimeters of the yard. Rather than fight this instinct, include a running space at or near the edge of your yard and add a clearly designed route to get to it. Make the route straight or softly curving; your dog will probably cut the corner rather than make a 90-degree turn. If your dog has already created a path through your yard, you can try to retrain him or her by creating new paths and blocking the old route. In the end, though, it may be easier to give in and go with what's established. Use paw-friendly materials to turn it from a dirt path to something that's inviting to everyone.



Concrete, brick, flagstone, smooth river stones and smooth gravel are great for dog paws. Using fine bark as a mulch works too, but not cocoa mulch — ever. For smooth-coated dogs, thicker mulch is good; for dogs with longish fur, you may want to avoid even small mulch, because it will attach to your dog and end up all over your house.

3. SET UP BARRIERS

You'll need to create physical reminders that will make it unpleasant, but not dangerous, for dogs to reach certain spots.

You can do this with hardscaping, such as walls, fences or even pieces of wood, but for a softer look, think about using plants, such as rosebushes, tall ornamental grasses, hedges or thick shrubs. Just be sure they aren't toxic or won't physically harm your dog.

4. PROTECT YOUR CROPS

If your dog also loves the bounty of your garden, you have options. The classic set-aside vegetable garden, complete with a fence, will always work, but it may not be necessary. A low fence around a vegetable garden can be enough to keep even larger dogs out. They may be able to jump over it, but it might not occur to them.

Bird netting can save lettuce, spinach and strawberries, and cages around taller plants can keep dogs at bay. Hedges, meanwhile, can create a border, and tomato cages can

protect trees and shrubs.

Pet stores have bitter apple and orange sprays to use on plants. The taste discourages nibbling. They may not work completely, but they can help mitigate damage.

5. DEAL WITH DIGGING

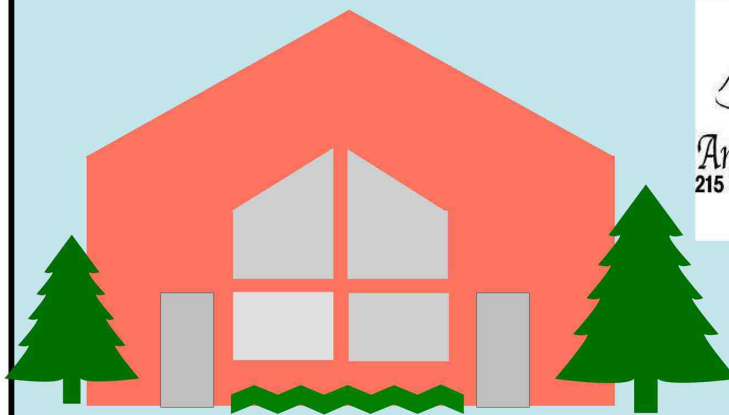
Dogs dig, and some dig more than others. Consider yourself lucky if you don't have to contend with some digging. Before you condemn all digging out of hand, remember that dogs often dig for a good reason — to create a cool place in which to lie or to bury a bone. They may also dig to escape, to alleviate boredom or simply because that's what their breed has been bred to do.

If a dog is trying to escape, add chicken wire or boards at or below the soil line. If your pet is digging in other parts of the garden, try laying down chicken wire or installing small, round wooden stakes upright just below or at soil level to make digging uninviting. A dense planting along a fence line can also be a deterrent. Keep the bed relatively narrow and check periodically to be sure your dog hasn't found a way through the space. You can also create a designated digging spot with sand or gravel. Bury some treats or toys to encourage your dog to dig there and offer praise for using that spot.

It's time for a face lift!

The New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter is looking to improve its curb appeal with a landscaping face lift!

If your landscaping company is interested in putting in a bid, please contact the Shelter to set up an appointment!



A Message From The Shelter: Funding

Many people ask us every day if our funding situation has been resolved by our County Council members. We feel that it is time for the community to have an update.

The County Council is still choosing to not provide funding for the animal shelter. By making this decision, they are jeopardizing the future of the interlocal agreement, not living up to their contract, and putting the continuation of animal control and sheltering services at risk for members of our county.

The County Council can try to justify their actions, but we will never agree that their reasons justify withholding funding. We KNOW what it takes to provide animal control and sheltering services to the community. If the interlocal agreement is disbanded, how does the county plan on providing these services and humane, adequate care for animals? Do they think that trained,

knowledgeable people in animal sheltering are just waiting to start a shelter in Floyd County? How can it POSSIBLY be fiscally responsible to have to build another animal shelter in this community because a few members of a political organization want to "fix" something by breaking it?

Last year the County Council paid partial funding of the contract that they had agreed to pay. This year, they have not paid a penny. We all hoped that this year would begin with a fresh start, and new priorities by the Council. The County Commissioners passed an ordinance that required the Council to pay us our funding. Again, the County Council goes their own way and withholds funding. Is that what the voters want in our community?

We urge Floyd County voters to contact members of the County Council and ask them to fund our shelter. It is the right, fiscally responsible, humane thing to do.

Contact information for County Council members can be found below or at: <http://www.floydcounty.in.gov/> or by googling Floyd County government.

County Council members including our County Auditor:

Tom Pickett 812-207-6529
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Brad Striegel (Pres) 502-301-9923
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Scott L. Clark - Auditor 812-948-5435
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April Dates to Remember

April 12th, 6:00PM - County Council Meeting - Pineview Gov't Center

April 19th - Fix Your Critter Day

April 21st, 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting

April 28th, 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: Patches

Damion, now Patches, had a rough road before he found his new home. He was a healthy dog found as a stray, and adopted out a few weeks later. Sadly, 3 months later, he was returned because he wasn't bonding with the adopter. In that short time, he had lost several pounds and was emaciated.

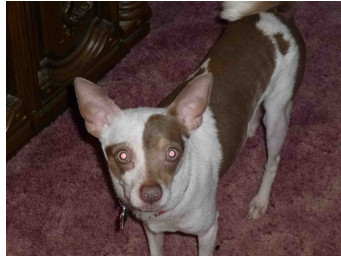
With a little TLC, he began to gain weight at the shelter again and was placed back up for adoption.

His new family is thrilled to have gotten the chance to give him a new lease on life, after the passing of their previous 15 1/2 year old dog. He loves to give kisses and perch on on shoulders.

He now has a full yard where he can use his terrier instincts and chase all of the varmints away - which his family is very excited about! He is continuing to gain weight again with no issue at all!

Submit your

Happy Tails story to
nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com



"I'm telling you I'm not paranoid! Sometimes he only pretends to throw the ball just to make me look like an idiot!"



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

Spay Now or Stay Stupid Update

Our Spay Now or Stay Stupid Day for 2016 was another huge success! Now, 9 dogs and 20 cats are no longer contributing to pet overpopulation in our community! This was made possible by some very generous community contributions!

If you missed this transport, don't worry. We have a monthly transport for the SNIP Clinic you can use. Prices are low cost, but if your family meets certain requirements, even more assistance may be available.

Please contact us about pricing and how to get registered to have your pets spayed or neutered and stay healthy and happy!

LOOK FOR OUR
THERAPY DOGS AT IUS
AND THE PURDUE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER
DURING FINALS

April Offsites

April 16th; 9AM-3PM - Allstate, Highlander Point

April 23rd, 9AM-2PM - Bark for Life, Harrison County