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Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Our Mission

The Allen County SPCA will promote the prevention of cruelty to animals by providing a safe haven for animals, an effective and comprehensive adoption program, education and outreach programs for the community and deep and broad membership and volunteer programs.

Join us at these events....

Thursday, August 11
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Bark N Brew Community Outreach
Trubble Brewing

2725 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46807
Bring your well-behaved dog to
the pet-friendly patio

Wednesday, August 17
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Haley's Cause for Paws

Flow Yoga at Parkview Field
with Urban Body Yoga

Saturday, August 20
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
5th Annual Todd Alber
Memorial Golf Outing
Noble Hawk Golf Links
3005 Noble Hawk Dr., Kendallville, IN 46755

Sunday, August 21
12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Heritage Helping Hands
Fundraising Event

Crazy Pinz
1414 Northland Blvd.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

The Journal Gazette ran an op-ed piece on Sunday July 24th that was written by Allen County SPCA executive director, Jessica Henry. The article was important enough that we thought we'd include some excerpts here.

Kitty Littered

Animal agencies need your help to keep up with cat population



His was the kind of visit we dread. A landlord whose tenants had moved out of their trailer and left behind their two cats. Because we're an animal shelter, it would make sense that we could help, but we could not. As a limited admission facility, the Allen County SPCA only accepts the number of animals we can safely house at our shelter. And, while things have vastly improved for dogs in our community, cats are in real crisis. The waiting list for adult cats to be admitted to our program is at least two weeks (and more like four during "kitten season.") Why is the wait so long? Because we don't euthanize animals for space. That means that every healthy cat or kitten stays in our program until their adopters finally come. What that also means, however, is that for every cat lucky enough

to gain entry to our program, others are denied admission because we simply do not have space. Those cats, like the two from the trailer park, are referred to our colleagues and coalition partners at Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control.

Unfortunately, FWACC had intake numbers approaching 700 cats in the month of May. Of those, more than a third were humanely euthanized.

Ours is a compassionate community, so if that figure disturbs you, you are not alone. It should shock you. A wise woman once told me that we could never "adopt our way out of this crisis." She was right. It takes progressive spay/neuter programs. And it takes commitment on ALL our parts - not just those of us in shelters, but you, too! It's no more your fault that the neighbor's cat had kittens than it is ours. Animal overpopulation, after all, is a community issue. Fortunately, it's one that we, working together, can fix in five easy steps.

First, make sure your own animal is spayed or neutered. It's really that simple. If you need assistance getting your dog or cat "fixed," call us, and we'll point you in the right direction. Second, if you find a stray cat, take it to FWACC to be scanned for a microchip and, in the event the cat is not chipped, complete the proper paperwork to have the cat's life saved via the Community Cat program. (There is grant money available, so right now there is NO COST to you.) Third, if your animal is missing, please visit (in person) Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to file a lost report and to search for your pet. Fourth, adopt your next pet and commit to keeping it for the duration of its life. Lastly, please do not fault us or FWACC for not being able to guarantee a live outcome for your pet, especially your cat. Until such time as we aren't inundated with beautiful, adoptable felines, we will continue to do the very best we can, saving as many lives as we can. We promise. But, the truth is, the data show we are in an uphill battle.

This is not an easy topic, but pretending it's not a problem is no longer an option for us or for you. Animal shelters need you as volunteers, fosters, adopters and donors. We and the animals need you as advocates and champions. We need you to help us by being a part of the solution: Spay. Neuter. Adopt.

Saturday,
September 24
Noon - 3:00 p.m.



Get your chili on 'cause this is going to be the best, doggone chili cookoff of the year!

Think you have the best Doggone Chili Recipe? Then sign-up for the challenge. Go to www.doggonebestchili.org for more information. The event is open to the public and will feature adoptable dogs from the Allen County SPCA, kids' activities, and much more!

Harley-Davidson of Fort Wayne
6315 Illinois Road (at I-69), Fort Wayne, IN
Admission is only \$5 for adults and includes unlimited chili tastings.
Children under the age of 10 are free.

All proceeds benefit Allen County SPCA
For more information www.doggonebestchili.org

Curly's Village Inn Presents the 3rd Annual

PawFest

Sunday, September 18
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

A benefit for the Allen County SPCA
in honor of Hannah, the rescue mascot
of Culy's Village Inn.

- Full Buffet \$10
- Silent Auction
- Visit with adoptable dogs

4205 Bluffton Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46809
(260) 747-9964



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Companies That Care

We want to recognize and thank a few companies that have recently helped our non-profit shelter:

- The Cellular Connection
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Sam's Club
- Woodside Middle School
- Re/Max Home Connection
- MSKTD
- WalMart
- Lincoln Financial Group
- Contract Interiors

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of you from the residents and staff of the Allen County SPCA.

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Executive Director's Message

What a summer we are having! It's always busiest during June and July, but this year, adoptions are setting records we never could have imagined! For example, in the third week of July, we sent home 92 pets! In one week! Time was when that kind of number meant for a very good month! The best part of that figure is the number of cats who found homes. As you saw on the front page, cats are in a crisis in our community, so every spayed/neutered cat who finds a home through adoption, means fewer litters of unwanted kittens in our community. Every pet should be a wanted pet, right?

Many of those aforementioned adoptions occurred during our Clear the Shelters event which took place on Saturday, July 23rd. We extended our normal adoption hours, and staff and volunteers (plus the lovely Krista Miller from NBC33) spent the day adopting out as many cats and dogs as we could. And while the adoption fees were reduced – and in some cases waived altogether – every adopter still completed the traditional adoption process. We were working hard, and that work paid off with 51 adoptions in one day! Whew!

And, just when things couldn't seem to get any better, an absolutely incredible group of volunteers from Lincoln Financial Group spent two whole days volunteering their tails off on the 27th and 28th of July. Our deepest gratitude goes to those 30+ people who refurbished our employee breakroom, landscaped, organized the garage (no small feat), sanitized the shelter and grounds and played with cats and dogs – all to improve the space for our shelter pets and the staff and volunteers dedicated to their care. Thank you, Lincoln!



Make sure to mark your calendars for a few upcoming events. On Wednesday August 17th, you're invited to yoga at Parkview Field at a special event called "Haley's Cause for Paws," an evening of yoga to remember a very special young woman who truly loved animals. Register at UrbanBodyYoga.com

Also, be sure to check the back panel of this newsletter for details about PawFest at Curly's Village Inn and the Doggone Best Chili Challenge. Both of these events are so much fun, year after year, and you really should get your tails there!

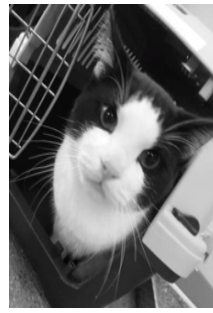
I hope you're enjoying the dog (and cat) days of summer, and – as always – thank you for all of your support of the Allen County SPCA!

Barn Cat Bromance

By: Melissa Osborn



Watermelon and Burrows, a pair of tuxedo boys, came to the Allen County SPCA as transfers from Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control where they were originally turned in as strays. It was hard to believe these boys had been living on the streets, because they were so affectionate and social. Once they were in one of our cat rooms together, they were instantly best buddies! It was as if they had known each other their entire lives. But then it happened, first Burrows was adopted, and shortly after, Watermelon's day came. But it was not forever.



As fate would have it, both Burrows and Watermelon were surrendered back to the SPCA within a few weeks of each other for similar reasons, not using the litter box and becoming destructive in the home. It was evident that these boys wanted to be outside, more than likely, as they had been their entire lives before being turned in as strays. Our barn cat program is for cats like Watermelon and Burrows. As much as we wish there was a safe indoor home for every cat, some cats just don't want that life. They want to be outdoors basking in the sun, hunting and playing and doing whatever their little hearts desire... and Watermelon and Burrows want to do all those things *together!*

Last week, these handsome fellas got that chance. They were reunited and placed in their new barn home, towered side-by-side, and will be ready to be released in a week to live out their bromance forever... whether they want to use a litterbox or not. Happy hunting, boys!

Memorials and Tributes

Sponsored by



We acknowledge those who recently passed and remembered the Allen County SPCA in their memorials. We thank their friends and family who honored their memory with a donation to the Allen County SPCA. Their dedication to our mission is the foundation for our work here. Below are those we have received in the month of June.

In Loving Memory Of...

A memorial donation was made in honor of the following:

Darlene Adams
Fort Wayne Radiology

Mildred Dill
Patricia Kirkpatrick
Cynthia O'Brien

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Mary Bogenschutz
Carl & Grace Cisna
Joe & Lisa Beerbower

In Loving Memory Of Our Pets...

Celebrating the love and happiness our pets brought to our lives through memorials in their names.

Bogie, beloved dog
Kathy, Barth and Michelle Ragatz

Dakota, beloved pet of Stephanie Monahon
Dennis Cooley

Tavi, beloved cat of Maureen
Rita Voors

Gizmo, beloved dog of John and Gigi Moreno
Helen Huff

Victoria Arion of Fortune, beloved dog
Joseph and Joan Richardson

Goldie, beloved pet of Sue Sells
James and Eve SauvÉ

Dakota, beloved pet of Lori Yandell
St Joe Center Veterinary Hospital

Mose, beloved cat of Patti and Jerry
Jacqueline Gay

Shadow, beloved pet of Eric McDermitt
St Joe Center Veterinary Hospital

Newman, beloved dog of the Linderwell Family
Robert and Diane Kimmel

Eli, beloved pet of Mindy Copeland
St Joe Center Veterinary Hospital

Tribute In Honor Of ...

A donation was made in the names of those in bold below by their friends listed below them.

Quinlan-Meredith Wedding
Steven and Kathleen Hyndman

Harold Hartman's 70th Birthday
Dorothy Hartman

Rich and Amy Cardillo's wedding and beloved dog Fred
Andrea Moll

Tallahasee, beloved pet
Retta Kehrman

Bob and Joan Burnos' 40th anniversary
Rose Kreft and Linda Kreft

Bast, Bandit, Mickey, Sprite and Aria, beloved pets
Jon and Valerie Brejle

Volunteer Program

Receives Grant

By: J. Mark Hannon

The Allen County SPCA's volunteer program is in the process of undergoing some exciting changes. Earlier this year, the volunteer program was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, which provided training through the Points of Light Foundation for the Allen County SPCA to become a Service Enterprise.

A Service Enterprise is an organization that engages volunteers and their professional skills across all levels of the organization. Upon becoming a Service Enterprise, the Allen County SPCA will be able to reduce its operational costs while increasing its efficiency and effectiveness of fulfilling its life-saving mission.

The Allen County SPCA was one of only ten shelters in the United States chosen by Best Friends Animal Society to participate in this initiative. The Allen County SPCA is excited about the opportunity to receive the training and consultation necessary to support the volunteer program's transformation into a Service Enterprise.

Wishlist

Our center is always on the lookout for supplies that will help keep our dogs and cats healthy, safe and happy. From food to toys, we welcome a number of items that will give our fur friends a comfortable lifestyle. Some items can be purchased directly from our wishlist on Amazon.com. Just follow the links.

Cat & Dog Needs

- Non-clumping kitty litter
- Box lids from copy paper cases (for cat litter)
- Heavy weight paper bowls for medication
- Egg cartons
- Martingale-style collars (medium & large sizes)
- Kennel slipleads
- Stainless steel pet pails
- Made in the USA rawhide chews
- Kuranda dog beds
- Kuranda Vinyl cat perches
- Screw on cage food & water bowls
- Disposable cat scratchers
- Covered cat play houses (no carpeting)
- Kitty condos
- Kitty Kongs

Our Cat & Dog Food

- Science Diet Sensitive Stomach & Skin (cats & dogs)
- Science Diet Puppy Healthy Growth
- Science Diet Kitten Food
- Science Diet canned kitten & adult cat food

Donations may be dropped off at 4914 South Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, 46806 during our regular business hours. Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday Noon - 4:00 pm

Thank you for thinking of us!