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Saturday, February 27, 2016
 6:00PM - Cocktails 7:00PM - Presentation
 \$40 General Admission \$75 VIP Access
 Hotel Fort Wayne, Marquis Ballroom
 305 E. Washington Center Rd. Fort Wayne, IN
 For more information go to: www.acspca.org
 or call us at 260-744-0454

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Allen County SPCA
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.

A Special Home for a Special Pair

We are fortunate at the Allen County SPCA to easily find homes for most cats and dogs – even special needs dogs, even bonded pairs (two or more animals who must be adopted together.) But, when we have a bonded pair of dogs that both have special needs...well, that can be a challenge, but it was a challenge we were up for!



Meet Haley and Kaley. Haley and Kaley came to us from our friends at Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control in mid-December when their elderly pet parent realized that she could no longer adequately provide for them. They are 8 year-old Jack Russell Terriers who are as adorable as they are sassy. Kaley is almost completely blind, and Haley acts as her trusting guide dog. Sadly, Haley has some medical needs of her own. Shortly after arriving at our shelter, Haley began urinating blood. Tests revealed bladder stones the size of marbles, and lots of them! Thanks to our generous Angel Fund donors, a successful surgery was performed at Indian Creek Veterinary Hospital, and now Haley is feeling just fine. Despite their little issues, these gals have become Fort Wayne Famous! Not only did they appear on stage as "Holiday Pups" in this year's Holiday Pops with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, but they also took a field trip to the Towne House Retirement Center where they won the affection of all the residents at a Holiday Pet Parade. Finally, they appeared as the stars of 21Alive's InSight Show on Tuesday the 5th of January. It was there that Haley and Kaley had their big break!

While the show was still on the air, a viewer from Ohio called-in to say she was on her way to meet them. In short order, it was confirmed that this was going to be a very good match. Not only do Haley and Kaley have a mom committed to caring for their individual special needs, they got an adopted greyhound as a sibling as well!

We want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have adopted our special needs pets over the years. You give us the courage to keep working to save as many as we can, knowing that you really do care and that homes for these kinds of pets are out there!

So, it will be a Happy New Year, indeed, for Haley and Kaley and for the thousands (yes, thousands) of other pets who cross our threshold.

Our Allen County SPCA Family is Growing!

We welcome Zathan Michael Dahman, brand new baby boy of our Feline Team Captain, Caitlin Lothamer, and Sean Dahman. Zathan was born on Christmas Eve and joins his canine brother, Dabble and feline brother, Grayson (both adopted from the Allen County SPCA)!

Congratulations, Caitlin and Sean!

- Come See Us At...**
- Big Adoption Event**
Saturday, January 23, 2016
Noon-4 PM
PetSmart Apple Glen
 - Canine Enrichment Class**
Saturday, January 30, 2016
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Allen County SPCA

Have you ever wanted to work with the adoptable dogs of the Allen County SPCA? Well, here is your chance! Sign up today for the next canine enrichment class at the Allen County SPCA. You will learn how to work, walk and play with shelter dogs to ensure the safety of all involved. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age to work the dogs of the Allen County SPCA. Please direct any questions to mark@acspca.org. Woof! Woof!

- Baby Fair and Family Expo**
Saturday, February 6, 2016
8 AM - 3 PM
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
- Community Outreach**
Townhouse Retirement Community
February 12, 2016
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
- National Adoption Weekend**
Saturday, February 13, 2016
Noon-4 pm
PetSmart Maysville Rd.

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To Volunteer (ext 204)

To Donate items (ext 205)

Companies That Care

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

- First Federal Savings Bank
- The New Car Dealers Association
- Heritage Food Service Corporation
- Canterbury High School
- Anthony Animal Clinic, Dr. Kerley
- Indian Creek Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Cawood

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

By: Jessica Henry

One of the greatest privileges I get when opening the mail each day is reading stories of our adopted animals who are now living the good life in their new homes. And sometimes, those letters tell stories of cats and dogs who, once adopted, have recently passed away. Take the tale of Tootsie, the snowshoe kitty. Originally named Clementine, Tootsie found her way from Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to the Allen County SPCA in 2000, at which point she chose two little boys, ages 7 and 11, to be her forever family. The Parkinsons cared for Tootsie for 15 wonderful years until she, as all the very best ones do, crossed the rainbow bridge...or "went off to college," as I sometimes say – just to make it all a bit more bearable.

In any case, the Parkinsons took the time to acknowledge Tootsie's roots by sending us a letter. That letter recounted how Tootsie was the "queen of the house" and even got a kitty of her own named M&M. Toostie battled intestinal disease for three years before her family bravely let her go earlier last month. Included with their letter were copies of her original adoption contract and a photo of sweet Tootsie. As I always am, I was blown away by the care and compassion our adopters give their four-legged family members. I want to thank the Parkinson family (whose little boys are now 23 and 27 years-old) and all of you who care so deeply for your adopted pets and who take a moment to drop us a line to let us know how things are going, and to celebrate the lives of your adopted pets.

As we begin another promising year, our 66th by the way, I look forward to even more adoptions and even more stories of how our animals have made their ways into your homes and hearts!

Meet Mama.

By: Melissa Osborn



Working in animal welfare, people often ask, "How can you work there and not take all of the animals home?" Now, my response is always the same: "The animals in my program already have homes. Their owners just need a little assistance." Mama, one of my most memorable clients thus far, was no exception to that rule. Mama's owner, Crystal, shares my love for animals and also shares my need to do something when she sees an animal who needs help. Her compassionate heart is the very reason her family shares their home with Mama, Godzilla, Axel, Pumpkin, Jack and Snookie...6 animals who were, at one time, homeless.

Mama used to belong to Crystal's brother, but when he could no longer keep Mama, Crystal stepped up to make sure Mama didn't end up in a shelter. The volunteers and I fell in love with Mama immediately. She's a 9 year old pitbull whose age shows on her face. She has about as much energy as a coffee table and greets everyone with a smile. Pet Promises was able to cover the cost of bloodwork for Mama to ensure it would be safe to send her for spay surgery. It was no surprise that Mama was just as healthy as she looked! She has since been spayed and brought up to date on vaccines and so have the kitties in the home! Crystal expresses her gratitude every time we see one another. She commented, "Pet Promises has helped my family by providing my fur babies with vaccines and surgeries at no cost to us. That really helped us to be able to provide Christmas for our kids, and it relieved so much financial stress. We love our animals and want the best for them. This program has blessed us and them with just that!" Her appreciation and faith in the program even had her talking to her neighbors about how the Allen County SPCA helped her provide for her pets. We have since scheduled surgeries for those neighbors' pets and are close to "locking that block!" Crystal, without even realizing, became our Boltz St. ambassador, and we are just as grateful to her as she is to us. Crystal and her family, 2 and 4-legged alike, ARE Pet Promises. They are committed to loving and caring for their pets, and we are committed to helping them do that.

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer for the Allen County SPCA in 2016

By: J. Mark Hannon

#10: Volunteering is good for you.

#9: Volunteering is great for homeless animals.

#8: Volunteering promotes both personal and professional growth.

#7: Volunteering brings animal advocates together.

#6: Volunteering offers the opportunity to share expertise and gain new skill sets.

#5: Volunteering is rewarding.

#4: Volunteering encourages responsibility.

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Memorials and Tributes

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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 received in the month of November.

In Loving Memory Of...

A memorial donation was made in honor of the following:

Marjorie Anne "Marge"

Brintzenhofe

Cindy Reichwage

Nancy Gerding

Carolyn Sue Geiselman

Ken & Marlene Kurtz

Carol Price

John & Patty Weicker

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Dennis & Joan Miller

Lou Ann Ludwiski

Royce & Sally Binion

PTC Breakfast Club

Rick Weddle

Gerald Johnson

Straley's Fort Wayne Auto Sales

Michael Walton

Patricia & Jerome Young

Diane & Kenneth Post

Ryan Cinninger

Sarah & Christopher Shuherk

In Loving Memory Of Our Pets...

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

Persimmon, beloved cat of Dale

Dunmire-Smith

Pam Tracy

Rory, beloved cat of Karen

Masterson

Frank & Nancy Hudson

Ragen, beloved dog

Kathleen Leach

Pepper, beloved dog of Jane

Garber

Beverly Moore

Judith Maxwell

Maggie, beloved dog of Mike &

Janice Nichter

Diane Kimmel

Pumba, Hootie, Max, & Pooter,

Beloved pets

Steve & Dawn Crosby

Lola, beloved pet of Matt,

Amanda & Delaney Ryan

Ann & Scott Stucky

Ollie, beloved dog of Joe & Jane

Wagoner

John & Patty Weicker

Tribute In Honor Of...

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

Miss Pebbles, beloved cat

Karen & Donald Stevens

Kevin Burns' 50th Birthday

Lynette & Matt Meiser

#3: Volunteering enhances one's quality of life.

#2: Volunteering makes a difference.

#1: Volunteering for the Allen County SPCA saves lives.

For more information on volunteering for the Allen County SPCA in 2016, please email mark@acspca.org or call (260) 744-0454, ext. 204. Our homeless pets will thank you!

Wish List

Items big and small, we need them all! In addition to financial donations to help our dogs and cats, we need the items below.

HOUSEKEEPING & OFFICE NEEDS

- AA & AAA batteries
- Postage stamps
- Copy paper, white & color
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant spray
- Tall kitchen bags

CAT & DOG NEEDS

- Science Diet Sensitive Stomach & Skin (cats & dogs)
- Science Diet Puppy Healthy Growth
- Science Diet Kitten Food
- Canned wet food (any brand dog or cat food)
- Box lids from copy paper cases
- Dog rope toys
- Kennel slipeads
- Disposable cat scratchers
- Kitty condos
- Catnip and/or catnip spray
- Kitty Kongs
- Non-scoopable clay litter (unscented)
- Made in the USA rawhide chews
- Heavyweight paper bowls for medication
- Resealable plastic bags - quart or gallon size
- 4" x 4" gauze pads
- Kuranda dog beds
- Kuranda vinyl cat perches
- Screw-on cage food & water bowls
- Litter box deodorizer
- Covered cat play houses (no carpeting)
- Cat muzzles
- Martingale-style collars (medium & large sizes)
- Stainless steel pet pails
- Gift cards to PETCO, PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus, Green DogGoods, Rural King, & Tractor Supply

COMMUNITY PET FOOD BANK

- Dog & cat food, any brand dry or canned
- Brown paper sacks (larger grocery store size)

RECYCLABLES

- Aluminum cans, cell phones, laptops, iPods, empty ink & toner cartridges.
- Towels, sheets, pillow cases, and blankets. We do not take comforters (some of our dogs like to chew the stuffing out of them.)

For a complete list, visit our website. Donations may be dropped off during business hours at 4914 S. Hanna St.

Check out our Amazon Wish List. Search for "Allen County SPCA wish list" at www.amazon.com.

Thank you for thinking of us!