

HUMANE SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER OF WHITLEY COUNTY

951 South Line Street, Columbia City, Indiana

Hours: Tues, Wed & Fri 12-5pm, Thurs 12-7pm, Sat 11-4 pm



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Happy Tails... Adoption Success Stories

We love to keep our supporters updated about successful adoptions. This month, we have two success stories...

Mattie was featured in the February 2012 newsletter and she has just recently been adopted! Her new home will be in Fort Wayne with a family who met and fell in love with her in February. We'll miss her, but we're thrilled she has a bright future!



Bear was our last featured dog. He was adopted in March and now lives in Huntington. Bear is very active in his new home and has taken up swimming as his favorite sport! We're so glad he has a great home!



Check Us Out!

Thanks to Mark Espich, Matt Espich, Josh Espich, David Fast (SDI), Troy Fox, Chris Fletcher, Brad Beazell and Wes Pease, the shelter now has a new welcome sign in front of the building!



We'll advertise upcoming events and information on our new sign, so be sure to drive down Line Street and check it out.... better yet, stop in and visit!

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Upcoming Events – April 2012:

Canine Behavior Q&A (Free!)

Tuesday, April 3 – 6:00 pm

At the Shelter, 951 South Line Street

Here's your chance to ask the experts, free of charge! Canine Companions will be available to answer questions about dog behavior.

Dogs should NOT be brought to this class. A shelter dog will be part of demonstrations.

To register, call Director Lindsay Pease at 260-644-2224.

W.Y.S.E. Kids Club

(Whitley County Youth Support & Education)

Monday, April 9 – 5:30 pm

951 South Line Street, Columbia City

If you haven't signed up for a Kid's Club Evening at the shelter yet, you're missing a great experience. **Call Sandy at 244-6664 and register to attend!**

Canine Parenting Classes (Free!)

Monday, April 16 – 6:00 pm

At the Shelter, 951 South Line Street

This free class covers crate training, housetraining, chewing, jumping, puppy nipping, and other basic house manners that both dog and owner should understand.

Dogs should NOT be brought to this class. A shelter dog will be part of demonstrations.

To register, call Director Lindsay Pease at 260-644-2224.

Pet Expo

April 21 & 22

Ft Wayne Memorial Coliseum

Come visit our booth at this year's Pet Expo! Vendors will be there from the surrounding area and they are going to have events and competitions throughout the day. You won't want to miss it.

Upcoming Events – May 2012:

Plant Sale / Bake Sale

Saturday, May 5 – 9:00 am

Tractor Supply Company, Main Street

Have you decided to grow a beautiful garden or decorate your patio with flowers this year? We can help you get started with great potted plants. Visit us at TSC on **May 5th**, get your garden started and treat yourself to some homemade treats! All proceeds go directly to caring for the animals at the shelter.

It's all about the Auction!

Mark your calendars to attend the **13th Annual Whitley County Humane Shelter Auction on May 19, 5:00 pm, at the Eagles Nest Event Center in Columbia City.**

This auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Join us for an evening of fun, food, music by local celebrity Ivory West, great auction items, and a few surprises!

As in past years, the local community has donated many wonderful items to be auctioned at this event and we're very grateful for their response. This year, we also have a few celebrity donors,,if you're a Jimmy Buffet fan, or watch the sitcom "Hot In Cleveland", you'll want to attend the auction and bid on items from these and other generous celebrity animal lovers!

We guarantee you'll have a great time and all proceeds will directly benefit the animals at the shelter! Don't miss this special night!



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Did You Know?

Kittens can have kittens! A kitten as young as *five months* can have her first litter, and can also get pregnant up to twice a year. Just one litter means that three to five more good homes must be found, and the problem only gets bigger as more litters are born. Shelters are full of stray cats and many are euthanized solely because of overpopulation. You can help turn this situation around!



Have your cat spayed or neutered around five months of age, before her first litter. Not only will this help curb overpopulation, but cats benefit in other ways. Spayed/neutered cats are less likely to roam, females won't have to endure heat cycles, and males are much less likely to spray or mark territory. The risk of ovarian, uterine and testicular cancers is greatly reduced or eliminated altogether. It's a win/win for both cats and their human companions!

The Whitley County Humane Shelter has set a goal of spaying/neutering every cat in our care before they are adopted into good homes. To reach this goal, we've created a special fund we call the "POP" (Pet OverPopulation) Fund. You can help us achieve our goal by contributing to this fund.

Make your check payable to the "Humane Society of Whitley County" and writing POP Fund in the memo line.

***Help Fight Pet Overpopulation...
It's the Right Thing to Do!***

Amelia's Story:

Amelia is a Foxhound, approximately 4 years old. We wholeheartedly believe that happy-go-lucky Amelia will make a wonderful family pet! She is perfect around people and minds her manners very well.



She would benefit from regular exercise, and she would love to have at LEAST one other dog in her family to play with.

If you are looking for a beautiful and friendly foxhound for a best friend, look no further than Amelia. She's a GEM!

Heartworm Prevention

Yikes, mosquitoes are out early this year!! This means you should start your heartworm preventative, if you haven't already. For a few dollars a month, you can prevent your pet from contracting this deadly disease.

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Tiara’s Story:

When this beautiful little girl came to the shelter in early January 2012, we thought the name Tiara fit her perfectly! She is a brown mackerel tabby female with pale green eyes, a cute red nose and a charming, quiet personality.



Tiara is a shy little princess, and usually waits for visitors to Purr Paradise, the free-roam cat room where she lives, to approach her. She gets along well with other cats, and likes to sit in the window seat and watch all the activity in the shelter lobby.



Tiara is very affectionate, and loves being talked to. She is spayed and just waiting for the right person to fall in love with her. If you’re thinking of adopting a friend, Tiara would be a great choice. Come in and meet her, spend some time chatting with her and you’ll see how warm and loving she is!

2011 Facts & Figures:

Last year, 354 animals were adopted from the Humane Society and Adoption Center of Whitley County. Plenty of adoptions occur locally, with about 90 animals finding homes in and around Columbia City. Dozens more found homes at Tri-Lakes, Churubusco, South Whitley and Fort Wayne.

About 300 adoptions occurred in northeast Indiana, with the rest going to other areas in the state. Some animals find homes as far away as South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The distances some animals travel to their forever homes shows not only the desire of some people to find the perfect four-legged mate, but also the power of putting animals’ information online so anyone, anywhere can find them.

“I was surprised that about half our animals are adopted out of Whitley County. I’m glad we are drawing people in from all over, even surrounding states,” said Lindsay Pease, Director of the shelter.

It’s not just where the animals are adopted that’s tracked by the shelter – employees also note the places where the animals came from. The largest cluster was in and around Columbia City.

Some animals’ origins are never known since often people dump animals at the shelter after business hours.

Many of the animals brought to the shelter came from other densely-populated areas, like area lakes, Churubusco and South Whitley. The split shows how much residents in unincorporated areas of Whitley County rely on the shelter’s services.

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Animal Cruelty Prevention Month – April 2012

ASPCA, a national organization dedicated to preventing animal cruelty, has designated April as “Animal Cruelty Prevention Month.” You can help crack down on animal cruelty in your community. Read on for simple actions you can take to make the world a safer place for animals.

Here are some signs and symptoms of animal cruelty:

- Tick or flea infestations. Such a condition, if left untreated by a veterinarian, can lead to an animal's death.
- Wounds on the body.
- Patches of missing hair.
- Extremely thin, starving animals.
- Limping.
- An owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal.
- Dogs who are repeatedly left alone without food and water, often chained up in a yard.
- Dogs who have been hit by cars-or are showing any of the signs listed above-and have not been taken to a veterinarian.
- Dogs who are kept outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions.
- Animals who cower in fear or act aggressively when approached by their owners.

1. Know who to call to report animal cruelty. In some areas, you may have to rely on the police department to investigate animal cruelty; in others, you may have to contact local animal control or another municipal agency.

2. Get to know and look out for the animals in your neighborhood. By being aware, you're more likely to notice, for example, that the dog next door who was once hefty has lost weight rapidly—a possible indicator of abuse.

3. Make the call. Without phone calls from concerned citizens who report cruelty in their neighborhoods, we wouldn't know about most instances of animal abuse. It all comes from the public, it all starts with YOU—that's why it's so important to keep your eyes and ears open.

4. Provide as much as information as possible when reporting animal cruelty.

The details that you provide can go a long way toward assisting an investigating officer. It helps to write down the type of cruelty you witnessed, who was involved, the date of the incident and where it took place.

5. Contact your local law enforcement department and let them know that investigating animal cruelty should be a priority. Animal cruelty is a CRIME—and the police must investigate these crimes.

6. Set a good example for others. If you have pets, be sure to always show them the love and good care they deserve. But it's more than just food, water, and adequate shelter. If you think your animal is sick, bring him to the veterinarian. Be responsible and have your animals spayed or neutered. And give your pets lots of hugs!

7. Talk to your kids about how to treat animals with kindness and respect. Children understand that animals are living creatures who have the ability to feel pain, joy and sadness.

8. Support your local shelter or animal rescue organization. It's a great way to make a difference.

9. Start a Neighborhood Watch Program. Get to know the animals in your neighborhood and invite your friends and neighbors to do the same. Together you can keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviors—abuse and neglect of companion animals, the mistreatment of local wildlife, dogs left in hot cars and other signs of abuse.

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Mayor Ryan Daniels has declared April as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month in an effort to raise awareness in our local community.



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Office Pittenger & Stryker

Kids Club on March 12th .was amazing! Everyone enjoyed having Officer Pittenger and Stryker show us how they impact the community.



They demonstrated their training routine and talked about how Stryker is first on the scene and helps in various situations. We are fortunate to have such amazing heroes in our community.



Plan to join us on **Monday, April 9 at 5:30 pm** for the next W.Y.S.E. Kids Club. Joy Wiard, our dog groomer, will be the guest speaker. She'll talk about the importance of grooming and demonstrate some colorful hairstyles! **Call Sandy at 244-6664 and register to attend.**

Easter Hazards?

It's well known that the Christmas season holds many dangers for our pets, but the Easter holiday presents some of the same dangers.



Consider all the chocolate Easter candy we love to include in baskets and decorations during this time of year. Chocolate is poisonous to both dogs and cats, and causes symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, rapid heart rate, muscle spasms, seizures and potentially death if consumed in toxic quantities.

Easter baskets also contain a potential hazard for cats. Shredded Easter grass in that pretty basket is easy for a cat to swallow and can cause intestinal blockages or strangulation. Make sure the basket and all its contents are kept away from your pet's reach!



If you suspect your pet has consumed something poisonous, call your veterinarian immediately.

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Want to Help?

Be a Volunteer!

It's a great feeling to help enrich the lives of homeless dogs and cats. Come to the shelter and find out how you can help!

Those of us who do it, love it!

Show your support with a Whitley County Humane Society T-Shirt

Stop into the shelter and pick up one of our new T-shirts for **\$10!**

Get your dog Professionally Groomed

Joy's Dog Grooming now offers grooming services at the Whitley County Shelter. All proceeds go to the shelter. **Call 244-6664 for an appointment** for your dog on any Wednesday from 10am to 6pm.

Let us sell your items on Ebay!

Tax-deductible for you, and proceeds for us!

Bring your items such as antiques, old working computer games, old unique toys, used working cell phones, anything with at least a \$25 value (no clothing or personal items)

Send us your best pet photo

We plan to print a 2013 calendar, with cute pet photos, want to include yours?

Our Wish List:

Volunteers! to walk dogs on Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm

Volunteers! to take dogs through Canine Companion classes on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 and 6:00 pm

Bleach	13-gal trash bags
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
HE laundry soap	Dryer sheets
Postage stamps	Cat litter
Cat litter	Batteries (all sizes)
Disinfectant wipes	Cat scratching posts
Canned dog food	Cotton balls & Q-tips

Thank You for Your Support!

We are truly grateful to everyone who contributes time, supplies, or cash to help support the animals at the shelter. We could not continue to care for the animals without your help!

Those we wish to thank

Dessie Arnold
Suzanne Baker
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Thank You for Your Support!

In Memory Of

Myrna Bailey	Dorothy Harl
Sharon & Thomas Brockhaus	Dorothy Harl
Frances Brown	Dorothy Harl
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Joan Crowell	LeEtta Wagner
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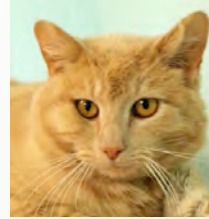
In Honor Of

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We’re Waiting for Someone Special to Take Us Home...



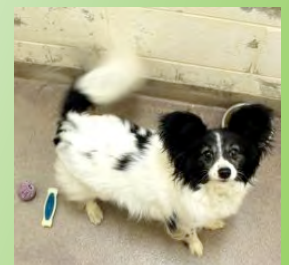
Buster



Branson



Morgan



Rex



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Carrie

YES, I want to help and become a Friend of the Shelter!

Friends will receive a bi-monthly newsletter from the shelter, email updates on the shelter's upcoming events and more!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yearly Friend Donation:

Individual - \$30

Family - \$50

Corporate - \$100

I also would like to become a sustaining Friend and donate an additional \$_____ per month.

If donating with a check, please write FRIEND on your check and mail it in monthly. If paying with credit/debit card, monthly sustaining donations will be drawn the first week of each month and a receipt will be emailed to you, or mailed if no email is on

Check enclosed # _____ Make check payable to the: **Humane Society of Whitley County • P. O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725**

Credit Card

I authorize a credit card payment of \$ _____ on my Visa MC Amex

Account # _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ 3 digit security code on back of card _____

Signature _____

Contact me about volunteering for the Humane Society.



Friends of the Shelter

Help those who can't help themselves . . .



For more information please contact us at 260-244-6664 or www.hswc.org

THANK YOU! Your donation to the Humane Society of Whitley County is tax deductible (we are 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization) and supports our mission of improving **all** life in Whitley County.



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- HOURS -

Sunday & Monday Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday 12 - 5
Thursday 12 - 7 Friday 12 - 5
Saturday 11 - 4

What Your Contribution Means

Most of us, at some point in our lives, want to be able to say *I made a difference*. Being able to play a part in promoting community education or knowing that we, in a small way, helped brighten somebody's otherwise lonely day is something to be quite proud of. Knowing that we will give comfort to frightened animals or be responsible for the joy a family feels when they are reunited with their lost pet will let you know that you have done well. All of this, and so much more, is made possible in part by contributions from community members like you. Please donate now so you too will be able to say . . .

I made a difference!