

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

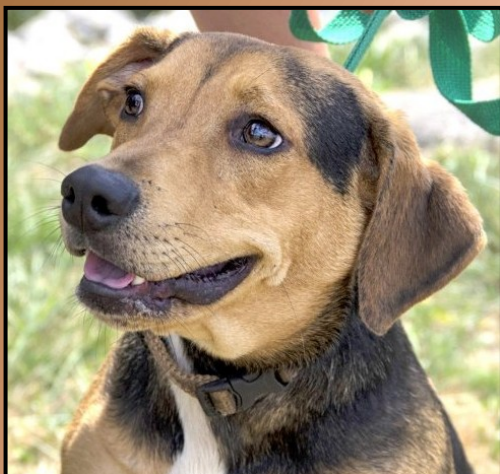


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HAPPY TAILS...

We're happy to report that after Murphy was featured in the August newsletter, he was adopted by a local family. He's doing well and having lots of fun playing with the children in his new family!



It's exciting to report that from January through August 2012, we've adopted 80 cats and 166 dogs to new homes!

Did You Know?

Each day 10,000 humans are born in the United States, and **each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the United States!**

Pet overpopulation continues to be an overwhelming problem!

Our goal is to have 100% of all adopted animals spayed or neutered before they join their permanent home. This year, 71% of our adopted cats and 27% of adopted dogs have left the shelter already spayed or neutered.

The Parkview Foundation and the Whitley County Community Foundation are helping us achieve our goal by awarding grant money that will be used to purchase medical equipment necessary for animal surgeries including spays and neuters.

Also, a special "thank you" goes to those adopters who have taken advantage of the refundable spay/neuter certificate given with each pet adoption. By following through with your new pet's spay or neuter, you've become part of the solution to pet overpopulation!

Would you like to be part of the solution? Send your donations to the shelter marked "POP" Fund (Pet Over-Population Fund). These funds will help us reach our 100% spay/neuter goal.

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WE’RE SEEING ORANGE!

Many people believe orange cats have the most loving personalities and Curtis, Carl, and Sylvan prove this theory! They are all neutered males available for adoption now:

Curtis was living as a stray when he was brought to the shelter in July. We estimate he is about 8 months old.



Curtis is a great “lap cat”, and enjoys being held and talked to. He has the face of a little lion and a mackerel tabby pattern coat with light and dark orange stripes. He is growing into a beautiful adult and will be a wonderful companion.



Carl is a very sweet boy, about 6 months old, with a distinct mackerel tabby coat and pretty green eyes.

His coat is exceptionally soft. Carl has a quiet personality, and takes his time getting to know people. But when he’s ready, he’s very affectionate and playful. He will be a loyal friend to that special person he bonds with.

Sylvan is a stray, brought to the shelter in August 2012. We estimate he is 5 months old.



Sylvan’s orange coat is complemented by white paws and a white chest. He has a serious facial expression, and appears to study people before he trusts them. But when he accepts you, Sylvan is the most loving boy ever. He’s a natural cuddler! It seems the more attention he’s given, the more affectionate he becomes.

Come in and meet these sweet boys and consider adopting one into your family. You’ll have a loyal friend for life!



***“Until one has loved an animal,
part of one’s soul is
unawakened”***

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR INTERNS:

Emily Hively is a senior at Churubusco High School. She plans to attend IPFW first, then transfer to Purdue to become a Vet Technician. Emily’s goal is to learn as much as possible by spending time as an intern at the shelter. This will give her a head start toward her future goals.



Abbi Ogen is a senior at Whitko High School. She plays softball and enjoys spending free time with friends and family. After high school, Abbi plans to attend the Vet Tech Institute at International Business College in Fort Wayne. Now, she enjoys the time spent with the animals at the shelter and preparing for her future.

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MEET TADD:

My name is Tadd, and I’m a 1-year old Terrier Mix with lots and lots of energy. If you need an exercise buddy, someone to run and play, I am the perfect dog for you. I can’t wait to get rid of some energy with you!



After a long workout, we can relax together. I am already neutered and ready for a new home. Please come to the shelter and check me out!



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OUR WISH LIST

Want to target your donation for the cats at the shelter? Here's an item that is inexpensive and will be used every day by the cats and kittens we shelter. Aluminum tin trays like the one below cost less than a dollar each and can be used as litter boxes!



If you want to help the dogs at the shelter, here's an idea specifically for them. Disposable food trays are also an inexpensive item, can be purchased in bulk (250) for about \$7.00.



Items like these will help reduce contamination because they are disposable. Also, the staff will spend less time washing dishes and more time with the animals.

We are always in need of

- Bleach
- Paper towels
- 13-gallon trash bags
- Disinfectant wipes

You can be part of our mission! Donating any of these items help us continue to give the animals the best care possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kid's Club is Back!

Monday, October 8, 2012, 5:30 pm

At the Shelter, 951 South Line Street

Kids Club is back! Join us on Monday, October 8 at 5:30 for a fun evening at the shelter. Kids in grades 2-6 can spend time learning about the animals and creating great craft projects.

Reserve your spot for the next Kids Club by calling 260-244-6664 and ask to speak to Sandy.

Zumbathon at the Elks

Saturday, October 13, 2012, 2pm-4pm

Join the fun at the Elks, 109 S. Main Street

Entry fee of \$10 per person

Call Abel Rosado at 574-780-1740 or

Deb Aldrich at 260-248-9739 for more info!

Rockin for Rescue

Sunday, October 14, 2012, 12pm-8pm

Sweetwater, 5501 US Highway 30 West

You won't want to miss this party! Five bands plus food/drink at Sweetwater Music Center! Admission is \$5, bring a Wish List item and get in for \$4!

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, November 3, 2012, 9am

Churubusco High School

Join us for some fun, exercise and fundraising! Churubusco Elementary School is hosting a 5K Run/Walk to benefit our shelter! Entry fee is \$15 per person (guaranteed T-shirt) before Oct 25, \$10 per person without shirt. Contact Karen Eckert at (260) 693-2188 for more information.

Annual Giving Campaign December, 2012

Everyone can be a part of the success and continued operation of the Humane Shelter & Adoption Center of Whitley County. When you receive our annual giving request in your mailbox later this year, please remember that the future of our shelter depends upon the generosity of our community. Without your help, none of this would be possible.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Join Us, Be a Volunteer!

Those of us who do it, love it!

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!

We are still looking for volunteers to walk dogs Monday –Friday from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Please call 244-6664 if you can help!

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!

Professional Dog Grooming

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)

DOG TRICK OR “TREAT”?

Do you give your dog a treat every time it does a trick, or goes to the bathroom outside? Have you ever thought about how many calories your dogs should be getting each day? It may sound silly at first, but you could potentially be feeding your dog way too much.

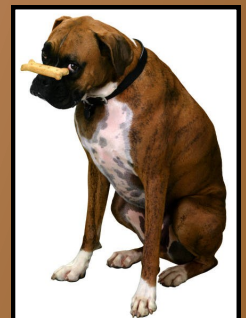
Humans have to watch what we eat and make sure we don't have too many snacks during the day. It's also our job to make sure we are feeding our dogs healthy food and treats and watching their calorie intake.

On average, a dog should get 25-30 calories per pound, per day. So that means your 65-70 pound dog should be getting around 1,000 calories a day. To give you an idea how many calories you may be giving your dog, we researched some of the most popular dog treats and compared them to an equivalent candy bar:

- Beggin' Chew Large = 3 toffee bars
- Beggin' Chew Small/Medium = 1 pkg Reese's Cups
- Busy Bone Chew Small/Medium = 1 milk chocolate bar
- Large Milk Bone = 2 fun size Three Musketeers
- Tbonz Porterhouse flavor = 1 mini Kit Kat
- Canine Carry Outs = 1 Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
- Ol' Roy Snack Sticks = Bite size Butterfinger
- Milk Bone Regular = Bite size Milky Way
- Milk Bone Small = 1 Reese's Peanut Butter Cup

Next time, think twice when buying dog treats at the store. Some healthier alternatives are:

1. Appawtizers
2. Bil-Jac Liver Treats
3. Nutro Max Mini Bones
4. Pedigree Good Bites Multi-Vitamin Savory Beef Flavor



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UNITED WAY “DAY OF CARING”

September 18th was a busy day at the shelter as volunteers from the United Way Day of Caring completed several projects at the shelter. These volunteers planted bushes on the north side of the parking lot,



and hung shelves in the kitchen and garage.



Day of Caring volunteers power-washed the outside of the shelter, as well as all the



windows,



and our break room received a fresh coat of paint, thanks to this year’s volunteers.

Projects like this may seem small, but they mean a lot to the shelter staff, who are busy caring for the animals.

Thank you! We are so grateful to those who helped out!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

We are so grateful to everyone who has already contributed time, supplies, or cash to help support the animals at the shelter.

We could not continue to care for the animals without your support!

Those we wish to thank

Richard & Dessie Arnold
B&J Rental
Nancy & Alan Buck
Busco East of Chicago Pizza
Bernard Caley
Christian & Terri Clupper
Emily Deutsch
Carmen Eger
Espich Printing
Lee & Sue Fladhammer
Lori Groger
Donna Harl
Norma Hawk
Valerie Herendeen
Phillip & Jeanne Keirn
Charon Kirkpatrick
Lawn Pro
Robert & Tina Perkins
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Leah & Mark Phillipson
Jon & Catherine Rowe
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Michael & Bernadette Sanders
James & Patricia Schneider
Kelly Shoda
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Rebecca Todd
Cheryl Wagers
Catherine Weigold
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New Friends of the Shelter members

Alan & Nancy Buck
Mike & Diane Weixler

In Memory of Sherry Davenport

David & Stephanie Clements
Daryl & Kathleen Demuyt
Frederick & Patricia Dumit
Rebecca Hartman
Jeanne & Fredrick List
Betty Mink
Michael & Bernadette Sanders
Bruce & Patricia Stach

In Memory of Jack Kessie

Michael Lemon
Mary Ann Stine
Anthony & Debra Zickgraf

In Memory of Marie Ernst

Phillip & Patricia Carpenter
Jill & Manolo Machinena
Wayne & Kathaleen Reese
Sandy Whiteleather

In Memory of Don Smith

Dennis & Patty Cook
Brad & Trudy Deutsch
Emily Deutsch
Francis Kent Hill
Mary Elizabeth Hill
Patricia Kneller
Myers Farms, Inc.

In Memory of our dog “Red”

Michael & Debbie Coats



☐ **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.**

**Join
Now!**

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!