

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're happy to report that Abner, our last featured cat, was adopted by a family who fostered him and fell in love! We'll miss Abner, but we're so happy he finally has a home of his own!



Our October 2011 featured dog, Butch, has not found a “forever” home yet. He is still at the shelter, waiting for the right person to come in and see what a special dog he is.



Did You Know?

Cats see 6 times better in the dark than humans, and have the largest eyes of any mammal, in proportion to their size!

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than we humans can. We have 5 million smell-detecting cells and dogs have more than 220 million!

Kids Club!

The first “Kids Club” met on November 14 and we had so much fun! Over 30 kids came and listened to Stacey Keily of All Dogs Training talk about the importance of training your dog. The kids had a great time making Christmas ornaments and sharing snacks and playtime with the animals.



Reserve your spot for the next Kids Club on Monday, January 9, 2012 - call 260-244-6664 and ask to speak to Sandy.

Fundraising Success!

November’s Walk-A-Thon was a big success! Churubusco Elementary School hosted a 5K walk/run and our walkers raised \$1,500 for the animals! We’re so proud and grateful for the Churubusco Elementary School students!

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Jack's Story

Jack is a handsome orange and white tabby male. He has beautiful green eyes and a cute pink nose!



Jack came to the shelter in October, 2011 with his littermate Mack. They were very tiny and needed lots of attention, so one of our volunteers fostered these two adorable boys to make sure they had the best possible care. When they returned to the shelter, they were the cutest pair, playing together and stalking anything that moved, as kittens always do! Mack was adopted several weeks later and Jack is still waiting for his permanent home.

Jack gets along very well with the other cats in the free-room kitten room. He is still very playful and curls up with other cats for an afternoon nap. He loves to be held, and his favorite spot is resting on a friendly shoulder or snuggling on a warm lap.

Come in and meet Jack, you'll see what a charming boy he is. He will be a great addition to a very lucky family!

Check Us Out!

Our website (HSWC.org) is updated and better than ever! Check out all our adoptable animals, eBay auction items, online applications, animal care info and so much more!

And, don't forget our iPhone app, free for download at the Apple iTunes store.

There's still time...

to submit your best pet photo in our 2012 Pet Calendar photo contest!

Send us a photo of your pet along with a short description of why your pet is special and unique! We'll pick the top 12 most interesting entries for our 2012 Shelter Calendar.

Please submit your entry by email to animalspecialist@whitleycountyhumaneshelter.com

or by mail to Whitley County Humane Shelter,
951 South Line Street
Columbia City, IN 46725

Festival of Trees

The shelter participated in this year's Festival of Trees sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses donated fully decorated trees, and a free-will donation entered you for a chance to win a tree for the holidays!



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Survivor’s Story:

A car stops on the side of a rural road. The driver exits and pours dog food along side the road. Next, he opens the door and gets an emaciated pit bull from the car, leaves the dog and heads for home; the neglected and starved animal left to fend for himself.

A passerby sees this despicable act and phones police, who call the Humane Society and Adoption Center of Whitley County. The skeleton of a dog arrives at the animal shelter and begins the task of recuperation. “They pushed the dog out of the car and drove away,” said Lindsay Pease, director of the Humane Society and Adoption Center of Whitley County.



A full-grown pit bull should weigh between 40 and 65 pounds, depending on the dog’s unique physical traits. This pit bull – rightfully named Survivor by the shelter – weighed only 31 pounds when he arrived. In the first week, he gained seven pounds, an indication of just how much he should weigh.

Dogs should be able to find a food source on their own, even if left to fend for themselves in the wild. The condition of Survivor led Pease to believe he was confined or tied to an object which prevented him from hunting.

Just a few days after Survivor arrived, Pease came to work to find two 12-week-old pups left outside in a cage sometime after 9 p.m. the previous night. All they had was a thin towel for insulation on a cold night.

Stories surfaced in recent years on a national level of more people abandoning their pets because they lost their jobs and homes and had no way to pay for the animal. Shelter staff have witnessed that same trend locally, with more unhealthy animals being turned into the shelter. With vaccinations and a steady diet, most animals usually make a recovery while at the shelter and are primed for adoption.

Reliable statistics are tough to find given that most cases of neglect go unreported, but in the last decade Pet-Abuse.com tallied tens of thousands of reports of abuse and neglect, with nearly 13,000 cases of animal cruelty reported against dogs and almost 3,200 cases reported against cats.

In 2010, the organization received reports of 22 documented cases of neglect or abuse in Indiana, with neglect/abandonment being the highest. The website shows the horrible ways in which some animals live their lives. Categories of abuse and neglect range from gunshots to beatings and burnings.

When it comes to addressing the problem locally, reporting suspected abuse or neglect is the only way to bring the problem under control. “It’s just frustrating,” Pease said.

If you have any information regarding Survivor or are interested in adopting him, please contact Lindsay Pease at 260-244-6664.



Survivor, currently available for adoption

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Canine Behavior Q&A

There are times when culture clashes exist between the human and canine species. Little things can become big issues. Often people believe the dog knows what is expected of him, but refuses to comply! This can be extremely frustrating and even costly if the dog behavior becomes destructive.

Let's end the culture clash by learning how dogs learn, how to teach them and why they do what they do! Learn how to read a dog's body language and how to communicate with your dog by not saying a single word. Your dog will thank you with compliance and a big sigh of relief.

Make plans to attend this Question & Answer session the first Tuesday of every month. This will be an open "ask the expert" session to help dog owners with behavioral problems and concerns they may have about their recently adopted or previously owned dog.

Tuesday, January 3, 2012	6:00 pm
Tuesday, February 7, 2012	6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 6, 2012	6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 3, 2012	6:00 pm

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

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



Fannie, available for adoption

Canine Parenting Class

Bringing home a new dog or puppy is a fun and exciting time! Making certain your home and family are prepared for this puppy or dog is paramount. To help keep dogs and owners together, Canine Companion by Certified Trainers is now offering Canine Parenting classes, held once a month at the Whitley County Humane Shelter.

Pet parenting can be fun and rewarding, but it can also be exhausting and frustrating. Understanding the needs of your puppy, his or her puppy development stages and how to read canine body language can save exhaustion and frustration for both you and your canine!

At this stage, it's important to focus on consistency. This class covers crate training, housetraining, chewing, jumping, puppy nipping, and other basic house manners that both dog and owner should understand. We'll also cover your city and county pet registrations, leash laws, and vaccination requirements. Come learn facts vs. myths about canines!

Monday, January 16, 2012	6:00 pm
Monday, February 20, 2012	6:00 pm
Monday, March 19, 2012	6:00 pm
Monday, April 16, 2012	6:00 pm

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



Gina, ready for a permanent home

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Make Safety a Part of Your Pet's Holiday!

Of course you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Be sure to steer clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:

Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the **tree water**—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

Kitties love sparkly, light-catching **tinsel** that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.



Shayna, available for adoption

By now you know not to feed your pets **chocolate** and anything sweetened with **xylitol**, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising fur kid will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. **Mistletoe** can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of **lilies**, can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic.

Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

Don't leave **lighted candles** unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

Keep **wires, batteries, glass or plastic ornaments** out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.



Olivia, available for adoption

Make sure all of your **medications** are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended **alcoholic drinks** where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that **strings of thrown confetti** can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. **Noisy poppers** can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears.

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Positive Changes for Our Facility!

If you haven't been to the shelter lately, you've got to stop by and see the new 40' roof over the outdoor dog kennels, on the north side of the building. Thanks to a great group of volunteers, our dogs will now have protection from rain and snow when they're outside getting fresh air.

An anonymous donor gave us the funds to make this project happen, and we are truly grateful.



Thank you to Dan Stauffer, Larry Trumbull, Mark Espich, Matt Espich, Josh Espich, Justin Carpenter, Jay Straub, William Klein and Chad Retter for donating over 100 hours of time and labor to make this dream a reality!

And, Justin Carpenter lent his time and expertise to fix the Shelter's downspouts, thanks so much Justin!



How you can help...

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.

Donate to our “POP” (Pet OverPopulation) Fund

a fund we've established to pay for spay and neuter costs. Make checks payable to the “Humane Society of Whitley County” and write POP Fund in the memo line. Our mailing address is 951 South Line Street, Columbia City, Indiana 46725

Drop off empty ink cartridges at the shelter

We recycle them for cash!

Ebay! – we accept items to be sold 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 please)

Whitley County Humane Society T-Shirts

Want to show your support for our mission? Stop into the shelter and pick up one of our new T-shirts for \$10. They may great holiday gifts, and all proceeds go toward caring for the animals.

Watch for our ad in the next Great Deals Magazine!

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Thank You for Your Support!

We are forever grateful to everyone who contributes time, supplies, or cash to help us care for the animals at the shelter.

Also, we want to thank everyone who has opened their hearts and homes to foster and/or adopt one of our animals. We are so grateful when an animal from our family becomes a member of your family!

Others we wish to thank

Betty Anderson
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Our Wish List:

We depend on the generosity of the community to meet the needs of the animals at the shelter. If you can help, our most urgent needs are:

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
Canned dog food	Canned cat food
Cat Toys	Dog Toys(no ropes)

(Thank you for the support, but we no longer need newspapers, drv food or treats)

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yearly Friend Donation:

Individual - \$30

Family - \$50

Corporate - \$100

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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**

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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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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 . . .

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