

HUMANE SOCIETY OF WHITLEY COUNTY

951 South Line Street, Columbia City, Indiana

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



“What’s Happening” at the Shelter

July-August, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, July 5, 9:00 am

Saturday, August 2, 9:00 am

At the Shelter, 951 South Line Street

The first step toward making a difference in the lives of homeless animals is attending a Volunteer Orientation meeting, held the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Come and see how you can use your talents to make the lives of homeless animals better!



Nelson’s Chicken Sale

Saturday, July 19, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

At TSC in Columbia City

Sponsored by Orizon Real Estate

It’s always too hot to cook in July! Make your family happy and your life easier by bringing home chicken for dinner on Saturday, July 19. Orizon Real Estate is sponsoring this event on behalf of the shelter. Proceeds will be donated to help care for homeless animals.

Thank you Orizon!!

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Mark the date on your calendar and set an alarm on your I-phone now for a very special event — the Whitley County Humane Society turns 10 years old in August!

To mark this historic occasion, **you’re invited to the shelter’s Birthday Party on August 23, from 12:00-5:00 pm.**



Come and take a unique tour of the facility, where you’ll see things from the animals’ point of view. Learn about the shelter’s 10-year history and how it all began. See how the shelter operates and how we care for the physical and emotional needs of homeless

dogs and cats. Find out about current programs and how we are contributing to the communities we serve. Talk to our staff about the shelter’s current needs and plans for the future. Then stay for lunch and birthday cake, of course!



If you think you already know all about the shelter, you’re in for a surprise. Spend some time with us on August 23rd. You’ll be amazed and impressed by our professional staff and dedicated volunteers who work every day to make this organization a “gem” in our community!

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SENSEI'S STORY

Meet Sensei! He is a beautiful American Staffordshire Terrier mix, about 1 year old. Sensei is neutered, up to date on vaccines and weighs about 45 pounds.

One of Sensei's favorite activities is sharing a morning run with the shelter's dog trainer, while she rides alongside on her bike. He also knows basic commands like "sit", "stay", "come" and "shake".



Sensei loves attention and is so well-behaved that he has attended several parades with shelter staff recently. Everyone who meets



Sensei loves him and the feeling is mutual!

Sensei is a friendly, playful dog that needs a "forever" family who will spend time playing with him and keeping him active.

If you would like to meet Sensei and spend time getting to know him, come to the Whitley County shelter today. Sensei is waiting to meet you!

BAILEY'S STORY

She's a sweet, good natured girl, our little **BAILEY!** She came into the shelter in December, 2013, right before the weather turned bitter cold. Bailey was a typical stray, dirty, hungry, not spayed. She was frightened of people at first, but with patience and affection, she soon made a good adjustment to shelter life.



Bailey is approximately 2 years old with a pretty mackerel tabby coat and gorgeous green eyes! She warms up to people slowly, and that causes her to be overlooked by many. But those who overlook her are missing out!



Bailey is very affectionate once she knows it's safe to show her love. She is now spayed and ready to settle into the right home. Do you have a place in your heart for little Bailey?

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IT’S KITTEN SEASON AT THE SHELTER!

It happens about twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall. Shelters everywhere experience “kitten season”. Whitley County Humane Shelter now has many kittens available for adoption. If you’ve been thinking about adopting a cat, and wish to welcome a kitten into your family, here’s a few things to consider:

First, like all babies, kittens require extra attention. Kittens will grow into good companions if they spend lots of time



NELLIE

interacting with people. Socializing kittens means teaching them acceptable behaviors with people. Talk to your new kitten in a gentle, quiet voice. Pet the little newcomer often to help her know that she is a loving member of the family.

Playtime is very important and helps establish a bond between you and your new friend. Kittens have lots of energy, just like human children. Playing with you and interactive cat toys will help burn that energy in a positive way. Wand toys or any small item tied to a string will serve as a good interactive toy and will allow your kitty to practice pouncing and chasing.

Every kitten game mimics an adult behavior.

Games of tag or hide and seek echo the stalk, chase and pursuit used in hunting. Playing is also a fun way for your kitten to learn about objects. He discovers that a batting paw sends a ball rolling and bouncing across the floor, but a bopped shoe just sits there. Games express kitty curiosity and provide an outlet for exploration.



NATALIE

Positive reinforcement is the only way to successfully train a kitten. Rewarding good behavior with petting, affection and treats will show your kitten what you want her to do. Cats do not associate negative consequences with their own behavior, so trying to correct a kitten by hitting them only teaches them to be afraid of you. It will not correct the unacceptable behavior.



GREG

It is never acceptable to roughhouse with a kitten until she uses her teeth and claws. This type of interaction will teach your kitten that it’s o.k. to bite any hand she sees. Maybe you can tolerate this behavior now, but it will become unacceptable when your kitten grows into an adult cat with very sharp teeth and claws. Stopping this behavior when a cat is grown is extremely difficult. It’s best to teach your kitten what’s acceptable right from the start, and not allow a bad habit to develop.

As well as playtime, kittens need lots of rest. Kittens need more sleep than adult cats and will fall asleep quickly. And yes, kittens do dream!



GWEN

Kittenhood, like childhood, passes quickly. A three-month old kitten is the equal to a 4-year old human. By 8 months, a kitten is equal to a 15-year old human, and at one year old, a cat is considered an adult and is equal to an 18 year old person! So enjoy those precious first few months when kittens are kittens, learning, playing and growing fast!

The kittens shown in this article are currently available for adoption. They all need loving homes. If any of these animals tug at your heart, please call the shelter at 260-244-6664, or better still, stop in and meet them!

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HAPPY TAILS...

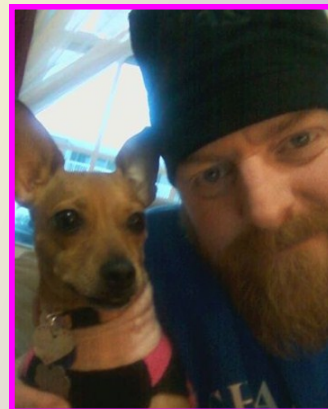
We're thrilled to report that both Sawyer and Bear, featured in the May/June newsletter, have found permanent homes! Sawyer now lives in Fort Wayne and Bear calls Columbia City home!



MAISEY, a beautiful Chow mix female that was featured in the last newsletter, has also found her "forever" home in South Whitley!

HAPPY TAILS...

Here is Libby and Dad! The little Chi-weenie we adopted from the Humane Society of Whitley County last year. She is so spoiled, and she just loves it here! She is a bed hog, and loves to leave all of her toys right in front of the chair. She has so many sweaters, and loves to play!



Winnie has a new home and a new friend. What a lucky girl! Hi. Was there to adopt Winnie (Tiffany).

She is wonderful and has fun playing with Henry, my older cat!

We are so glad Duke has made such a difference! We adopted Duke almost two years ago. We love him very much and could not imagine life without him!



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DO DOGS SWEAT?

Yes, but not like humans. Dogs have two types of sweat glands. One type, called merocrine glands, are in their footpads. They sweat through their footpads. They also have some sweat glands in their nose. Although they help keep the dog cool, very little of their body heat is lost through their footpads. The other type of sweat gland is called apocrine glands, which are over most of their body, but are not to keep the dog cool. Their purpose is to release pheromones, which, to put it simply, makes a dog smell like a dog.

Dogs sweat, but the main cooling function for dogs is panting. Air is drawn in through their nose. There are folds in the nose that increase the surface area for moisture in the nose to evaporate from, cooling the nose. Air is exhaled through the mouth. The moisture in the air is absorbed and the heated air leaves the dog. Along with this, since the dog’s mouth is open with its tongue hanging out, the saliva on the dog’s tongue evaporates cooling the tongue which has a rich blood supply, and so cools the blood which has transported heat from inside the dog’s body.



Another temperature controlling organ is the spleen. The spleen stores blood, and when the dog gets hot, the spleen releases additional blood into the blood stream to help carry heat to the surface. Relative to body size, dogs have larger spleens than humans. The greater release of blood from the spleen when dogs exercise may be one reason why dogs usually have a higher endurance level than most people.

One other interesting physiological aspect of the dog’s body is that a complex of small veins and arteries at the base of the dog’s neck can thermally isolate the dog’s head from the rest of the dog’s body, where the muscles generate heat during exercise. This protects the dog’s brain, which is the most temperature-sensitive organ in the dog’s body.



Compared to other animals that don’t have this feature, the dog can endure high exertion in a hot environment significantly longer. A dog chasing a rabbit in a hot environment may not be able to initially catch the rabbit, but can keep chasing the rabbit until the rabbit slows down from overheating.

So the answer to the question “**Do dogs sweat**” is yes. But it has little to do with cooling the dog unlike sweating does for humans.



HYPOALLERGENIC DOGS?

The name hypoallergenic dog breed is commonly used to refer to a dog breed or crossbreed that is more compatible with allergic persons than other breeds. However, prominent allergen researchers have claimed that there is no basis to the claims that certain dog breeds are hypoallergenic and, while allergen levels vary among individual dogs, breed is not a significant factor. Even if you get a hairless dog, it’s still going to produce some level of allergen.

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READING IS FUN, ESPECIALLY READING TO CATS!

Here’s a new way to help kids improve reading skills, reading to shelter cats! Volunteers learned about this activity via the internet and thought it sounded like a win-win, giving kids a fun way to practice reading skills while giving homeless shelter cats some entertainment and stimulation. The shelter has begun a new program, “Reading to Cats”, and it’s a big success!



Hayden Gresley is the first participant to spend time reading to Henry, a brown mackerel tabby.

Both boys really enjoyed the experience!

If you’re interested in scheduling your child reading time in the cat rooms, please call Sandy at 244-6664.

Children must bring their own books and be accompanied by one adult during each session.



WANT TO HELP?

DOG FENCE FUND DRIVE

You can help improve the lives of homeless dogs by contributing to our Dog Fence Fund. We’re asking our friends to “link” with us and donate \$3 to sponsor one square foot of fencing. Look for the logo below posted at the shelter and at all our events. *For \$3, you can purchase one square foot of fence and help make this dream come true. Come to the shelter and make a donation today.*



I “linked” with the Whitley County Humane Shelter to improve the lives of homeless dogs.

SHELTER VAN FUND DRIVE

It’s been a dependable vehicle that has served the needs of the shelter well for the past 10 years. Donated by Dr. Colleen Quinn, the shelter’s cargo van is showing its age and needs to be replaced. We’re accepting donations toward the purchase of a newer van now. You can help by bringing your donation to the shelter or mailing to 951 South Line Street, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Our Wish List

Postage Stamps
2 1/4” cash register tape
AAA batteries
Letter-size copy paper
Letter-size manila file folders
Toner for Brother MFC7360 printer
Toner for HPM 5035 printer, reorder #36869

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

We are so grateful to everyone who has 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!

In Loving Memory

Vicky Levinson

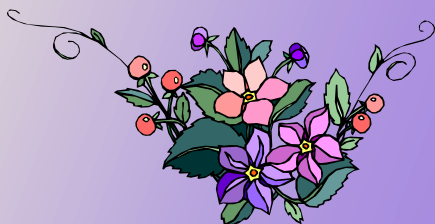
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New Friends of the Shelter, Welcome!

Linda Bustamante
Jerry & Carol Flowers



Thank you for donated items

Lea Baines
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DID YOU KNOW?

- * Tiger Woods stuttered as a child and used to talk to his dog until he fell asleep in an effort to get rid of it.
- * A cat cannot climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat’s paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

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THANK YOU

2014 Plant/Craft/Bake Sale, A Huge Success!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the 4th Annual Plant/Craft/Bake Sale on May 10. The event was a big success, and raised over \$4,000 for the animals at the shelter!

Special thanks goes to those who contributed and helped coordinate the event:

Angi Adams
Bobbie Alexander
Loretta Benner
Haylee Coyle
Kevin Coyle
Emily Deutsch
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Robbie Dillon
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Liz Sponaugle
Ryder Sroufe
Doris Studebaker
TSC
Randee Taylor
Laura Underwood
Tammy Walter
Whitley County Master Gardeners
Kris Wilz
Skylar Zickafoose



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!