

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

September-October, 2013

Did You Know?

Many cats are skittish or easily startled by sudden movements or loud noises, and fear in felines generalizes easily. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, this means that a cat can "experience something scary in the kitchen, like a glass crashing to the floor, and later become afraid of all linoleum flooring. Or they can go from fearing a particular object to fearing the entire room or location where the object first scared them".

If this happens to your cat, there is help available. Start by talking to your veterinarian about the problem. He/she may have suggestions on how to help your pet overcome fears.

Once a fear has been identified, owners can make changes that will help the cat be more comfortable and less fearful. Animal behaviorists have developed techniques that can help change a cat's behavior. The staff and volunteers at the Whitley County Humane Shelter can help you find these resources. Give us a call at 244-6664. It's worthwhile to help your cat overcome fears and live at peace in their environment.

Always keep human food out of your pet's reach. Even if the food itself is not a problem (but many are, including onions, chocolate, avocados and raisins), wrappers and plastic containers can be a serious health hazard. If you think your pet has ingested something that could hurt, call your veterinarian right away or the ASPCA Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435. The faster your pet can be helped, the better the chance for recovery.

Happy Tails!

Athena now has a home! She will be remembered by shelter staff and volunteers as one of the sweetest cats we've ever taken care of. And after several months, the right person recognized her outer beauty, a soft black coat and pretty eyes and her inner beauty, a loving soul. We're very happy for her!



Still Waiting...



STEWIE,
adopt-
able



JEFFERSON,
adoptable

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join Us, Be A Volunteer!

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION!

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am

At the Shelter

Our Volunteer Program is new and exciting! If you want to know more about how you can help, join us on either Saturday noted above. Our Volunteer Coordinator will show you how you can start making a real difference in the lives of homeless animals.

KIDS CLUB!

Monday, October 14, 6-7pm

At the Shelter

We’re making plans for the start of this year’s Kid’s Club! Kids from 2nd grade to 6th grade are invited to attend this educational monthly program starting on October 14. You will learn all sorts of things about dogs, cats and other animals. Join us for a fun time of interesting animal lessons, crafts and snacks!

ART FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 7, 9:00am-5:00 pm

Courthouse Square

Spend a Saturday on the Courthouse Square in downtown Columbia City enjoying local artists’ creations, good food and entertainment. There will be something for everyone, including painting, pottery, jewelry and dance performances. You won’t want to miss it!

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

We’re making plans for new fundraising events in the coming months, so be sure to check out future issues of this newsletter as well as follow us on FaceBook.



FELICIA,
spayed & adoptable



MARVIN,
neutered & adoptable

TOP 5 REASONS TO ADOPT

If you’ve been thinking about adding a pet to your family, here are five reasons to adopt your new best friend from our shelter:

1. ***You’ll save a life.*** By adopting from a humane society, animal shelter or rescue group, you’ll help save the lives of two animals, the pet you adopt and a homeless animal somewhere that can be rescued because of space you helped free up.
2. ***You’ll get a healthy pet.*** We examine and give vaccinations to animals when they arrive, and many are spayed or neutered before being adopted. We also screen animals for temperaments and behaviors to make sure the pet fits the adopter’s lifestyle.
3. ***You’ll save money.*** Adopting a pet from a shelter is much less expensive than buying from a pet store or through other sources. In addition, many of our animals are already spayed or neutered and vaccinated, which makes the shelter’s fee a real bargain.
4. ***You’ll feel better.*** Pets have a way of putting a smile on your face and a spring in your step. Caring for a companion animal can give a sense of purpose and fulfillment, as well as lessen feelings of loneliness and isolation in all age groups.
5. ***You won’t be supporting puppy mills and pet stores.*** Puppy mills are “factory-style” dog breeding facilities that put profit above the welfare of dogs. Most dogs raised in puppy mills are housed in poor conditions with improper medical care. Unfortunately, a lot of people are not even aware that puppy mills exist, so when they buy from a pet store, online or other retail outlet, they are unwittingly supporting this cruel industry.



**NANETTE, spayed
& adoptable**

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MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR!

We’re happy to introduce our new Executive Director, Sandy Grube, to our supporters. Sandy may be new to the Director position, but she has a long history with the Whitley County Humane Shelter.

In 2004, she began as a volunteer, bringing her daughter to the shelter to help out. Together they washed dishes, mopped floors and cleaned dog kennels and cat cages.



Sandy was hired as Shelter Manager in 2011, and she expanded her skills to include recordkeeping and medical care for the animals. She assisted with dog temperament testing and helped perform physicals on both dogs and cats as they arrived at the shelter.

When former Executive Director Lindsay Pease accepted another position, Sandy was a natural fit to fill this role. Her past experience with all aspects of the shelter will serve her well as she leads us into 2014 and beyond.

2013 Board of Directors

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Laura Underwood
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SASSY’S STORY:

She was surrendered to our shelter on August 15, and has become a favorite with staff and volunteers. Come in and meet **Sassy**, a 3-year old Beagle mix female.



Sassy was adopted by a family in Florida, then moved to Indiana. Unfortunately, her first family went through some big changes and could no longer provide good care for her. So they entrusted her future to us.



We took Sassy into our shelter and found that she suffered from allergies and a skin infection. Both conditions were treated and Sassy feels a lot better. Now she is waiting for a permanent home.

Sassy is a very friendly girl, and is good with kids. She deserves a second chance at a good life. Come in and visit with her soon.

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TASHA’S STORY:

If you’ve been lucky enough to own a cat (or several cats), you know that each one has a distinct personality. Some are outgoing and inquisitive and others are shy and quiet. The staff and volunteers at the shelter spend time getting to know each cat as an individual, believing that each one needs different levels of care and attention.

Tasha is a good example of an adult cat who is naturally quiet and reserved. She came to the shelter in late July, surrendered by her previous owner because she didn’t fit in with the other members of the household (dogs, kids, lots of activity). After getting to know Tasha, we understand why this was the case. She is gorgeous, with a soft tortoiseshell coat and pretty green eyes that observe all that goes on around her.



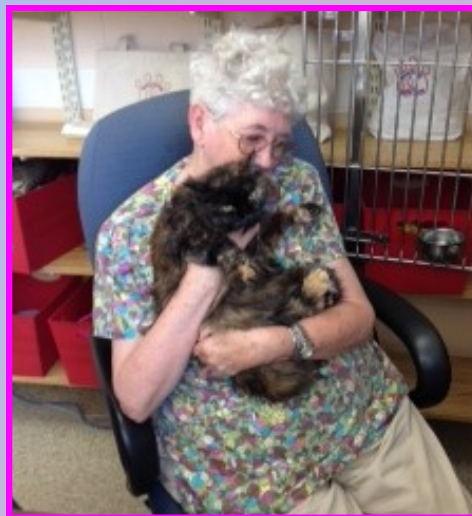
We discovered she likes to be talked to, and will respond by vocalizing her approval. When offered a kind hand, she will lean in for scratches under her chin and strokes along her back. The more we talk and touch, the more she responds!

Unfamiliar sights and sounds startle Tasha, and her natural instinct is to withdraw. Because of this, she often appears unfriendly. But that’s misleading.

A new tool we’ve just begun to use is the ASPCA’s Meet Your Match cat temperament program. Tasha has participated in the program and her personality is called **‘Private Investigator’**. Here’s how “Meet Your Match” describes her:

“I’m working undercover to keep an eye on you and your household. You may not even know you’re under surveillance. I can vanish into thin air if anyone or anything interferes with my investigation. If you need a cat who know how to stay out of trouble and will always keep your secrets, I just might take your case.”

This perfectly describes the sweet girl we’ve come to know and love in the time she’s been at the shelter!



Tasha is waiting for the right person to come see her, someone who will appreciate her outer beauty as well as her inner beauty. The right match for Tasha will understand her reserved personality and love her on her terms. She is about 1 year old, already spayed and declawed, and ready to be a quiet companion to someone special. Come in and meet Tasha and spend some time chatting. She will charm you with her gentle affection!

***We humans are indeed fortunate if
we happen to be chosen to be
owned by a cat***

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JAZZY’S STORY:

It’s amazing how animals can adapt to changing situations. **Jazzy** is a good example of living life to the fullest every day.

Jazzy is a female Jack Russell Terrier, about one-year old. She came to our door as a stray on August 22.

After her first routine physical at the shelter, we discovered she suffered from some old injuries to her right hind leg. It appeared that the leg had been broken in the past and never set to heal properly. We consulted a vet who recommended that it would be best to remove the leg.



Jazzy came through the surgery very well and is getting the best care we can give her. Adjusting to life with three legs hasn’t changed her loving personality. She enjoys being outside and playing with toys, then curling up for a nice nap!



She’s very friendly and loving and will be a great companion to someone who understands her limitations. If you can provide Jazzy with a stable home, please come in and meet her.

EXERCISING YOUR DOG:

Exercise is the most important activity you can do with your dog. Teaching your dog to walk on a loose leash next to you is so good for your dog. It teaches your dog that you are the pack leader and they are the follower. Walking your dog properly drains their energy physically as well as a mental stimulation for them. It teaches them to look to you and stay next to you as you are walking. So if you stop, turn right or left, they should be focused on you and not everything else in their environment.

You can exercise your dog in a variety of ways. Make it fun for them. I play ball with my dogs. They love to chase it and bring it back to me to throw again. As of lately, my dogs love to play Frisbee. I teach them different tricks with the Frisbee. It exercises their body as well as their mind. Agility is another fun way to exercise your dog. It teaches them to pay attention to you so they watch your body language to know how to run the course correctly. Whatever you do with your dog, make it a fun and bonding time with them.

Stacey Keily, Trainer, Whitley Co. Humane Shelter

Friends have a way of speaking without words.

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Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

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THOSE WE WISH TO THANK

We are so 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!

Angi Adams
Teresa & Scott Akey
Lori Beader
Michelle Becker
Connie Bedwell
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Phyllis Vandersaul
Whitley County 4-H Dairy Club
Jeffery Willey
Miram & Timothy Williams
Jan & Loe Winterrowd

Thank You!

Professional Dog Grooming

Joy's Dog Grooming now offers grooming services at the Whitley County Humane Shelter.

All proceeds benefit the shelter. **Call 244-6664 for an appointment** for your dog on any Wednesday from 10am to 6pm.

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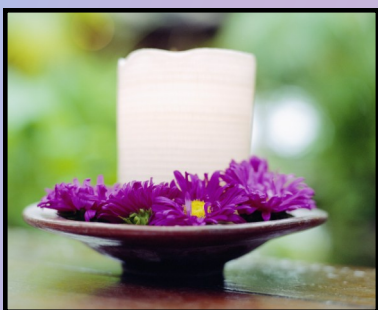
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In Loving Memory of Homer Hursey

Eagles Lodge #1906
Roger & Becky Fenker
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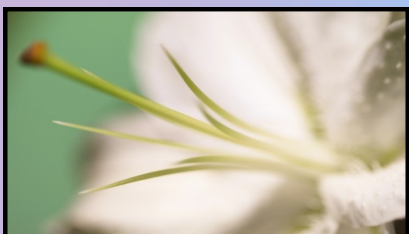


In Loving Memory of Teresa Gotz

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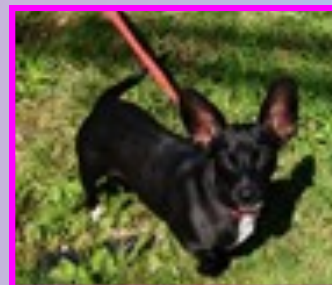
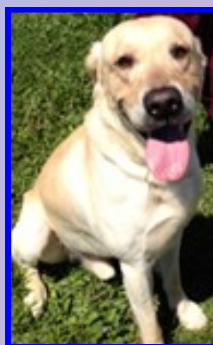


PETS AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO US:

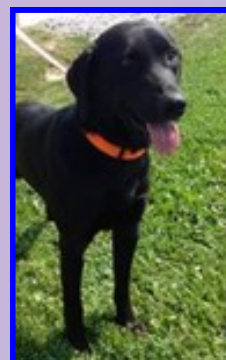
They bring laughter into a stressful day. They help us relax and focus on the most important things in life; good food, a little exercise, play and affection. Whether you love a dog or a cat or both, you recognize that our pets enhance our daily lives in many ways. If you adopted your pet from a shelter, no doubt you have saved a life.

The staff and volunteers at the Whitley County shelter know how exciting and rewarding it is to be part of matching people with companion animals. If you’ve adopted a pet from our shelter and would like to tell us about your experience, contact us through snail mail at Whitley County Humane Shelter, 951 South Line Street, Columbia City, Indiana 46725. We always appreciate getting updates on those dogs and cats we’ve cared for. Each one touches our lives, let us know how they have touched yours as well.

***MARLEY, Lab
adoptable***



***LADY BUG, Chihuahua,
adoptable***



***STEWART,
Lab,
adoptable***

☐ **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 _____

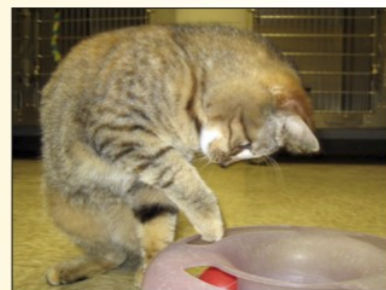
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☐ **Contact me about volunteering for the Humane Society.**

**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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(260) 244-6664**

- 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!