

SCOTT COUNTY SCOOP

Newsletter of Humane Society of Scott County, IN
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The Scott County Animal Shelter has been exceptionally blessed this holiday season! Santa attended our Open House on December 2nd and brought goodies for any pet that had been adopted from the shelter and who came back to visit during this special occasion. One poodle, who was adopted over 9 years ago, came dressed in her Christmas finery. Before the family left, they had picked out a new friend to become a part of their family. Other pets came that were hard to recognize because they left as scrawny puppies and had now grown into handsome young adults that were obviously cared for and loved much by their new families.

Thank you to all who attended our First Open House and to the volunteers who made it possible!

The weather was dreary and rainy but the festive feel of the shelter made up for it. The outside of the shelter was decorated with greenery, there were holiday wreaths on each kennel door, and even the residents were adorned with Christmas bandanas. The puppies especially enjoyed chasing each other to pull the scarves right off! A Christmas tree was full of Christmas Wishes that ranged all the way from bleach to vaccine needs and even cat litter boxes. Visitors were encouraged to pull off items and donate them to the shelter. All the time Santa welcomed not only the animals but also some wide eyed youngsters who wanted a chance to tell Santa everything!



*THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON
CONTINUED WITH MORE SURPRISES!*



Town and Country Feed Store was the source of lots of Christmas excitement and fun for the Animal Shelter and Humane Society. They put together a Wish Tree with all kinds of shelter needs and the community seemed anxious to help. When the season came to an end, a grocery cart full of canned dog and puppy food, kitten and cat food, shampoos, collars, leashes and brushes were carted off to the shelter to be put to good use.



MORE PRESENTS! Southern Indiana Equine, our favorite veterinarian clinic, chose to make the Humane Society their Holiday focus. The employees all pooled their money and bought some very special items - an exercise pen for puppies to be used at adoption fairs, a pet cot designed to keep a dog cozy, comfy and up off the concrete floor and finally, a huge Cat Condo with 3 resting shelves for litters of kittens or teenage cats to have more room to play! Meowy Christmas!

OH CHRISTMAS TREE.....

The Light Up Christmas Tree stood at the front of Town & Country and if an animal lover wanted to make a financial donation, Ron and Ginger Hecker, owners of T&C, were always there to be ambassadors for the Humane Society. As money was donated, layers of the tree would light up. It was quite exciting as the tree slowly lit all the way to the top branches. Ginger would call and say "Guess What!!! By Christmas Day, over \$2,200 had been raised by our community proving once again that there are many people out there who love animals and want the very best for the homeless that are living at the shelter. The first \$500 of the Tree Money was slated to help fund the spay/neuter program. After careful consideration, the Humane Society has decided to use some of the additional funds to help purchase more raised beds so the dogs won't have to sleep on the concrete. More money will be used to purchase door flaps for the cages to help keep the shelter warmer. The cats will get to enjoy some of the Christmas funds as well since designing an upgrade to the Cat Room is at the top of the "most needed" list.



There are so many important things that are needed to keep the animals healthy and happy during their stay at the shelter and we are hoping that this wonderful Christmas Spirit will continue throughout the year. Those who wish to volunteer their time to the Humane Society are badly needed in many areas. If interested in helping, please call 752-7500 and leave a message. If you wish to give a financial donation, please mail it to Humane Society of Scott County, IN, Post Office Box 711, Scottsburg, IN 47170. Any help in any way is very much appreciated!!

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM, AT THE CITY HALL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES FIRST GRANT!

Since we organized less than a year ago, one of the most thrilling events to happen to the Humane Society of Scott County, IN was the phone call we received last month saying “CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED A \$5,000 GRANT FROM THE SCOTT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION”. This grant originated from the Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Restricted Fund and is to be used for the operations of the Humane Society. The funds will help the animals at the Scott County Animal Shelter by paying a portion of the spay/neuter and rabies costs for animals adopted through the Humane Society/ animal shelter; by providing routine vaccinations and worming as well as emergency medical assistance for shelter animals; by helping supply the shelter with items needed for the animals; and by helping defray Humane Society operating costs.

The focus of Spay/Neuter for animals adopted from the shelter is an important one and an expensive one. Through the funds provided by this grant, the first step toward helping control the pet overpopulation problem in Scott County is being addressed. No longer are animals allowed to leave the Animal Shelter without a voucher to ensure altering of the pet. Hopefully, never again will animals be returned to the shelter dragging a litter of puppies or kittens behind them. The vision of the Humane Society is much more far reaching - we are now able to take the first baby step to help curb the pet population problem. In the future, we hope to be able to do more to reach out to help our community pet owners. No dream is too large and with the help of grants such as this one, nothing is impossible in our community.

Mission Statement of the Humane Society: “The Humane Society of Scott County, Indiana is a Non-Profit organization, designed to aid the Scott County Animal Shelter, to have an aggressive adoption program in order to decrease the number of animals being euthanized, to release animals into the care of reputable rescue organizations, and to educate the community on the importance of spay/neuter and pet ownership responsibility. “ Believe This — then

THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS PLANNING A GREAT PET EXTRAVAGANZA DURING THE LATE SPRING MONTHS. WE ARE HOPING TO SEE ALL SCOTT COUNTY PETS THERE WITH THEIR OWNERS . THERE WILL BE FUN THINGS FOR THE ANIMALS TO DO, FUN THINGS FOR THE OWNERS TO DO AND LOTS OF GOODIES FOR BOTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A BOOTH, PLEASE CONTACT 752-7500.



All Holidays are Fun at the Humane Society. Witch Amy Youngblood (she’s our Good Witch!) showed up at the Halloween Adoption Fair at Town and Country Feed Store and brought some good publicity and some interested bystanders with her.



WE HOLD ADOPTION FAIRS THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 1-3 PM AT TOWN AND COUNTRY FEED STORE WITH A NICE SELECTION OF DOGS/CATS THAT NEED HOMES. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A

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**FEATURED PET
TRIXIE**

Trixie, a sheltie spaniel mix, is a sweet, gentle little girl. She is spayed, vaccinated and less than a year old. Trixie is totally housebroken and would do best in a quiet household with older children or a retired couple who want a companion. She is absolutely no trouble - she just wants a place by your side when watching TV and a soft spot on your bed where she can feel safe. Call Foster Family, John & Kim at 502-552-5724 for more



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