

SCOTT COUNTY SCOOP

Newsletter of Humane Society of Scott County, IN
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RESCUE

Rescue is a very important part of most humane societies and the Humane Society of Scott County, IN feels the same way. Without the many wonderful groups that we work with in various states, many of our animals would never have the chance to find a good home. We work with groups in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky on a regular basis. The groups that we work with are completely checked out to be sure they are good, solid organizations who will find the best possible homes for the animals we send their way. Several of these groups have become close friends since we have worked with them for so long. We stay in touch with them about the dogs and cats that are sent to them and they let us know when one of them is adopted into that special home. Some of the organizations operate strictly out of foster homes so the pets learn social skills and house manners before they ever go to their home. Other groups offer puppy classes so that once an animal is placed, it goes straight into obedience training which helps the pet and the new owner bond as a family. In all cases, the prospective owners are well checked out, their veterinarians are contacted, If the potential adopter is a renter, the landlord is contacted. Every family member must be present and in agreement to the adoption contract, and animals are always to be members of the family as inside pets. It doesn't make any difference how long it takes for these dogs & cats to be adopted. They will be safe until that perfect one comes along

Petey, the border collie mix pictured on the left, went to rescue in Chicago on April 25th. The very next day, Petey already had an application from a family who had fallen in love with him and have another dog that came from a rescue group to be his pal. Petey didn't have anyone look at him while he was in our shelter yet he found a great home in Chicago within 24 hours after his big transport trip.



Chloe is a retriever/border collie mix pup that was adopted at 6 weeks and brought back because the family was moving (how sad that people won't take their pets with them when they move!) She went to rescue last week and is in a foster home with a 8 year old girl that plans on taking Chloe to the Pet Rescue Dog Show next weekend. Chloe and her young friend are going to dress up as leprachauns and try to win the best costume award. Chloe is also signed up in the Kissing Contest - that prize will go to the dog that can give the most kisses in 15 seconds. She is also going to be in the Best LongHaired Puppy Contest. Last year, a Scottsburg puppy won the Best All Around Puppy Award so Miss Chloe has big shoes to fill! The fun filled afternoon brings out many pet lovers and who knows, Chloe may find her forever family waiting for her there!



Above is Nemo, the 3 legged pit bull that was sent to rescue several months ago (of all things, it was a Doberman Pinscher Rescue!). Nemo was a favorite of the animal control officers while he was at Scott County shelter. He sat and sat and no adoption possibilities ever materialized. Finally, we were able to get Nemo to Chicago where he lived in a foster home and had several other 4 legged friends in an upscale part of Chicago. Here he is with one of his buddies. While he was in foster, he was able to attend weekly Wine and Cheese parties on Friday with the whole neighborhood. Nemo was a hit and everyone absolutely adored him. He had perfect house manners and loved everyone and every creature. His 3 legs didn't slow him down at all.

He was just adopted last week to a good friend in their neighborhood. She is planning on buying him a running buggy so he can go running with her since she is a physical fitness trainer. Mr. Nemo goes everywhere with her and her husband. They have never had a dog before and they couldn't have asked for an easier "starter" dog. They absolutely adore him!—like everyone else who has ever met him.

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.”

Another wonderful group that we have worked with for a long time is a group in Michigan that specializes in Pregnant and New Moms. They have taken Southern Indiana under their protection because they have come to realize how non-existent the spay/neuter laws are in this state. As a result, we are able to send some of our nice pregnant “moms to be”. Not too many people are interested in adopting a pregnant dog around here! These lucky gals get to be pampered, fed the very best of food to help nurture their unborn babes, and get plenty of exercise on daily walks in the woods. Once the babies are born and old enough to be fixed (approximately 8 weeks old), they get to go to the “Critter Cottage” on the weekends and let prospective adopters “ooh and aww” over them. Meanwhile, Momma gets a little relaxation time and once she is fixed, she too will find a good home. Pictured below is Lola, a pregnant hound/ lab that went on the SISAVEAPET transport several weeks ago. She is now the proud mom to 11 healthy puppies. A 2nd pregnant dog from the shelter went on transport the same day to a very excited group in Chicago. They had her little “swimming pool” birthing bed all ready for her. She had her 6 puppies on the very same day that Miss Sally had hers. How wonderful that all 17 of these puppies were born away from a shelter environment and have wonderful opportunities for a great future!



In the last 4 months, over 70 dogs and cats have been sent by transport to rescue organizations throughout the midwest where they have been fortunate enough to find forever homes. The humane society needs volunteers who would be willing to help transport these animals to safety. If you have free time during the week or on weekends and would be willing to drive 50-100 miles to meet other transporter, please notify 812-754-0016 for more details. Without volunteers to help in this badly needed area, dogs like Lola would not have survived..



DUE TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, NEW KURANDA BEDS FOR THE DOGS AT THE SHELTER HAVE ARRIVED. MOST OF THE KENNELS HAVE THESE NICE SOFT BEDS AND THE DOGS ARE ENJOYING THEM IMMENSELY! NOT ONLY ARE THEY COMFORTABLE, THEY KEEP THE DOGS OFF THE CONCRETE AND DECREASE THE CHANCE FOR KENNEL COUGH FROM THE DAMP FLOORS

More new items for the shelter. Through donations, the humane society has been able to purchase stainless steel water buckets for each kennel. These heavy duty buckets are easy to disinfect, are chew-proof and should last for a long time. We were also able to get heavy duty food bowls for each kennel as well.

We are planning on other changes to help make the animal shelter easier to keep clean and more animal friendly. First on the list are gates which will allow entry to each kennel from the outside. This will allow more in-depth cleaning for disease control. Anyone wishing to make a donation for this project is encouraged to do so. Please send to P.O. Box 711, Scottsburg, IN, 47170.

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MONTHLY ADOPTION FAIRS!

Each month we have monthly adoption fairs at the following locations. This is a perfect time for potential adopters to see the fabulous animals from the shelter that need homes!

TOWN & COUNTRY FEED STORE on the 2nd Sat. of each month from 1-3 pm

PETSMART, Clarksville on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12-4

PETSMART, Clarksville, on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1-4.

TOWN & COUNTRY FEED STORE - Humane Societycats available at the store at all times.

DOGS AND CATS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION DURING OPEN SHELTER HOURS.



Pictured above is "Buster", a dalmation mix, and his new family - the Boyer family from Milton Kentucky. Buster has a sad story - like many of the shelter dogs. Buster spent the first several years of his life living on a short chain under a tree. The tree acted as his only protection from the sun and storms. Somehow, he managed to keep his trust in people so when he ended up at the shelter, he didn't shy away completely. It was obvious that he had been abused but we knew there was chance for him. He stayed at the shelter as long as possible but when it was apparent that no one was interested in him, one of our foster homes took him to her house and began working with him. Once he was neutered, she began taking him to PetsMart to show him off. By then, he had turned into a good looking, healthy dog with his striking one blue eye and one brown eye. When the Boyer family saw Buster, they knew he was meant to be a part of their crew. He had a blue eye to match their blue eyed husky and he had a brown eye to match their brown eyed lab! Now, Buster (renamed Cooper) has a large yard to run in and he will never again have to huddle against a tree to find protection from a storm..

HAPPY NOTE!

To date this year, 79 dogs have been adopted either through the shelter or the humane society and 36 cats have found homes (thanks primarily to Town & Country and their cat program!)

UPCOMING! On the evening of May 8th, the humane society has been asked to visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home and bring their pets! If you have a dog or cat that would like to be petted or knows tricks or just wants some extra attention, you are invited to join us at 6:00 pm.

If you don't have a pet but want to be a part of this great outreach project, let us know. There are likely to be puppies or kittens at the shelter that would love to have a chance to make an older person smile. Call 754-0016 for details.

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FEATURED PET
BRIDGET

Bridget has been with us since Christmas time and desperately needs a home of her own. She is a very sweet young lady with lots of energy. She can outrun every dog she plays with and wants to keep on playing! She loves people and wants to be close to them. She reaches her paws out to you in any gap in the fence and tries to grab you for attention! She loves her treats and will take them very gently from your hand. She has a lot of pointer in her mixed with hound. She will do best in a home with no cats. Call 812-498-0604 if you would be able to give Bridget the “forever” home she

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

www.sisaveapet.com

VISIT THE SHELTER:

3rd & Montgomery, Scottsburg

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri - 12:00 to 6:00 pm

Wed/Sat - 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Closed Sunday

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