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WHAT A WAY TO END YEAR 2009!!!

We ended the year with several celebrations - the Cat's Christmas at the Cat Adoption Facility, the annual Christmas for the Critters Open House at the animal shelter and the annual lit Christmas Tree for donations at Ace Hardware plus decorated Christmas trees throughout the community all focusing on the homeless pets that needed homes and help for the holiday.

This was the first year for our Cat's Christmas at the new cat adoption facility and Cindi Murnane headed up a very professional Open House complete with Santa Claus, goodies for people and pets alike and a nice assortment of crafts to sell. The guests of honor were outfitted in little cat bandanas and scarves made by volunteer, Devon Lemen. Cats and kittens put on their best holiday behavior while they purred and played in the large cat room with potential adopters. Two kitties found their forever homes that day and got a picture taken with Santa Claus. Many folks visited the facility for the first time and were very complimentary of the center and all the hard work that so obviously went into its creation and upkeep.



Christmas for the Critters Open House this year once again had Santa Claus, gifts for the adopted animals that came to visit, a nicely decorated animal shelter with wreaths on each cage, greenery surrounding the shelter, Christmas trees and best of all, dogs and cats dressed in holiday finery that were waiting to be adopted. Two lucky dogs got to leave the shelter behind that day and enter a new life with wonderful owners. Above is one lucky puppy adopted by the Robbins family. Each year, this event brings in owners who have adopted animals in years past- animals who are now happy, healthy and secure. - animals who have found the love that they only dreamed of when they lived in the kennels at the shelter. The lit Christmas Tree was set up at Scott's Ace Hardware this year and between the donations from that tree and other wonderful holiday surprises, the Humane Society made approximately \$2,500 to help with the needs of our homeless animals. Our community is fortunate to have animal lovers

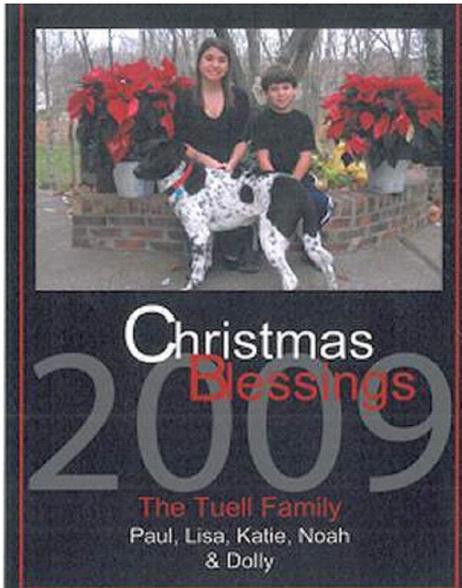


Cindi Murnane (Left), Mrs. Claus & Santa Claus (Center), Sue Rose, Cat Shelter Coordinator (Right) and Devon Lemen, volunteer (front), wish to thank all those who helped make the First Cat's Christmas a big success.

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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

2009 - THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!!



DOLLY, THE POINTER/DALMATION MIX - This is indeed a Happy Ending. Dolly was adopted as a pup and put in a backyard where she was cute at first but then forgotten as she got older. When she was returned to the shelter, she was an 8 month old frightened, untrained pup who was terrified of men. She wanted to be loved but her fear was too great and she cowered and backed away from every man that came close. For months, the foster home worked with her and tried taking her to adoption fairs. Nothing worked. Then a family appeared and Dolly went home. However, Dolly couldn't acclimate to the new surroundings and other animals so once again, she was returned. The foster home continued to work to socialize her and then a miracle for Dolly. A phone call came from the Tuell Family and they wanted to meet her. Dolly loves children and this family had two older gentle children and very soft spoken parents...they had never had a dog before and were willing to do whatever was necessary to give Dolly a new chance with a loving family. and a loving family, it is. Dolly has found her

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A GREAT VALENTINE IDEA!!!! CONSIDER SPONSORING A HOMELESS SHELTER ANIMAL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. THERE ARE MANY NEEDY ANIMALS THAT WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THAT EXTRA TOUCH OF LOVE! SPECIFY IF YOU WISH TO SPONSOR A DOG OR CAT WHEN YOU SEND YOUR MONETARY GIFT AND WE WILL SEND A VALENTINE THANK YOU TO YOUR "SWEETIE" ALONG WITH A PICTURE OF ONE OF THE PETS CURRENTLY NEEDING A HOME. SEND TO HSSCI, PO BOX 711, SCOTTSBURG, IN. 47170. THIS GIFT WILL ALSO BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!



MILO, THE CAT - Milo was a favorite at the Cat Adoption Facility for several months and everyone who came in thought he was the best of the best. However, no one adopted him. He went to adoption fairs and was even put on a leash and walked through Petco where he met everyone in the store but still, no luck. FINALLY, a call came from some friends in Chicago and Milo made his trip north just before Thanksgiving to meet the Waltons, his new forever family. In their words "Milo arrived safely to our home on Saturday. At the same time, we had to put our geriatric cat to rest after months of slow decline. It was quite an emotional day to say the least! As soon as Milo arrived, my toddler son, Thor, announced "No name Milo..his name Mjolinir" (Mjolinir is from Norse mythology and is the name of Thor's hammer). Soon afterward, the older girls arrived home and were spoiling him amongst "awwww's and ohhhh's" He was soon seated on a pillow with reading lamps on him complete with an assortment of shells and parasol (they wanted him to think he was on the beach). He has done well here and is a real people cat....he is sleek, in-your-face, and orange...he meows often especially when someone leaves the room he is in. He often comes for hugs — full of hugs around the neck. He is read to daily, has made cookies, was a guest at our Ancient China feast night and loves a good pillow...rest assured, he is being loved..." Now, we know why he hadn't gotten adopted earlier. Preparations were under way for the

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 2010!! Adoption Fair at Cat Adoption Center, 1202 Taylor Mill Rd, Scottsburg, 1-4 pm on Sat. Feb 13th. Dogs, Puppies, Cats and Kittens all needing good homes. Please consider mending a broken heart and adopting a Valentine Friend!!



KERMIT, TERRIER MIX, spent the first year of his life tied outside with barely any attention or food. One day his former owner decided that he didn't want a dog anymore so he turned Kermit over to the animal shelter. What could have been a very sad ending to a very sad life, turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to Kermit. One of humane society members happened to be at the shelter the day Kermit came in. He was skin and bones and didn't appear to be healthy but when she bent over to look at him, Kermit's eyes lit up and she knew he deserved a chance at a happy life. Kermit blossomed in his foster home - he quickly put on weight, and proved to be as smart as can be. He learned to sit and stay within just a few short days. Unfortunately, Kermit turned out to be heartworm positive. Although heartworm can be expensive to treat and requires weeks of keeping the dog crated, a donation was made to help and Kermit began his treatment. He tolerated it like a champ and once recovered, he was given another lucky break by being chosen to go to Rover Rescue in Chicago. Within a week of arriving in Illinois, Kermit was adopted by the Dykuizen family. Kermit's new mom, Pat, keeps in touch and reports that Kermit loves to sit on the sofa, burrow under blankets and most of all, spend time with all the kids!!! She says that everyone "loves him to death" and he has become a beloved member of their family.



"STRIPES" now "TREYTON" is cat #3 in the Fields home. He was alone & homeless and had no one to love him but he stole Brian & Emily's hearts and now he has a home with 2 other cat brothers that are bigger than him! However, his new mom feeds IAMS so he will catch up soon. THIS HANDSOME, LUCKY BOY found his purr-fect home!



"MUFFY - BEFORE"



:"MUFFY - AFTER"

You can tell from these pictures what kind of shape Poor Muffy was in when she was turned in to the shelter. She looked like a walking mop and smelled like one too. When she was shaved down, the groomer found large weeping sores. Muffy had probably never been groomed and her toenails were puncturing the pads of her feet. It didn't take long for a call to come in from a potential adopter, Kershana Bridgewater, who saw a "jewel" under all that hair. "Muppet" now lives in Scottsburg with her dog soulmate. They have their own bedroom. and watch movies (not scary ones). They go for rides in the doggy stroller in nice weather and even have matching outfits when they go for outings in the park. This dog couldn't have found a more



GUS

RODNEY, SHEPHERD MIX. Rodney's story began in early December, 2008 when Animal Control received a call from the police - the officer had just witnessed a dog being thrown from a moving car. The dog (that we named Rodney) was luckily uninjured and taken to the shelter. Charges were pressed against the owners but while waiting for his day in court, Rodney had to stay at the shelter... 3 long months until finally, the court determined that his owners could not have him back and Rodney went to a foster home. Because he was only 10 months old when tossed from the car, he had spent crucial months in the shelter and needed much socialization & help with manners from his foster home. Soon, he turned into a loving and well behaved dog...but no one showed any interest in this basic black dog even though he was a shining star at adoption fairs. 6 months later, Karen Bryant saw his picture and fell in love! The rest is history and you can see that "Gus" is right at home with his other "black" friends. Another home worth waiting for!!!

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FEATURED PET
JED

Jed is a 5 month old neutered male boxer mix. He and his brother, Jeb, are both available for adoption. Jed is a little on the shy side at first but he warms up quickly and is a sweetheart. He plays well with other dogs and isn't a big barker. He walks well on a leash and enjoys going for walks. It looks like both of these boys are going to be big dogs since they are close to 40 pounds already and still pups. If you are interested in meeting either Jed or Jeb, please contact Liv at 812-294-4613 to make an appointment to see them.

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or www.sisaveapet.com

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3rd & Montgomery, Scottsburg

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Closed Sunday

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