

# SCOTT COUNTY SCOOP

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT COUNTY IS A BUSY GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS! One of the major ongoing projects of the Humane Society is to present adoptable animals to the public through adoption fairs. The Humane Society currently has monthly adoption fair at PetSense in Edinburg and the Petco in Columbus, Periodic adoption fairs are also scheduled at PetsMart in Clarksville as well as local businesses and events whenever possible. These events aren't as easy as they sound since the animals must be spruced up prior to the big day, the vaccination records must be current, the dogs and cats must then be transported and the adoption fairs themselves are between 3 to 4 hours in length. By the time the day is over, the volunteers and animals are worn out BUT happy. It's a good outing for the animals to meet and greet the potential adopters and it's a great marketing tool for the volunteers to visit with folks and let them know all about the organization. The most rewarding part to the day is when a lucky tail wagging dog or happy cat gets to go home with a new family! Many times, the adoption fair results in people calling to see more animals or requesting that "special one" that they couldn't get out of their minds when they got home from the fair. There is also a good chance that new volunteers get recruited during these events.



Other adoption possibilities come directly from the animal shelter where Angie Barger works with families who come in looking for a pet. She visits with them, identifies what they are looking for and then helps them match up with the available dog or cat. The Cat Adoption Facility, which is open daily, has also been a tremendous avenue as far as people coming in to either adopt or offer volunteer time.



Every month 4 to 5 lucky cats and a couple of dogs get to visit PetSense at the Outlet Mall in Edinburg and show the world what friendly critters are available for adoption through the Humane Society of Scott County.

A final way that adoptions are done are through the local websites ([www.sisaveapet.com](http://www.sisaveapet.com) and [www.hsscottcountyin.com](http://www.hsscottcountyin.com) and the [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) site). These sites are updated several times throughout the week with all the dogs and cats available for adoption. Those that are in the physical shelter are adopted from the animal shelter. Those animals that are in foster care are seen by contacting that foster home directly. After the initial application has been completed, the potential adopter and family set up a meeting time. If the bonding is there between the pet and the family and the match is good, then a good forever home has been found! Many forever homes are found by people who look at the sites and see a picture they fall in love with. From there, they meet the animal in person and fall in love with the real thing! Those volunteers who take the pictures for the humane society, Liv Hooker, Keri Ragusa and Sue Rose, bring out the unique personality of each dog and cat and are instrumental in many of the adoption inquiries.

The adoption process is a joint effort that requires help from so many volunteers - all the way from the picture takers to the shelter workers and the adoption fair volunteers - working together to find homes for the homeless!

# ITS MEET AND GREET TIME!



DANIELLE JOHNSON AND RICK MADDINGLY live in Louisville, KY and have been true Road Warriors for the Humane Society by taking cargo vans full of southern Indiana dogs and cats to Chicago when they visit family. Every 6-8 weeks, they have come barrelling into Scottsburg with their own 2 dogs (Tigger, a boxer and Marley, a lab/pit mix that they adopted from the Scottsburg shelter). They load and head on up the road to meet other shelters in the process to load up more! When they get to Chicago 6 hours later, they have to spend time unloading before they can even start their own weekend with their family. Many times, they load up the cargo van with 1000 to 1500 pounds of donated dog food before they make the trip back home. The Humane Society is very lucky to have found these gems!

This all started when pet lover, Danielle, still lived in Chicago. She had started looking at the SISAVEAPET website and would bring some food back to the various shelters when she traveled to visit Rick. When she moved to Kentucky 3 years ago, one of the shelters recommended she contact the Humane Society in Scottsburg since it was the closest to her and right on the freeway. The rest is history! Danielle is faithful at attending the meetings, offers fund raiser ideas and contributes at all the Humane Society functions. she constantly surfs Craigs List for items that the group can use, such as dog houses, cages, and other items needed to have a successful operation. She and Rick foster dogs as well and are willing to drive from Louisville to help with adoption fairs. Danielle's mom and dad have even been recruited upon occasion to take a dog back to Chicago or help load tons of food. we are a small but mighty group and with people like Daniell and Rick, we will continue to save animals. THANK YOU BOTH!!



KIM AND JOHN RAGUSA moved to Southern Indiana 8 years ago from San Diego, CA and opened up Goin Postal in Scottsburg 4 years ago. Dogs have been a part of Kim's family since the day she was born. Her father raised Brittany Spaniels which have continued to be a favorite of hers - whenever one needs to be fostered, Kim is there to offer her help! She and her mom worked with Volunteer Emergency Horse Rescue in California and whenever there was a need, she and her mom would load up the horses in their trailer and take them to safety. Once she got married and had kids, the focus turned to the smaller animals. Although one of their first foster dogs with the Humane Society (who they subsequently adopted and is pictured above with Kim & John) started off as a small puppy and ended up the size of a small horse! You can meet Harley anytime you go to Goin Postal since he will run to greet you! She and husband, John, have 2 children (Justin, now a college student) and Keri (now 16 and a Junior in High School). All are avid animal lovers who give their all to the animals. Their own menagerie consists of Calli, 30 yr old horse; Marvin & Benny, goats; Ariel, 16 yr yorkie; Harley, 3 yr old ADOPTED briard mix; Gizmo, 6 yr old shihtzu; Surfette, 6 yr old cat; Molly, 10 yr old cat; Kidden, 2 yr old cat that was bottle fed from the shelter and ADOPTED; and finally, DeeDee and Dexter - long term foster dogs that are technically up for adoption and have been for 2 yrs but no one seems to want except the Ragusa family!

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Kim is Vice President of the Humane Society and quite involved in all phases of the organization. John helps whenever his schedule allows. They are a foster home for dogs and occasionally a cat (although Kim is quite allergic to them!) and Kim and Keri attend adoption fairs monthly with foster dogs. All it takes is a call indicating that the shelter is full and Kim is there trying to find a place to stash another dog in need. THANK YOU, RAGUSA'S!!

**HEY KIDS - EVER THINK ABOUT HAVING A SCAVENGER HUNT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THIS SUMMER TO HELP COLLECT ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS ANIMALS OF SCOTT COUNTY?????**



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FRANKIE, a neutered male tuxedo, has been at the Cat Adoption Facility since he was a small kitten. He has literally grown up at the shelter and is now an adult cat desperately needing a home of his own. He gets along with dogs and cats both but does like to be the boss occasionally. That is understandable since he probably feels like he owns the Cat Shelter! He is a beautiful cat, sleek with gorgeous green eyes. If you are interested in seeing him, please visit the Cat Adoption Facility, 1206 South Taylor Mill Road, from 4-6 Monday-Friday and 1-3 pm on Saturday or call 812-751-7500 and leave a message.

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

[www.hsscottcountyin.com](http://www.hsscottcountyin.com)  
or [www.sisaveapet.com](http://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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