

SCOTT COUNTY SCOOP



Newsletter of Humane Society of Scott County, IN

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT COUNTY HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 2011 AND IS STARTING OUT 2012 WITH A BANG! Only 3 weeks into the new year and the Humane Society has already sent 29 dogs and 1 cat to rescue and have adopted out 2 lucky cats and 5 lucky dogs. The statistics for last year have been completed and between the animal shelter and the humane society, over 279 animals were adopted and 359 more were sent to responsible rescue organizations throughout the Midwest area. The intake numbers for the shelter were down this year by several hundred animals and fewer puppies than ever before. Maybe spay/neuter is starting to work in our county! Our organization continues with its mission to support the Scott County Animal Shelter.

One of the Humane Society highlights last year was the purchase of a 12 passenger van which is on the road most weekends with animals heading to rescue or adoption fairs. The "petmobile" van has 39,000 miles, front and rear air conditioning, cruise control and drives like a charm. There have been nice donations some of which coming as far as the Chicago area where adopters are thanking us for saving the lives of their new pets! Again, we have been fortunate and several of our sister county shelters had volunteers who made nice donations to help pay for the van. Many times animals from other counties are part of the transports going north, so the van has become important for all of Southern Indiana!



The Humane Society also had volunteers ready and willing to help with fundraisers in 2011 and monies were able to be raised to help with spay/neuter and medical costs. Obviously, it is not inexpensive to prepare animals for adoption! The major fundraiser for the year was the annual garage sale held at Beechwood Park in October. This is always a highlight and since it is in its 3rd year, there is a following of faithful bargain hunters who look forward to this event and the Humane Society looks forward to seeing familiar faces. Pet lovers share stories about their pets and new volunteers pop up occasionally. This project is time consuming and every Humane Society member volunteers time to make this a success.





One of our volunteers had a new idea for a fundraiser this year. Orscheln's allowed us to have a pig roast, adoption fair, bake sale and exotic animal display all wrapped in one in their parking lot. It was quite an experience and some very unique animals were there with their owners. The Gypsy horse, Clydesdale horse and 5 horned Jacob's sheep were big attractions. The weather was beautiful and the foster dogs enjoyed the day and the attention. Two dogs were adopted and that's what it's all about!!!



We also had our 2nd annual Roadblock fundraiser which proved to be a lot of fun and profitable at the same time. Headed by John & Kim Ragusa and family, the volunteers battled high winds and fast traffic for several hours to collect money for the homeless animals. It takes a daring person to stand in the middle of the road at the Intersection of Highway 56 and Highway 131 on a busy Saturday with a donation bucket in hand!



Finally, the Humane Society got to play Santa Claus at Petsmart in December. Alex Grace from Graceful Images was good enough to be the photographer and volunteers manned the Santa Claus suit and the elf hats for the afternoon. Part of the proceeds from the pictures went to the Humane Society of Scott County. Approximately, 50 excited dogs and cats had their pictures taken with Santa. Santa said that all the dogs and cats did quite well and weren't afraid of him. Many were donned in their own Christmas finery and reindeer antlers. Pictured here with Santa is Trevor, a foster dog, whose only Christmas wish this year was that he would find a home by Christmas...and you know what, HE DID!



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BRANDY, a spayed 3 year old heeler/shepherd mix has been with us way too long. She has been in her foster home for about a year and is needing a home of her own! Brandy is a happy girl who adores people and is ok with most male dogs. She prefers to be the only female dog and doesn't take kindly to having those pesky cats around. She will cuddle on the couch and is a wonderful friend for children. Brandy was a housedog in her previous life and with a little work, she will probably remember her housebreaking skills. If you would like to meet Brandy, please contact 812-752-7500 or email LHooker@hughes.net

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FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED SO THE HUMANE SOCIETY CAN CONTINUE ITS GOOD WORK. WE ARE 501c(3) AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.