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!!!

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!

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!
**MEET AND GREET TIME!**

The Cat Adoption Facility is running smoothly as we start this new year and report good news with 80 cat adoptions for year 2011! Volunteers man the shelter from 4-6 Monday through Friday and 1-3 pm on Saturday. While the volunteers are cleaning, they are open to families who wishing to adopt a cat. We have been exceptionally pleased to hear the positive comments about the facility and the friendly cats. Anyone who has been there knows what happens as soon as they sit down in the big cat room — happy cats come from every nook and cranny to jump onto a free lap and the purr motors begin instantly. The cats choose their new owner and start selling themselves right away. Cat lovers have been good to provide donations of cat food, litter and toys and a group of young girls have made cuddly cat blankets that the spoiled cats love to lay on. All donations are appreciated and badly needed. Cat coordinator and Organization Secretary, Sue Rose, has done an excellent job of making the cat shelter cozy and people friendly. She spends many hours a week reviewing applications, coordinating medications and working with volunteer schedules...and most important, giving the cats a lot of love. Over the Christmas holidays, she brought catniped tennis shoes with LONG shoe strings for all the cats to play with and boy, did they play! Anyone wanting to volunteer at the cat shelter can stop by and see it firsthand or call 812-752-7500 and leave a message.

Below Sue holds Mama Mia, a longhaired calico female that is looking for a home as they both sit under the tree with the many donations collected by Diane Mullins “Bones for the Holidays” project.

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Nancy Duncan is our SNIP Clinic administrator and quietly manages each month to coordinate our SNIP clinic with the community. Approximately 30 animals are sent to the Louisville SNIP clinic monthly to be altered. She contacts the interested parties and confirms the number of animals. A week before the clinic, she submits her final number count. She calls each person just before the clinic to remind them and then, she and her volunteers meet early on the Big Day to accept, crate and load all the dogs and cats that are scheduled to ride the SNIP bus that day. The next day, all the animals are returned back to Scottsburg and signed back to their owners. This is one big project and Nancy does it faithfully each month. The SNIP clinic is extremely important to many people who are trying to spay/neuter stray animals in their neighborhood or folks who just have a hard time financially getting all their animals altered. The number of stray cats in Scottsburg is extremely high and there are many dedicated animal lovers who trap them monthly, get them fixed at the low cost clinic and then release them after they are altered. In this way, small strides can be made in the cat overpopulation problem in the community. Unfortunately, one pregnant cat can make this task seem insurmountable. Call 812-752-7500 for more information about the SNIP Clinic or if you would like to volunteer to help. The Humane Society emphasizes that the SNIP Clinic is a low cost spay/neuter clinic only and should never act as a substitute for a pet’s ongoing health through their local veterinarian.

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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
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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