

NAFC Animal Shelter News

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Classifieds



Reberto
 9 Months Old
 Neutered
 Male
 Lab Mix

I am a fun loving guy who needs to do a little learning. Looking for an experienced energetic owner to love and show me the good life.



Odysseus
 2 Years Old
 Neutered
 Male
 DSH

Looking for a cuddly lap to waste the day away in. However, I can get a little frisky when I want to. I don't always like to be pulled on and picked up so smaller children may not be best.



Dog Days at the Drive In!

Friday, July 13th

Festivities Start at 7:00pm

*Main Features : Ice Age 4 Continental Drift &
 The Amazing Spiderman*

Spay, Neuter, or Adopt From A Shelter



**Admission Fees: Adults (12 & Up) \$9
 Children (5-11) \$5
 4 & Under Free
 Dogs (Vaccinated & Leashed) \$2**

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The wait is over!
 It's that time of year again!
 The Drive-In goes to the dogs
 on Friday, July 13.

For the past couple years, the Drive-In has joined with the Shelter for this exciting event. For one night, families along with the K9 members, can come enjoy a movie at the Drive-In. This years movies are, "Ice Age 4" and "The Amazing Spiderman"

There will be tons of activities for dogs and children including agility demonstrations, lots of raffles, inflatable jump houses, contests and dog concessions.

Gates will open at 7:00PM. Dogs must be vaccinated and leashed.

Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs. Admission fees for dogs will be an additional \$2.

Keep in mind that it may be hot so bring plenty of water to help keep your pets cool and hydrated. We will provide dog swimming pools to help with this as well.

All proceeds for this event go to the New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter. These funds help to care for animals and to insure their time at the Shelter is less stressful and more enjoyable.

Please come out and enjoy the evening with the entire family while supporting the Shelter in its mission.

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Holiday & Summer Outting Tips



Independence

Day fireworks, backyard barbecues, and Americana clothing emblazoned with red, white, and blue. Yes, the 4th of July holiday looms near, as does the possibility your pet will suffer stress, trauma, or illness associated with the festivities.

How can your pet catch a break and stay healthy? You, the responsible caretaker, must educate yourself on the holiday's hazards and proactively prepare to protect your pet in every conceivable environment.

Here are some July 4th holiday pet safety tips:

Firework Safety

Restrict your pet's access to the immediate or adjacent area where fireworks are being set off. Keep your pet indoors in a quiet, cool, isolated part of your home. Put on your pet's favorite television program (Animal Planet anyone?) or play music to mask firework sounds. If needed, confine your pet to a

comfortable crate to prevent them from escaping through open doors, lunging at windows, or eating inappropriate materials, which all can occur as a manifestation of anxiety.

Fatigue Your Pet For Better Behavior

Participate in appropriate exercise with your pet in the hours leading up to a 4th of July event. An adequately fatigued pet has a greater physiologic need to seek rest during your celebration and is less likely to exhibit anxious behaviors.

Be Cautious with Festive Pet Adornments

Like Halloween, 4th of July holiday costumes are not necessarily accepted by all pets. Never force your pet to wear a costume if they resist your attempts at playing dress up. Even if your pet readily accepts decoration, don't leave them unobserved, as fabrics can uncomfortably constrict tissue, get caught in body parts (i.e the mouth or legs), or be ingested upon your pet's attempted removal. Glow jewelry can also be very dangerous for animals, especially if ingested.

Avoid Dietary Indiscretion

Summertime gatherings lend to the preparation of festive foods on which people feel compelled to gorge themselves as a representation of their American pride (how about

some portion control this year?). Unfortunately, our pets are similarly minded and will readily dive into a plate of celebratory foods. Permitting your pet to partake in holiday appetizers, main courses, or desserts can alter your pet's normal feeding patterns and cause digestive imbalances. Additionally, keep all trash completely inaccessible your pet's snooping snout. Potentially life threatening illness can ensue should your pet engage in some holiday dietary indiscretion.

For Humans Only

The use of sunscreens and bug repellents that are not specifically for pet use, may cause some extreme reactions. Inhalation of DEET and citronella products can cause many severe neurological and respiratory issues. Make sure any product used on your animal states that it is animal safe.

Identification

Make sure your pet is wearing proper identification. July 5th, shelters see an increase in lost animals being brought in. Many of these animals probably got lost trying to flee from the anxiety and noise fireworks may cause.

Taking these steps in to consideration can help ensure a fun and safe Fourth of July for the entire family.

Now's the Time

Now is the to get your animals spayed or neutered. Shelters across the nation are getting over run with animals. Unwanted and stray litters come in by the dozens every week.

Animals can get altered at any time, even when they are in heat, or pregnant (as long as they are not in labor). It

is best, however, to fix the animal before they have the opportunity come into a heat cycle or get pregnant.

The New Albany Animal Shelter, Floyd County Animal Rescue League, and the Floyd County Humane Society, can assist in getting animals altered.



Massage Therapy

Massage is a touch technique used to maintain and improve physical and mental health. It has been practiced for thousands of years on people. In more recent years, people have realized how beneficial massage can be for animals. Massage can help prevent injuries and aid the body with healing. Animal massage causes your pet's body to release endorphins, which are the natural chemical that relieves pain and makes your pet feel good. Massage can strengthen the bond between you and your pet.

There are many benefits of pet massage therapy. Therapy can help increase their circulation and help eliminate toxins and waste from their bodies. For those who are elderly, larger, or active, it can improve their joint flexibility and muscle tone. It can also improve their coat, skin, teeth, and gums.

Massage therapy also has mental benefits. Your pet's attitude and ability to focus can also be improved. It can calm the nervous or hyper dog. Therapy can also help shy submissive dogs gain trust and comfort in their owners touch. Dogs that tend to be more dominant or aggressive may also be affected by massage.



Massage can help pets that are recovering from injuries or have chronic conditions.

Enabling atrophying muscles to work the way they are supposed to, reducing the recovery time from soft tissue injuries, providing relief from muscle soreness and spasms, and relieving pain and discomfort associated with conditions such as arthritis and hip dysplasia are just a few of these benefits.

Pet owners should always consult with a veterinarian before trying massage therapy. If an animal is injured or has an illness, without a diagnosis, massage could be more harmful than beneficial. The increase of circulation or added pressure could escalate the severity of an injury or illness. Never massage an area that your

animal shows signs of discomfort in.

Below is one of many techniques. You can use friction massage (as seen in above photo), also called palpation, by taking the balls of your fingers and moving them in a circular pattern. Most dogs love to have their arm pits massaged. Just reach into their armpits with your fingers and move them in a circular motion. Adjust the pressure as needed. This can relax a dog if they are at the vet, groomer, etc. If you see their head drop, eyes soften, or they "chew" (stick their tongue out slightly and smack their lips so to speak), you are doing a great job.

Another option would be to have a K9 Massage Therapist come to your home. If you would like information on local specialist, please contact us.

Massage therapy has helped many pets but with any new therapy, you should monitor your pet. If your pet is on any medication, has a specific health condition or injury, or you have any concerns, you can check with your vet prior to offering massage. If you are concerned after your pet receives massage therapy for animals, consult your vet.

Volunteer Opportunities

This time of year, volunteers and donations are needed more than ever at the Shelter. The staff works very hard to keep up with the many animals that come in daily, and could use a helping hand.

Cleaning the animals, taking pictures, making treats, and showing potential adopters are just a few of the tasks that volunteers can assist with.

The Shelter also accepts many donations. Some of the most needed items are dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, and bedding items such as towels and sheets.

Volunteers must be at least 10 years old to volunteer with an adult, and 12 without. If you are interested in lending a hand, please come to the Volunteer Orientation on



July 26, 2012 at 6:00PM here at the Shelter.

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Happy Tails: Tex and Rosco

Our family adopted "Tex" on 7/1/10. He was a 2 year old Lab/Greyhound/shepherd mix. He joined our current dog Gwen, a 14 year old whippet. When Gwen passed from Congestive Heart failure in April, we came to the shelter after some healing time, and found little "Rosco". He was a 2 month old Shepherd mix. He's now been in our home for over 2 weeks and has been a wonderful addition. Our dog Tex (4 yrs now) has taken to him so well and seems to have a new 'puppy-like' spirit yet has taken a 'Big Brother' role.



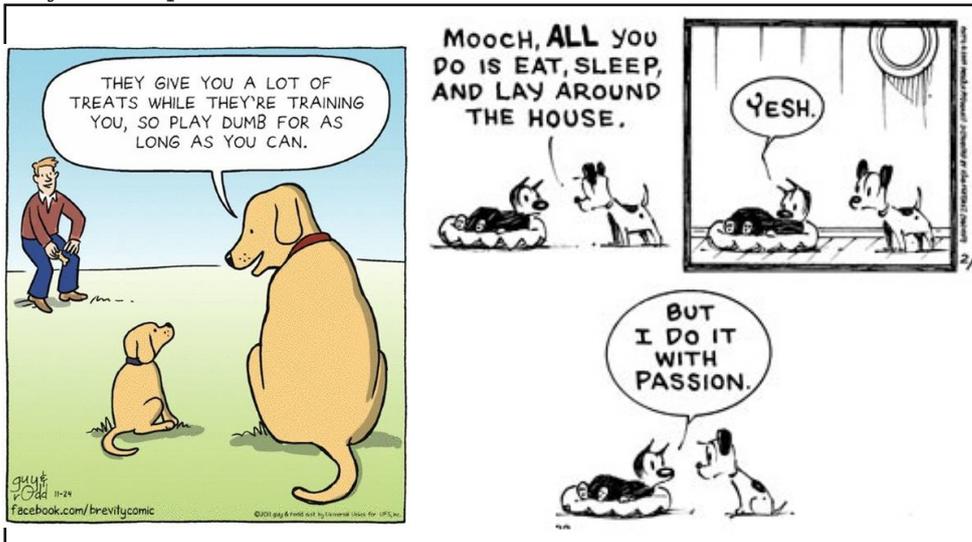
Tex and Rosco have been an absolute joy and have brought us such entertainment, happiness and love. Rosco is almost fully potty trained and has taken very well to his crate. Both dogs enjoy romping in the yard, playing tug-a-war, and lounging in the sun...



-The Adoptive Family



We want more stories like these! Please email us your adopted stories!



NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

Hours:

Monday - Friday
 9:00-5:00PM

Saturday
 11:00-2:30

Adoption Prices:

Cats over 4lbs - \$20

Cats under 4lbs - \$60

Dogs - \$80

Information Corner

Dog Training Classes

A new session of Dog Training Classes will be starting in the beginning of August!

Our classes cover basic obedience, manners, and some agility. K9 first aid class and an introduction to K9 "Bonding Through Massage" are also covered in the class. Special issues can also be addressed as needed.

Classes are held once a week on Sunday nights.

Spots will fill up quickly so sign up soon. Forms can be printed off our website or picked up at the Shelter. Dogs adopted from our Shelter cost \$20. Those not adopted have a fee of \$65. Fees need to be paid in advance.

For more information, please contact the Shelter.