



NAFC Animal Shelter News

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Classifieds



Barney
Lab Mix
7 years old
Neutered Male

I am an older lad that just wants a home. Just because I am older doesn't mean I am boring. I am full of energy and spunk still! If I am going to have siblings, its best that I meet them first.



Bub
DSH
3 years old
Neutered Male

A charming man with a little bit of spunk. I am front declawed so if I get a little frisky, nothing gets hurt. Come see me if you're looking for some fun.



Brr... It's Getting Cold Out

Please don't let your pet fall victim to the cold. The following tips will help you prepare your pet for a safe and warm winter.

Only thick coated breeds of dogs should be considered for outdoor living. Cats must always have access to the indoors. It takes 3-6 weeks for your pet to grow a suitable winter coat. Keep the coat combed thoroughly. Damp, matted hair traps dirt and creates serious skin problems.

Even if your pet has lived outside during past winters, take the pet to your veterinarian for a pre-season health checkup. Age and health make a difference in your pet's ability to remain outside in the cold.

Relocate the house from its summer shaded area to a sunny winter spot and face the opening to the east or south.. Set the

house where there is grass or straw on the ground.

Place straw or cedar chips inside the doghouse for bedding. Do not use rugs or blankets -- they draw moisture. Hay, is ok but would need to be switched more often because it molds.

Fasten a heavy door flap to the top of the door opening to keep out winds and drafts. Placing a divider between the entrance and back of the doghouse can also help.

Increase the amount of food you give to pets living outside. They need 15% more calories for every 20 degree drop in temperature. Avoid metal bowls for outside feeding. Provide plenty of fresh unfrozen drinking water.

If all of this seems like too much work, forget these steps. Train your pets and keep them inside!

Bonding through Play

Healthy play habits between kids and family pets doesn't always come naturally—children need guidance in interacting safely and respectfully with animals. Luckily the best way to learn how to play nice is to enjoy lots of great games together. Our resident behaviorist and the ASPCA offer some fun, age-appropriate activities that help develop trust and a loving bond between your kids and pets. Arrange play dates for your kids and pets—supervised by you—to help build a mutual respect in the same way that play dates between children create healthy friendships.

It is important for your dog to have some basic training and be well mannered to play safely with children. This may need to be done prior to interacting with children to insure a safe and fun time for all involved.

Supervised play will allow you to teach children how to interact, without hurting, animals. Most young children are attracted to pets and want to interact with them, but infants and toddlers can't distinguish between living beings and inanimate objects. To them, pets are the equivalent of moving stuffed toys. They can't comprehend that pulling on a pet's tail or hitting with a hard object will cause pain. Because of this, should a pet try to escape their grasp, they might become frustrated, squeezing too tightly or lashing out in anger, causing the pet to shy away from future interactions.

Here are some activities that kids 6 months to 2 years old can do.

-You and your child can hide and then call your pet to come find



you. Be sure to reward your pet with a treat for coming!

-Young children love peek-a-boo games. Try holding up a cloth so that your pet is concealed. Let your child pull the cloth aside, making your pet "appear."

-If your pet is gentle, your child can smear his own fingers and toes with peanut butter or a soft cheese product and let your pet lick them clean. (Try this with your fingers first. If your pet's nibbling is too rough, choose another activity.)

-Children in a high chair, crib or playpen can drop food for your pet to enjoy, but please avoid using animal treats because your child might eat them. It is also ESSENTIAL to avoid using foods that are dangerous to pets.

As kids get older, 3 to 8 years old, they will want some new games to play. Here are some ideas.

-Your child and dog can race with each other to a designated finish line. If necessary, you can run with your dog on a leash.

-Your child can throw a toy for your pet to retrieve.

-Armed with treats, your child can hide while you stay with your pet. When your child calls out, let your pet go search for him. When your pet finds him, let your child give the treats as a reward. The treats can be as simple as a piece of dry dog food.

-If your dog likes to chase water

sprayed from a hose or water gun, your child can operate the sprayer or toy gun. While you're supervising, have your child spray the ground a few feet away from your dog and then rapidly move the stream of water away from her, along the ground. (Watch your dog for signs that she's not having fun anymore. If she isn't actively chasing or trying to bite the stream of

water, it's time to stop.)

-Your child can blow bubbles for your pet to catch. You can purchase a bubble toy made especially for dogs, such as the Fetch a Bubble Big Bubble Blaster or the Bubble Buddy™. Please do not use regular bubble solution. It can cause mild stomach upset and can sting your pet's eyes.

-Your child and pet can team up to find treats that you've hidden. While your pet can excel at finding things hidden near the ground, your child can find things hidden higher-up.

Kids ages 9 and up often enjoy more difficult activities.

-Children of this age can benefit from attending basic dog obedience classes with their dogs.

-Your child can play soccer-type games and Frisbee with your dog.

-Some children appreciate the challenge of competing with a dog in agility or in games such as flyball.

-Your child can search the Internet or library to find new tricks to teach your pet, such as Roll Over, Shake, Sit Up and Beg.

The relationship between kids and pets is very important and can start at an early age. Encouraging the right interactions between kids and

Here Comes Honey Boo Boo



We all know who Honey Boo Boo is. Alana, a young beauty pageant contestant who now has her own show on TLC called "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo". Her outrageous, and frankly, less than charming family has been the talk of television in the last few months.

Here at the shelter, we have our own Honey Boo Boo. Anyone who

has had a bulldog understands that smelly farts and belching come with the breed. She was so full of so much personality and luckily, life, the disgusting part didn't seem so bad.

Honey Boo Boo is a two year old English Bulldog that was transferred to our shelter for help. The original shelter had found Honey Boo Boo as a stray in the middle of heat stroke. After recovering from that, we got the privilege of meeting this little girl. We fell in love immediately with her.

Unfortunately, after the vet looked her over, we got some devastating news. Honey Boo Boo had a severe elongated soft palate and stenotic nares. These are common issues for the breed, but her's were so severe she probably wouldn't make it through another hot summer.

This news led us to the "Save Honey Boo Boo" Campaign. Pictures and videos were taken in a Honey Boo Boo fashion. The Talented Joe Canning compiled everything

into the Youtube hit asking for donation for her corrective surgery. The link to the youtube hit is on our website.

Now with over 1,000 views from all over the country, all the money needed for her surgery was raised. Extra money raised will be going to assist other special needs animals in the future. Area vets also helped by donating services towards the cause.

Honey Boo Boo has had her surgery. It was not an easy road, but it was successful. After her surgery, she got pneumonia. Thanks to an experienced, patient, and loving foster home, she survived her rocky recovery.

She is now in her forever family's home, enjoying a new lease on life and discovering what it's like to breathe easily!

Saving Honey Boo Boo would not have been possible without our community stepping in and lending a hand. Thanks to everyone for support!



2012 Homes 4 the Holiday Program



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12 STRAYS OF CHRISTMAS SALE BEGINS 12/9/2012

The last 12 days before Christmas, at least 1 dog and 1 cat will be selected to have their adoption fee waived! Sponsor one today!

CHRISTMAS IN THE SHELTER IS NO PLACE TO BE

Ever consider being a foster parent for the Shelter? We are looking for foster parents for our adoptable animals to give them a chance to experience the Christmas holiday in a home.

JINGLE BELL BOARDING

Animals adopted after December 17th, can be held for Christmas Eve pick-up for \$5 per day.

Please contact the Shelter with any questions on how to help!



Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Once a month, The S.N.I.P. Clinic and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

Happy Tails: Daphne

Daphne, once known as Giggles, was a gorgeous young boxer that came into the shelter as a stray many months ago.

After waiting in line to meet her, they decided she was theirs and took her home.

When she first came to her new home she had absolutely no training. Now in training classes, she is learning more and more every day.

Daphne also recently helped spread "Lupus Awareness" at the recent Lupus Now walk in Tom Sawyer Park and made a great mascot for the Periwinkle Team.

Daphne loves her new home and plans to spend the rest of her life with her new brother and family enjoying days at the park, educating others about lupus. She is a happy addition to their family.

Please email us your Happy Tails Story to nafcanimalshelter@yahoo.com



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

Dogtoberfest Recap

Dogtoberfest was a success! We had many offsites that helped spread awareness of the event and our Shelter.

We have done almost 30 dog adoptions this month alone. Adoptions are up from this time last year!

The weekly drawing for adopters was a hit. Lots of dog supplies provided for the winners. Winners were so excited to hear they had won!

Dogtoberfest Mugs were also sold during Harvest Homecoming by FCARL raised \$150!

If you missed out your chance to get a mug, watch for Dogtoberfest in October 2013.

We couldn't have done it without our Dogtoberfest sponsors: The Exchange, DP Up Dogs, Dairy Queen, Family Video, and FCARL. Thanks for your support!

