



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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## Classifieds

SPONSORS NEEDED for our 12 Strays of Christmas! Money for the 12 Strays can be donated to the shelter by mail, in person, or online via PayPal. Please include a note what you would like to included with the special pet - such as a dedication. Dog sponsorship is \$110 and cat sponsorships are \$50. Please keep in mind, a dog sponsorship may become 2 cat sponsorships if we run out of available dogs! The extra money helps with the advertisement fees. Here is an example of a 12 Strays ad!

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF DOG SPONSORS!**



## Home 4 the Holidays

Our Homes 4 the Holidays program will kick off this year with our Colors of the Season Sale! Every animal that is of the designated color that week will have his price discounted by \$10! That will include all animals; cats, kittens, puppies, and adult dogs!

Week One: Nov 30th - Dec 5th \$10 Off All Black Animals

Week Two: Dec 7th - Dec 12th \$10 Off all Brown Tabby Cats and Brown Dogs

Week Three: Dec 14th - Dec 19th \$10 Off all Red/Orange Animals



## 12 Strays of Christmas

The 12 Strays of Christmas are here! Beginning December 8th, two animals will be selected each weekday to have their adoption fee waived, thanks to a generous sponsor. The animals selected will be ones that may be harder to place, or have been waiting the longest for a home. Adopters must still meet all adoption criteria!

The 12 strays will be posted on our website the day before. In addition, this year our 12 Strays will be featured on WHAS Great Day Live! Each animal chosen will remain with a waived adoption fee until he or she is adopted. Advertising will include memorial information designated by the sponsor!

If you are interested in helping an animal go home with a waived adoption fee, contact us about being a sponsor. What's a better gift for a pet loving friend than helping a pet find a loving home?

## Jingle Bell Boarding

Now Santa doesn't have to worry about where he will hide these furry friends until Christmas Eve! Adopters can now pick up pets on Christmas Eve for Santa to deliver to the good boys and girls! December 19th is the start of our Jingle Bell Boarding Program.

After being approved for adoption, the adopted animal can be held at the Shelter for an additional \$7.50 per day for boarding until Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve pick-up will be from 11:00 - 11:30AM at the Shelter. All adoptions must be finalized before December 24, 2015 to qualify.

**REMEMBER, WE ARE A LIFETIME COMMITMENT... NOT JUST A GIFT FOR UNDER THE TREE.**



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# December 2015 Homes 4 The Holidays

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday       | Wednesday                  | Thursday                             | Friday        | Saturday                     |
|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
|  |   | 1             | 2                          | 3                                    | 4             | 5                            |
|  | Colors of the Season Sale: \$10 off All Black Animals   |               |                            |                                      |               |                              |
| 6  | 7   | 8             | 9                          | 10                                   | 11            | 12                           |
|  | Colors of the Season Sale: \$10 off All Brown Animals   |               |                            |                                      |               |                              |
| <b>CLOSED</b>  |   | 1st<br>Stray  | 2nd<br>Stray               | 3rd<br>Stray                         | 4th<br>Stray  |                              |
| 13   | 14  | 15            | 16                         | 17                                   | 18            | 19                           |
| Colors of the Season Sale: \$10 off All Red/Orange Animals |   |               |                            |                                      |               | Jingle Bell Boarding Begins  |
| <b>CLOSED</b>  | 5th<br>Stray  | 6th<br>Stray  | 7th<br>Stray               | 8th<br>Stray                         | 9th<br>Stray  |                              |
| 20   | 21  | 22            | 23                         | 24                                   | 25            | 26                           |
| Jingle Bell Boarding                                       | Jingle Bell Boarding  |               | Foster Pickups<br>4-4:30pm | Christmas Eve Pickups:<br>10:30-11am |               | Foster Returns<br>10:30-11am |
| <b>CLOSED</b>  | 10th<br>Stray   | 11th<br>Stray | 12th<br>Stray              | <b>CLOSED</b>                        | <b>CLOSED</b> |                              |
| 27   | 28  | 29            | 30                         | 31                                   |               |                              |
| <b>CLOSED</b>  |  <p>Spay, Neuter, or Adopt From A Shelter!</p> <p> New Albany<br/>Floyd County<br/>Animal Control &amp; Shelter<br/>215 W. Market St. - New Albany, IN 47150<br/>Ph: 812.948.5355 • Fax: 812.981.3773<br/><a href="http://www.nafcanimalshelter.org">www.nafcanimalshelter.org</a></p>  |               |                            |                                      |               |                              |

# Christmas In A Shelter Is No Place To Be

Every creature deserves to be in a loving home during the holidays that is full of toys, warm beds, and loving embraces. While the Shelter will be closed several days during the holidays, the animals will be still be cared for daily. However, they will not get the attention they normally do.

If families are interested in adopting, but would like to see how an animal will fit into your home, here is your chance! The Shelter is looking for foster

homes so adoptable animals can enjoy the holidays like they deserve. Families can also foster just to lend a hand. Fosters must be approved as an adopter. A fee will be paid at pick-up, December 23rd, but returned at drop-off, December 26th. Of course, you can always just adopt!

Families can visit the shelter anytime during our adoption hours, to see what might be available for fostering. Only animals that are up for adoption

will be eligible to be fostered.

Please consider fostering a pet for the Holidays to allow them to have a Merry Christmas, too!



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is upon us, and many people include their furry companions in the festivities. It's important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible and to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations. Be careful with seasonal plants and decorations.

- Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers or bacteria that can cause stomach upset—from spilling.

- Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Many varieties of lilies can even cause kidney failure in cats. Opt for artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

- Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love

this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to avoid!

- That Holiday Glow: Don't leave lighted candles unattended and use appropriate holders. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. left unattended!

- Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a lethal electrical shock and a battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus. Shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

- Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of

food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

- Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods and bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the fun in other ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

- Careful with Cocktails: If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill or even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

- Selecting Special Treats: To stuff your pet's stockings, Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible. Kongs can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats and are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

# Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

The S.N.I.P. Clinic, FCARL and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist monthly 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: Patches

Damion had been adopted before, but was returned to the shelter. He was very skinny, but so loving. He has gained weight, and is now 13.2 lbs! As you can see in the pictures he really looks good.

Since we have had him, for three weeks now, he has learned his new name, Patches, and has become a real lover. He likes to be right up in your face and puts his head on your shoulder. By Monday he will have his backyard fenced in so he can run to his hearts content.

Patches is a Rat terrier chihuahua mix and his rat terrier side is a real hunter. He even looks up in the trees for squirrels. He also likes to dig for moles. Go for it Patches, get rid of those varmints for us!

Bill and I are so glad we came by the NAFC shelter and found our new boy. We lost our dog in June because of old age, he was 15 1/2 years old and we hope we can have Patches just as long as we had Rusty.



### 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

### Come one, come all to Picture Your Pets With Santa!

Don't forget to take your pet to Picture Your Pet's With Santa at the local Feeder's Supply stores!

Feeder's Supply on Grantline and State Street provide proceeds that go towards helping the animals of Floyd County.

Photos will be taken on Saturdays, Dec 5th and 12th from 10a - 4p, and Sundays, Dec 6th and 13th from 11a - 4p.

