All You Need to Know: Dog Park

It's finally here! The New Albany Dog Park is completed and passes are being sold.

The dog park has been constructed at Cannon Acres in New Albany off Budd Road - just a few minutes from downtown. It isn't fully completed yet, but is expected to be finished and open October 1st!

There are two separate fenced in areas for dogs to play. One is for small dogs, and one for larger dogs. There is also a swimming hole for them to enjoy! No other area Dog Parks have this feature! The dog park also offers a smaller individual training area for those wanting to work one on one with their dogs!

The Dog Park is an independant park and not affiliated with any other dog park associations. To have access to the park, families must purchase a membership. To qualify for a pass, dogs must be current on yearly vaccinations and licensing.

The cost for licenses are $5 for an altered annual license, $35 for an unaltered annual license, or $25 for a lifetime license. To be eligible for a lifetime license, the dog must be spayed/neutered and microchipped. Licensing can be done at the New Albany Animal Shelter unless your municipality already requires licensing.

Memberships can be purchased at New Albany Feeder's Supply stores, the New Albany Parks Department, or the NAFC Animal Shelter. If you purchase a pass now, it will be good through December of 2017!

More information, rules, and the application can be found on their website, www.newalbanypark.com

Opening day is just around the corner; get your passes today so you and your pooch can spend a fun filled day at the New Albany Dog Park!
Free Microchips to Veterans

For all of those who have selflessly fought for our Nation, the New Albany Animal Shelter and the Floyd County Animal Rescue League wants to say “Thank you”! For many veterans, their pets are a huge part of their lives. We want to help insure that veterans will always be able to be reunited with their pets if an accident were to happen and the pet goes missing.

Microchips are permanently implanted and have a unique number that correspond with the owners contact details. With this technology the found pet can be reunited as long as the owner keeps the information updated.

November 12th through the 19th, we will be offering free pet microchipping to all Floyd County veterans. No appointment is necessary, unless you feel your pet will be difficult to handle. Owners must show proof of rabies on their pet as well as proof of military service.

License fees are not included and would need to be paid at the time of service. Dogs within the city limits of New Albany and cats anywhere in Floyd County will need to be licensed.

We would not be able to offer this program without the assistance of the Floyd County Animal Rescue League.

Please contact the shelter with any question that you may have or to set up an appointment with an animal that may be difficult!

Consider the P.A.W.S.abilities

Senior Pets can be very difficult to adopt. Many people do not want to become attached to an animal and then suffer the loss of a beloved pet.

To encourage adoption of older pets and to get adopters to consider their P.A.W.S.abilities, senior animals who pass their initial health and behavior assessments will also receive a veterinarian exam, blood work, and a dental cleaning if possible.

These extra exams help ensure that the pets are healthy for their age with no underlying problems currently.

When a senior pet is surrendered the previous owner does pay a fee to help offset the cost of these exams. These additional healthcare items improve the chance of their pet getting adopted to a new home.

Generally, older pets are calmer and will have less behavior issues than that of a younger pet - making an easier transition into a new home!

Senior pets can sense that that he or she was saved and will be eternally loyal to their new family.

When looking for a new pet, please do not overlook the seniors and consider the P.A.W.S.abilities of joy and unconditional love! They need
Fall Prevention

Although the temperatures are beginning to fall, do not be fooled that flea, tick, and heartworm season is behind us. Fall prevention is more important than any other season. The number of fleas on animals in the fall has a tendency to double when compared to the spring. The theory behind this “flea surge” occurring in the autumn is because there is generally an increase in precipitation and the temperatures stay around 70 degrees. Fleas thrive in these conditions.

Fleas can transmit parasites, tapeworms, and bacterial diseases. Your pet may unknowingly be extremely allergic to bites, and will experience extreme inflammation and itching, and excessive scratching. If left untreated, this can lead to secondary infections.

Ticks, unfortunately, will live all year long and can survive in even the worst conditions. For example, ticks can live for an entire year without feeding. Both fleas and ticks are ubiquitous in the environment, being that they are found in almost every climate and territory.

You may be wondering how your pet gets fleas, especially if it is an “indoor” pet. Quite simply, all it takes is for your pet to walk through the grass or brush up against a shrub or bush. It is difficult to control fleas outside due to the unpredictability of wild animals visiting your property.

Preventative flea medicine is a must for your pets not only due to the various illness and diseases but because of allergies. Ticks can transmit Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Fleas can transmit parasites, tapeworms, and bacterial diseases. Your pet may unknowingly be extremely allergic to bites, and will experience extreme inflammation and itching, and excessive scratching. If left untreated, this can lead to secondary infections.

Be sure to look for specific signs of fleas including seeing actual fleas or flea “dirt.” Larger ticks can typically be seen on your pet, especially if engorged after a feeding. Other ticks are miniscule, about the size of a pinhead. You may be able to remove fleas through bathing and using a special comb, but use caution when removing a tick so that there are no pieces left behind. Ask your vet about a special tick removal device.

Preventing fleas and ticks goes beyond applying your pet’s topical medicine. Within your house, try frequent vacuuming and laundering of pet bedding. Outside, keep your grass mowed short and shrubs trimmed back. These critters love moisture, so also be sure to keep leaves raked and cleaned up. If necessary, you may need to treat your yard with pesticide. Also, make it a habit of performing a regular, daily flea and tick check on your pet.

Heartworm prevention should be continued throughout the year as well. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition in dogs and cats and is transmitted by mosquitoes.

Because we tend to notice mosquitoes during warmer months, we associate heartworm disease as a summertime threat.

Pet owners, take notice: Heartworm disease can affect our pets at any time, even during winter months, which is why it is important to continue preventive treatment year-round.

Mosquitoes can live in your house for an extended period of time, and you can never be sure exactly when mosquitoes die off in the cold and come back in the spring. If your dog or cat is bitten by a mosquito during spring or summer months, the heartworms will continue to grow well into winter months, hence the need to continue preventive treatment.

Staying on a monthly routine year round will keep you from forgetting when spring arrives that you need to start prevention again.
Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered?
There are many different ways to get financial assistance for your pet’s surgery!
Floyd County Animal Rescue League (812)949-9099 - offers vouchers to use at select vets
SNIP Clinic (502)636-3491 - offers a low cost spay/neuter clinic
SNSI www.spayneuterservices.org - a donation funded voucher system
NAFC Animal Shelter (812)948-5355 - hosts a transport to spay/neuter clinics

Happy Tails: Dilly

Nov. 2011, Dilly entered the shelter as a stray cat. In Dec. 2012, Dilly became one of the 12 Stray of Christmas in hopes of finding a home. Finally in Feb. 2013, Dilly was adopted. For nearly 1 1/2 years, Dilly was a very standoffish and occasionally moody cat at the shelter. Few adopters ever showed interest in her.

A very loving family finally decided to give her a chance. Since then, she has been the best feline friend a family could ask for. While "mom" was pregnant, Dilly could be found "hugging" her ever growing belly. Dilly is very attached to the newest addition to the family - always sitting next to her or anyone holding her, sleeping under her bed, and playing dress up with the young girl.

This story is just one of many that proves that even animals that are at a shelter for a long while deserve a chance. They just haven't found the right home yet.

Please send us your happy tails story to nafcanimals@gmail.com!

SHELTER INFORMATION
Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00-4:30PM
Saturday
11:00-2:30

Information Corner

Dates to Remember

Oct. 6-9th - Visit the FCARL booth #3132 @ Harvest Homecoming
Oct. 10th - Closed for Columbus Day
Oct. 20th; 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting
Oct. 27th; 6:00PM - Volunteer Orientation
Oct. 31st - Fix Your Critter Day

Nov. 8th - Closed for Election Day
Nov. 11th - Closed for Veterans Day
Nov. 17th; 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting
Nov. 24th-25th - Closed for Thanksgiving

Keep an eye out for our adoption sponsorship program called the 12 Strays of Christmas - where you can help a cat or dog like "Dilly" (Happy Tail Story) find their forever home free.