



# New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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## Classifieds



Spooks  
DSH  
3 years  
S. Female

I am not always comfortable around people. I like things to be quiet. I am a good cat, I just need the right family that will let me, be me.



Rocky  
Terrier X  
4 years  
N. Male

I am a rather high energy fellow, looking for a new home, because my family decided that they had too many animals. I promise I will be good, I just need a little fine tuning!

## FLOYD COUNTY STRAY



Where will I go?  
Will the Public and I be Safe?

## 2015 In Review



2015 was definitely a year of insecurity and drama. When Floyd County decided to cut our budget payment by 50%, the community rallied to let them know that animal services are crucial to public safety and the well being of all in our community. Hopefully, the elected officials have heard the people, and the shelter's funding can be resolved.

## WILL THE PUBLIC BE SAFE IN FLOYD COUNTY?



Animal Control is the agency responsible for charging dangerous dogs in our community



The new floor finish and paint was a lot of work, but we love it! Thanks to everyone who volunteered, fostered, or provided financial support!



Lots of pictures of year in review, including our filters after having the air ducts cleaned!

# Make a Difference

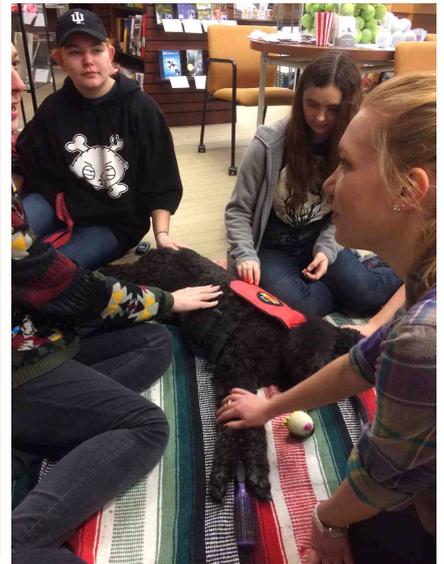
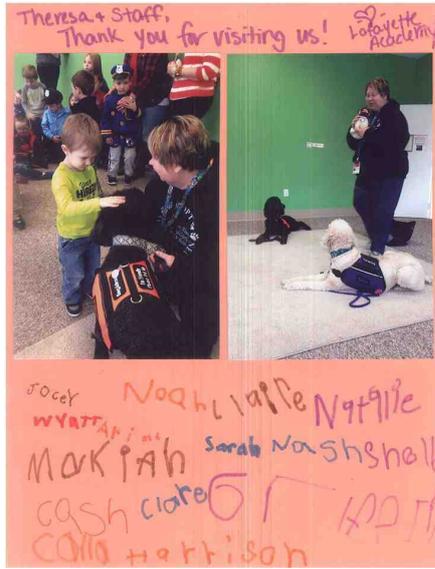
Make the resolution to give more in 2016. Give more love, more time, and more support to those around you.

Give more love. The world needs more love and compassion. Whether it be for strangers you meet at the store, or the stray kitten on the street. Become a friendly hand to help guide them to the resources and services they need if you are unable to help yourself. The Shelter has many resources to help the animals in our community. Reuniting lost pets, adoptions, spay/neuter assistance and educational classes, are just a few of the programs offered.

Give more time. The New Albany Animal Shelter is always looking for volunteers. Volunteers are used in animal care for cats at the New Albany Feeders Supply stores, taking pictures of adoptable animals, reading and settle sessions, adoption ambassadors and so much more. There are programs for both youth and adults.

Give more support. While the Shelter is a municipal shelter, it does rely heavily on donations. Supply or monetary donations are graciously accepted. Designate an amount that you are comfortable with to donate monthly. Some area business, such as The Main Eatery, in Louisville, donates a percentage of their profits to the Shelter monthly. Terry Middleton's Kickboxing donates a large amount yearly as well and encourages others to do the same as well. There are several individuals that also donate monthly. Even small amounts have an impact.

## Therapy Dog Teams Make a Difference Too!



If you are a pet owner, you know how much joy your own pets can bring into your life. Therapy dogs can fill this void for people that may not have access to pets.

Therapy dogs and their handlers should be certified before working as a therapy dog team. These teams may visit hospitals, nursing homes or rehab centers, educational programs in schools or libraries, and can even provide comfort for first responders at national disaster sites. They go wherever there is a need!

My two therapy dogs teach dog bite prevention and safety programs for elementary and preschool children, visit nursing homes, and provide stress relief at the local university during finals week. Their favorite visit is our weekly trip to the local youth shelter.

Certification for therapy work is more than just having a friendly dog. The process begins by laying a strong foundation of social skills and obedience training. Most dogs pass a test developed by the American Kennel Club called the Canine Good Citizen test.



Dog and handlers interested in becoming a certified therapy dog team must then work with a National Organization like the American Red Cross or Pet Partners. Each organization has their own courses that are required for dogs and handlers, provides certification tests and then provides insurance and rules for the team.

Certification will make sure that a dog is safe in different stressful situations that may be encountered during therapy sessions. They also ensure that each handler responds properly to his dog's needs.

Other animals can become therapy animals too!



# Winter Pet Safety Tips

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe during cold weather:

**Winter wellness:** Cold weather may worsen medical conditions like arthritis. Your pet should be examined by a veterinarian annually, and it's a good time as you prepare your pet for cold weather.

**Know the limits:** Each pet's cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat, activity level, and health, and should be adjusted accordingly. Walks in very cold weather may need to be shorter to protect you both from weather-associated health risks. Arthritic and elderly pets may have more difficulty walking on snow and ice and can be more prone to slipping and falling. Long-haired or thick-coated dogs tend to be more cold-tolerant, but are still at risk in cold weather. Short-haired pets feel the cold faster because they have less protection, and short-legged pets may become cold faster because their bellies and bodies are in contact with the snow-covered ground. Pets with diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, or hormonal imbalances (such as Cushing's disease), and the very old or young may have a harder time regulating their body temperature, and may be more susceptible to problems from temperature extremes. Never walk on frozen ponds or lakes!

**Provide choices:** Pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Safe options should be provided to allow them to adjust to their needs.

**Stay inside.** Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue and they are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather.

**Make some noise:** A warm vehicle engine can be a heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood. **Check paws:** Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injuries like cracked or bleeding paw pads. During walks, sudden lameness may be due to an injury or ice accumulation between his/her toes.

**Play dress-up:** If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. Keep them dry as wet sweaters or coats can actually make your dog colder.

**Wipe down:** During walks, your dog's feet, legs and belly may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic. After walks wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove chemicals and reduce the risk of poison if (s)he licks them off of

his/her feet or fur. Consider using pet-safe deicers on your property to protect your pets and others in your area.

**Stay home:** Hot cars are a known threat to pets, but cold cars also pose significant risk to your pet's health. Cars can rapidly cool down in cold weather; becoming like a refrigerator, and can rapidly chill your pet. Pets that are young, old, ill, or thin are particularly susceptible to cold environments and should never be left in cold cars. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

**Prevent poisoning:** Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly.

**Protect family:** Make sure your house is properly pet-proofed. Use space heaters with caution around pets, because they can cause burns or be knocked over, possibly starting a fire. Check your furnace before the cold weather to make sure it's working efficiently, and install carbon monoxide detectors for safety. If you have a pet bird, make sure its cage is away from drafts.

**Provide shelter:** We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if necessary during cold weather, provide a warm, solid shelter against wind, unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water. The floor of the shelter should be off of the ground and the bedding should be thick, dry and changed regularly to provide a warm, dry environment..



## Homes 4 The Holidays: Success Again!

Once again, we had a successful homes for the holidays program!

Between October 1st and January 2nd, we found homes for 144 cats and 84 dogs! We entered the new year with record low numbers. Every day, people call wanting to know if our website is accurate. On January

2nd when we opened, we had 9 available cats, and no dogs up for adoption! That is success!

Many of our supporters and readers participate in our 12 Strays of Christmas program. We had sponsors for 12 dogs this year, and 15 cats. Of those animals, we have

two cats remaining in the program that will be free to qualified adopters until they find a home!

We want to say a special thank you to all those that make this program special. Without your help, we would be unable to do this popular holiday adoption campaign!

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

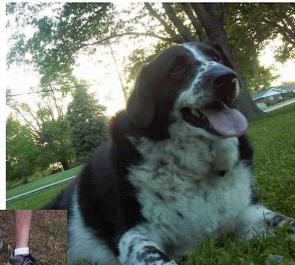
The S.N.I.P. Clinic, FCARL and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price each month. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

## Happy Tails: ZoeJane

Hello. We just wanted to tell everyone at the Floyd County Animal Shelter thank you for allowing us to adopt 1 of the 3 puppies you all had on 1/4/2000. Her name at the time was Aquarius, we renamed her ZoeJane. The day we adopted her she became not only family but our best friend. She lived the greatest life, never knew anger or sadness....all she knew was pure unconditional love. I'm writing to basically say thank you for the best 15 years of our lives. She passed away Christmas Eve, 12/24/2015 morning of old age. She was the best dog EVER! That \$50 we spent the day we adopted her was the best \$50 we ever spent. She's so deeply missed by us. Just wanted to say thank you for giving our family the most wonderful animal in the world to love & care for. She was 100 lbs. of pure love & joy. Thank you for all you all do....even though 15 yrs have passed since we got her from your shelter, you all will

always, always have a special place in our hearts for giving us the best years of our lives.

Thank you,  
Brian & Chasity Spear



*"I was a dog in a previous life,  
but I came back as a god."*



*"Harold! The dog's trying to blow up  
the house again! Catch him in the act  
or he'll never learn."*

### 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

ORDINANCE UPDATE:  
Some changes effective  
in 2016:

- \* Dogs can no longer be tethered to a fixed point for more than 15 minutes. In addition to shelter requirements, shade must also be provided
- \* Restraint for livestock and poultry has been added
- \* Ordinance related to animals left inside parked vehicles has been strengthened
- \* Microchipping is now required for ALL reclaimed animals on the 1st impound.
- \* Mandatory spay and neuter has now been changed to the 2nd impound instead of the fourth
- \* Citation fees have been raised from a range of \$25-\$100, to \$50-\$200 for a 1st offense. The 2nd offense has been raised to a range of \$100-\$200.