The 12 Strays of Christmas

As a pet and animal lover, are you wanting to help someone in your community experience the love and companionship offered by a pet? Are you looking to honor a pet or animal lover’s memory? Look no further than the New Albany Animal Shelter!

The highly successful “Twelve Strays of Christmas” adoption campaign is currently accepting donations for adoption sponsorships. Sponsorships allow us to feature our difficult to place animals as free adoptions, and make great gifts for the pet lovers in our lives. Cat sponsorships are $50, while a dog sponsorship is $110. The extra amount helps cover the cost of advertisement to maximize the “strays” exposure. Last year we adopted 30 animals through this program! This year’s “First Strays of Christmas” will be announced on December 7th and is appearing on Great Day Live on WHAS.

All adoptions done during the 12 Strays of Christmas will also include a special “Homes 4 the Holidays” portfolio with coupons and an extra gift! The traditional “12 Days of Christmas” song has been modified to the “12 Strays of Christmas”. Each adopter will get the item that is in the new song for that day! For example- “On the fourth stray of Christmas my new home gave to me, four squeaky toys!” Each adopter will get a squeaky toy for their newly adopted friend.

Join us in helping the thousands of homeless animals across the country find their forever homes this holiday season by giving the gift that keeps giving. Adopt a shelter pet, donate, or volunteer.

Contact the New Albany Animal Shelter at 812-948-5355 for more information about the Twelve Strays of Christmas program. Watch the shelter’s website for pictures of each stray!

During the 12 Strays of Christmas Adoption Promotion, every adoption will receive an extra “gift”!

(modified to one “gift” per adoption)
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Foster Returns 9:10am

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**December 2016**
Homes 4 the Holidays

Jingle Bell Boarding

FCARL's Picture your Pets with Santa

Domino's Pizza "Dough Raiser"

Special thanks to The Floyd County Animal Rescue League for their support during the year and this special holiday season!
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.

• 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.
• 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.

Special Treats: To stuff your pet’s stockings, Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible. Kong 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 a cat’s favorite toy filled with cat food!

If a trip to the Emergency Vet isn’t on your Christmas List, then be aware of these HOLIDAY DOGGIE DANGERS

Live Christmas Trees: What would Christmas be without a tree? But be careful—they are full of potential hazards for dogs! Live trees have been sprayed with harmful herbicides and pesticides, and the drainage water in a tree stand is a breeding ground for bacteria, to keep it covered. Be sure to secure that tree, too, so it doesn’t topple over on your outlook play!

Artificial Christmas Trees: Before you hitch your little tree for a fake one, consider where you’ll place it. Many are manufactured in China and may contain lead or choking materials that could prove a danger to destructive dogs.

Lights: Check your lights carefully for bare spots and loose wiring and use a grounded extension cord to plug them in. Electrical shock can cause burns, loss of consciousness and even death.

Tinsel & Ribbons: All that sparkling tinsel and early ribbon looks inviting to a curious dog but is an invitation to disaster. When ingested, it can cause a fatal, life-threatening internal blockage. Look for symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, inappetence and lethargy. If you see your dog eating your tree, do not pull it out. That can cause more damage. Call your vet immediately.

Holly & Mistletoe: Pets are naturally drawn to red berries, but you’ll want to keep them at a safe distance from berries and mistletoe. Both can cause plants, amnestic upset. Look for signs like drooling, lip smacking and head shaking.

Holly Visitors: If you have visitors in your home for the holidays, be sure they are all warned to watch the doors flung your home. In the event one of them should go out. Provide a special treat for your dog in case he wants to escape the noise and stress of the party.

Happy (& Safe) Holidays from your Friends at www.DogingtonPost.com

Domino’s "Dough Raiser"

On December 10th, visit our facebook page or website, print the Domino’s "Dough Raiser" flyer, order a pizza and donate to the Shelter!
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 17th 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 10:30 - 11AM at the Shelter. All adoptions must be finalized before December 22, 2016 to qualify.

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 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 22nd, but returned at drop-off, December 27th. 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!