



New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter News



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Classifieds



Manny
DSH
N. Male
7 years

7 yrs young DSH male seeking new soulmate. Loves a good meal and short walks to the litterbox. Call 812-948-5355 to set up a date!



Gabby
DSH
S. Female
9 months

SF LOOKING for weak-willed and easily manipulated human to do bidding. Must enjoy sunning and adventurous play. Expensive yet delicate furniture a plus.

Spay Now or Stay Stupid

In honor of the national program, Spay Day USA, the shelter is again offering our own Spay Now or Stay Stupid surgery day. This program is available to qualifying Floyd County pet owners. If it's free, why wouldn't you do it?

We have been offering low cost spay neuter programs since 2008, and have altered over 1600 animals in our Fix Your Criiter Program. While the surgeries are usually reduced, there is still a minimal cost to pet owners.

Spay Now or Stay Stupid is a day that puts the focus on the importance of altering pets, and may enable us to attract owners that we've missed through special advertising. The surgeries actual cost will be on average \$51 per surgery. This fee will be covered by special donors. We have one major sponsor, but still need additional funding. If you have questions about how you or your company can help, please call us at 812-948-5355.

he's got nine lives, and
HE'LL MAKE 90 MORE

**LOW-COST
SPAY & NEUTER**



Spay Now or Stay Stupid!
March 15, 2016

The  will be altering 40 cats and 13 dogs for **FREE** for qualifying families!

Must sign up and pay in advance at the Shelter. Limited spots available so come down today!

Licensing (\$5) may be required.

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Your Dog is the Best Valentine's Date

As Valentine's Day approaches you could be thinking a couple of things. Maybe you're contentedly daydreaming about perforated paper bunny cards, too-hot cinnamon hearts and the various secret admirers you are sure to have doting on you this year.

Or perhaps you are thinking, "Ugh."

You're not alone. Yahoo News reports that one in five people would prefer to spend Valentine's Day with their pet over their partner.

So here are the top ten reasons why a dog makes a better date this Valentine's Day:

1. Dogs don't talk. I could elaborate, but I think we can all agree this is a good thing.

2. If you worry your dog will destroy your lovely home four seconds after you step out the door, you can put him in a crate. The authorities frown upon this when it comes to dates.

3. Dog slobber is cute. Date slobber is very not cute. Ever.

4. You don't have to share your dessert with a dog (and probably shouldn't). This is great because dessert is the

best part about Valentine's Day and all that stuff conveniently makes dogs sick. So you get your tempting torte all to yourself. Perfect!

5. For the not-so-romantic folks out there, a dog won't look hopefully, then desperately, and finally disdainfully into your eyes when the evening doesn't end in a helicopter ride to Paris and a romantic marriage proposal. Won't happen. Prolonged eye contact totally freaks dogs out.

6. When a dog follows you around it's cute. Am I right? Pretty much nothing is better than being adored by a dog. If a date follows you around ... we call that little phenomenon stalking.

7. Dogs don't care if you are "presentable" or not. You don't have to buy expensive shoes to hang out with your dog. You don't even have to shower. Just head out on a couple of hikes, toss a ball around, dole out a healthy belly rub and you're golden! No makeup, no ironing, no Spanx required. Amen.

8. You will never have to dream up a way to

gently/firmly/sneakily "get rid" of a dog. Because you'd never want to get rid of a dog! Dogs are fun, and funny, and goofy, and handily clean food right off the kitchen floor for you when you drop it. Dates seem to think that kind of thing is below them. Lame.

9. Pup snuggles are the best. Okay, snuggles from a human can be pretty darn good too, but when Fido nuzzles into the nape of your neck and huffs a grumbly sigh, you'll stay in that exact same position for ages so you don't disrupt the little mutt's comfort.

10. Did I mention dogs don't talk?



Remember: Valentines chocolates and candies are toxic to pets!

DID YOU KNOW?

Cats are not only the purr-fect friend, they are also good for your health? They are proven to reduce stress!



Thank You to my very favorite human friend on Valentine's Day...

- ♥ for letting me be there for you on good days and bad
- ♥ for taking me on fun walks, car rides, and to the doctor when I need it
- ♥ for playing with me when I need a playmate
- ♥ for feeding and caring for me every day
- ♥ for treating me with kindness and being so happy to see me at the end of your day

for being my friend

WE LOVE OUR HUMAN

Indiana's Voices For The Animal Day

Every year, the national ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States organize Animal Rights Activists to speak to our state government officials on behalf of humane legislation bills being submitted for law. This year H.B. 1201 passed out of the Indiana House of Representatives and is up for consideration by the Indiana Senate.

For more information see below!

An estimated 125,000 animals end up in Indiana's shelters each year—and tens of

thousands of these otherwise healthy and adoptable pets must be euthanized simply because there aren't enough homes for them. This is a heartbreaking fate that can be avoided, but we need your help.

Your state senator is considering critical legislation (H.B. 1201) that would help solve Indiana's pet homelessness problem by requiring shelters to spay/neuter dogs and cats before adoption.

This bill has already passed the Indiana House of

Representatives. We urgently need your voice to make sure it passes the Senate, too.

What You Can Do

It is imperative that your state senator hear from you on this issue if it is to become law.

Please visit the ASPCA Advocacy Center now to contact your state senator in Indianapolis and urge him or her to support this humane, lifesaving measure.

On behalf of Indiana's cats and dogs, thank you!



Update Your Pet's Microchip!

Microchips can be your pets best chance at being reunited with you if he gets lost or separated. But a microchip is only as good as the information that is attached to it!

If you have moved or changed a phone number, did you contact your microchip company? Are you still on good terms with your emergency contact? These are all things to consider in assessing the accuracy of your pet's

microchip information.

To update your pet's information, you will need your pet's microchip number and the contact information for the company the chip was made by or registered with.

We have included with this article a list of the major microchip companies and their contact numbers. If you need your pets number, have its microchip scanned!

What are the most common microchip brands and how can I contact them?

Manufacturer	Telephone Number	Website
24PetWatch	1-866-597-2424	www.24petwatch.com
AKC	1-800-252-7894	www.akccar.com
AVID	1-800-336-2843	www.avidid.com
Banfield	1-877-567-8738	www.banfield.net
Bayer resQ	1-877-738-5465	www.petlink.net
HomeAgain	1-888-466-3242	www.homeagain.com

February Dates to Remember

February 18th, 4:30PM - Animal Control Authority Board Meeting

February 16th -Fix Your Critter Day

February 25th, 6:00PM - February Volunteer Orientation

Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered? We can help!

Every 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: Tyrion

When I think about how Tyrion came in our lives, my heart overflows with joy. Knowing someone purposely threw him away when he was a puppy breaks my heart at the same time.

He survived the streets at four weeks old. He was living in a giant cage at #nafcanimalshelter for another month after that. Although he was safe, he still didn't have a family.

When we walked into the shelter, he was the only dog in a room with four large cages. As soon as they opened his cage, it was love at first sight! He hesitantly walked out of the cage, came right to me, & I couldn't put him down!!

I turned into Elmyra from #TinyToons! There was no doubt about it! He was coming home with us! They told us he was part chow and part German Shepard. We can see they were wrong but that's ok!! Later that night, I was laying on my couch with a giant blanket (because I am always freezing). He laid on my chest, licked my nose, & took a long, deep breath; a

sigh of comfort & relief followed as he fell asleep. I know this was a long, sappy story. My point is there are people who own dogs & consider them pets. Then, there are people (like me) who consider their dog(s) their children. We've had Tyrion for almost 3 years & he was one of the best spontaneous decisions we've ever made!! He's definitely a Belcher!
#AdoptDontShop
#MyDogsAreMyBabies
#PuppyLove #FurryBabies
#DogMom
#RescueDogsAreTheBest



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

Save the Date

Plan on attending the 10th Annual Pet Lover's Gala on Sunday, May 15th from 6-9pm at Horseshoe Casino.

Dress up for the wildwest themed event that includes a dinner buffet, DJ fun, a huge silent auction with great prizes, and a rowdy ole LIVE auction! All proceeds benefit the Floyd County Animal Rescue League and the animals of Floyd County.

To donate silent auction items, purchase tickets, or general information call 812-948-9099 or go to <http://www.floydcountyanimals.org/>.

Save The Date 10th Annual Pet Lovers' Gala Wild West Roundup!

This wild west themed evening will feature a buffet dinner, DJ entertainment, live auction and a HUGE silent auction!

Where: Horseshoe Southern
Indiana Casino

\$45/ticket or \$400/table of 10

Date: Sunday May 15th 2016

812-949-9099
events@floydcountyanimals.org

Time: 5:00PM-9:00PM

All proceeds benefit
Floyd County Animal Rescue League

Costumes Encouraged!

Have fun and
help the animals!