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HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST IN INC.

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Black & Tan Month



During the months of June and July, the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana will be offering their black, tan or brown medium to large dogs for \$125.00. Normally it is \$200.00 and up. This includes spaying or neutering, age appropriate vaccinations (distemper, parvovirus) including a Bordetella vaccination for kennel cough, deworming, heartworm test in dogs 6 six months and older, ID tag and micro chipping. *WOW!*

We have large outside fenced areas or two bonding rooms in our shelter where you can see and play with your potential new best friend for as long as you wish. We know this is an important decision and we want you to take your time and be sure. We also have an unique return policy. If for some reason the adoption does not work for you, we will take back your dog for up to a one month period after the adoption and give you your adoption fee back... no questions. No other shelter does this. This is how sure we are of our dogs and that you will find the one *just for you*. As always, an application must be filled out and approved.

You just might find your forever friend! Come in and see our well run, clean & healthy shelter. You will be surprised as many people are! Our animals are well cared for and happy. They are outside in the fresh air during the day and walked daily by our volunteers. The puppies have their own playroom to romp in. We are proud of our facility. Come in and see for yourself how wonderful it is.

Mark Your Calendar... Low Cost Vaccination Day

Saturday August 2nd, 9:00-1:00

6100 Melton Road (Route 20)

Miller Beach/Gary, IN 46403

219-938-3339

No Appointment Needed

First Come, First Served

DOGS & CATS

**Yearly Booster *Plus*
Rabies Vaccination & Tag**

All for \$35.00 *WOW!!*

Heartworm Test \$10.00 Extra



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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

You will be greeted by Chi Parker Kai, a wonderful little Pitbull that was adopted from us.

Check out all of our animals that are up for adoption, before and after pictures, alumni and more.

Also check out how you can help us and our upcoming events!



Several years ago I was able to rescue a small puppy that had been lying in an inch of dirty water, in a dark room. Her mother was ill and her other littermates had died... but she was a survivor!

I was able to find her a loving home with Maria and her young son Keith. Years had passed and I received a call from Maria that "Suzu" had died of old age. How time did fly! And I remember a startling feeling of grief. Suzu the first dog that I rescued from a shelter in horrendous conditions was gone. I had only seen Suzu maybe once or twice a year, but my grief was real. Maria and I talked at length about Suzu and how she was such an important part of their family and how much her son Keith loved Suzu. To ease Keith's grief Maria told him that Suzu was now in heaven and was able to play and run as though she were a young pup and somehow that seemed to comfort Keith. I then thought about my beloved pets that have passed and I wondered if I would ever see them again. It would be much easier to accept the death of my pets if I believed that I would meet them in the after life.

I do not view death as final. I believe that when I die I will be reunited with family and friends who have preceded me in death. Sometimes I wonder though if I will ever see the pets that I have loved. No one knows for sure what happens after death. Believers in reincarnation hold that spirits that are dead are reborn into new bodies. Some people believe that animals are also body and spirit and that their spirits are reborn. Others who believe that death is not an end but a new beginning think they will meet their Creator.

Many people, as I do, believe that in our new life we will be reunited with loved ones. Whether that life includes animals is a matter that has been pondered by many. I do not know what heaven is like but I believe whatever God has in store for me includes everything that I love. I take comfort in knowing that when an animal loves us unconditionally, it makes us better people. To be good, to have that kind of unconditional love is almost god-like. So animals are in some ways almost perfect beings, and it doesn't make sense that they wouldn't be with us after death...does it?



"STARS" Aligned for HSNi's "PET ROCK 2014"



Jim Peterick rockin' away!

They say good things happen when the stars align correctly. It proved true on March 29th at "PET ROCK 2014" benefiting the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

More than a hundred autographed items by famous stars like **Paul Rogers, Ted Nugent, Charlie Daniels, Martina McBride, Ian Anderson**, and dozens of others were correctly aligned on the silent auction tables alongside basket donations from local businesses and community groups bringing in thousands of dollars to aid HSNi's animals.

Held at County Line Orchard in Hobart, **PET ROCK 2014** was well attended as music fans and animal lovers rocked the night away to the music of local stars, **The Fabtones** and **Ripley Street**, and international star and Grammy Award winner **Jim Peterik** (The Ides of March/Survivor).

Jim Peterik, sporting a snappy "tiger" stage outfit and matching boots, dedicated his encore performance of his most famous song, "Eye of the Tiger," to animal rescuers and animal shelter volunteers everywhere. Over 40 volunteers signed up to help at "PET ROCK 2014".

"Our sincere thanks to everyone at County Line Orchard, Luke Oil, the bands, Bill Hayden and all others who donated, who attended, and who volunteered. We are already planning "PET ROCK 2015!"

Be A Humane Society Volunteer

Help the animals and get your heart going. Walk a dog! As the weather is getting colder we need volunteers to help walk the dogs. They get "Cabin Fever" too! We also need volunteers to brush and play with the cats. We need volunteers to help with Tag Day and also with our various fundraisers. Help an animal and make a difference. If you would like to be a volunteer contact Freida our Director of Shelter Operations at 938-3339.



Upcoming HSNi Events... Mark Your Calendar

“ANNUAL TILTED KILT CAR WASH/PARKING LOT PARTY”, Saturday, June 21st,... check this out on *page 5*.

“LOW COST VACCINATION DAY”, Saturday, August 2nd. Check this out on the *front page*.

“DOGGIE DAYS OF SUMMER FEST”, Saturday, August 23rd., is an end of season outdoor parking lot party hosted by our friends at Broadway Glass & Customs, 6491 Broadway Ave., in Merrillville, IN. Although the event is still being planned, it will include a big custom car show for trophies, live band performances, food vendors, 50/50s and a special raffle for cool prizes. More details on our web site and Facebook pages.

“2nd. ANNUAL MERRILLVILLE ANIMAL HOSPITAL YARD SALE”, Saturday, August 31st. Benefiting the HSNi. Find plenty of treasures and gently used items at bargain prices spread over a half acre grassy lot the Merrillville Animal Hospital, 6226 Cleveland, in Merrillville, IN while Lakeshore Public radio personality Tom Lounges spins golden oldies so you can “rock while you shop”. Event runs 9am to 3pm. NO EARLY BIRDS!

“2nd. ANNUAL POKER RUN FOR THE PUPPIES”, Saturday, September 12th. Registration is 9:00 to 10:30 am at the HSNi shelter, 6100 Melton Road, in Miller Beach, IN followed by a planned route stopping at various watering holes and ending with a rock n’ roll party and prizes awarded. More info at:
www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th is the date for a “Special Concert” event at Valparaiso, Indiana’s historic Memorial Opera House, 104 East Indiana, in Valparaiso, IN, where the HSNi will present a free to attend seminar on animal topics. That evening will be a paid performance featuring a top name entertainer and some very special guests. Watch for specific details on our website and Facebook pages.

Ways to Donate to the Humane Society *On Line*



Please make a donation by visiting... www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org and click on *Donate*. You can donate on line through Pay Pal or go to www.firstgiving.com/millercritters All donations through Firstgiving or Pay Pal are secure and sent directly to our shelter. They will also e-mail you a printable record of your donation. *Please send this page to your friends so that they too can donate.*



Can't Find a Pet Here?? Other Places to Adopt

HOBART HUMANE SOCIETY	219-942-0103
LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	219-769-7016
HAMMOND ANIMAL CONTROL	219-853-6507
BI-TOWN ANIMAL CONTROL	219-365-6235
PORTER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	219-465-3550
INDEPENDANT CAT SOCIETY	219-785-4936
HUMANE SOCIETY CALUMET AREA	219-922-3811
LAKESHORE PAWS	855-535-7297



Bunco for the Animals



On Sunday, April 6th at the St. John Township Community Center in Schererville a Bunco fundraiser was held to benefit the animals at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana. Fun was had by all! There was delicious food and desserts, raffle prizes, many baskets, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Many thanks to Kathy Sargent who spear headed the fundraiser, Jan Oblon, Debbie Shanta, Barb Byczko, Marcy Thomas, Rose Phelan, Donna Plebanski, Glen Sargent, Carolyn Ramana, Mari Rodriguez and all who helped to make it a most successful fundraiser.

Picture Your Pet with the Easter Bunny



On April 6th at the American Legion Post #279 in Miller Beach a "Picture Your Pet with the Easter Bunny" was held by the Ladies Auxiliary. Many much needed items were donated along with some wonderful monetary donations. Special thank you to Debbie Ballenger (Bunny), Amelia Segalis, Karen Karcher, Carolyn Ballenger, Bonnie Gibson and to all who helped make it a great success!



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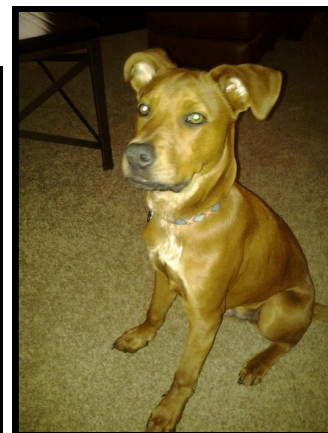
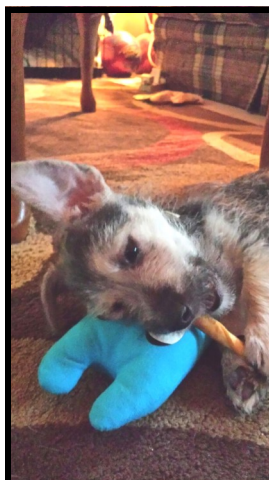


Hi all, Just an update on Dillon. We did change his name to Marshall. What an amazing companion to our family. He is getting so big and more lovable. He has such a silly, fun, and compassionate personality. We could hug each and every one of you for uniting us with such an amazing little man.

God Bless, The Mulcahy Family



Hi, Here are a couple of pictures of my best friend, Marley the beagle, who was adopted from the shelter nearly six years ago. She knows how to have fun, but she sure knows how to relax! Blessings to all of you. Jody O'Rourke



Barnabus aka Oscar is a great joy to us. We are so happy that we were able to adopt him from your wonderful facility. Thank you so very much.

← The Luna Family



Humane Society Sign Destroyed...OMG

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On March 3rd, a 23 year old woman lost control of her car and crashed into our sign in front of our building. At that time there was still much snow on the ground. She hit an icy patch on the road and as she headed toward the sign she careened off of a huge snow bank in front of the sign and flew headlong into the sign, *absolutely destroying the sign*. As you can see from the picture the sign is irreparable! Fortunately the young lady was unharmed. As it would be, the perpetrator of the “death of the marquee” had no insurance. Cost of replacing the sign... \$14,434. The insurance company gave us \$12,500... not enough! Special thank you to Great Lake LTD Sign & Electrical Contractor for working with us and doing the work for what the insurance company gave us. The sign is in the process of being replaced.

Tilted Kilt Car Wash/Parking Lot Party to Benefit the Animals



On Saturday, June 21st, 11:00am to 6:00pm the Tilted Kilt of Merrillville (1605 Southlake Mall Dr.) will be sponsoring an event to benefit our animals. It starts with a **HSNI Animal Adopt-A-Thon** from 11am to 2pm where you can meet some wonderful animals. The beautiful Tilted Kilt girls will wash cars all day next to the **Three Floyds Beer Garden** where three regional bands, **Darren Enloe Band, Rito, and The Rolling Jones**, will rock all afternoon.

Northwest Indian Tilted Kilt Calendar Girl **DESTINEE** will be signing her photo page in the national 2014 Tilted Kilt Calendar and posing for photos with guests.

This year we have added a **“BIKE CONTEST”** to the event. The top three bikes will be awarded trophies by Destinee and other Kilt Girls. The First Place winner will also win a \$25 Tilted Kilt gift card.

If you can't attend on June 21... you can **still** help! Tilted Kilt is having a special raffle to benefit the HSNI. Tickets are on sale at the Tilted Kilt in Merrillville and the HSNI shelter in Miller. A \$5 donation could score: *1st.prize... 40" Big Screen television; 2nd. prize... White Sox Tickets (four premium tickets and parking for Sunday, Aug. 3, Sox vs. Twins; and 3rd. prize... A \$100 Value Tilted Kilt gift basket*. Raffle drawing will be held the evening of June 21st. **Winner need not be present.**

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program for Residents of Gary

The Estelle Marcus Animal Clinic is now offering low cost spays and neuters to pets of residents of Gary, Indiana

Price List:

Dog Spay or Neuter; \$50

Cat Spay or Neuter: \$30

Phone: 219-924-7140

Address: 421 45th Ave., Munster Indiana 46321

Office Hours: Monday-Friday *AM-3PM (except holiday)

Directions: www,hscalumet.org/directions.asp

Special Programs to any area for those who qualify.

Low-income Senior Program: Seniors over the age of 65 and on government assistance (other than Social Security) can get their pet spayed, neutered and vaccinated for free! Call 219-924-7140 for an appointment.



Dogs can't add.

Cats can't subtract.

But they sure can multiply.

Fix your pet. It's a matter of life and death!

Thank You

Julie Gergash
Randall Wesselhoft
Kroupa Living Trust
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Anita & Paul Schwalm
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Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man.

-Schopenhauer



This newsletter contains the names of those who have donated up to and including June 1st, 2014. If we have missed anyone, we do apologize. Please contact us and your name will be in our next newsletter.

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend. We are a non profit organization that receives no city, federal or state help. Nor do we receive help from the larger national animal organizations. We rely on the kindness of our friends and the kindness of strangers. Help us help the animals





In Memory ~ Donor

**If tears could build a stairway and
memories a lane.**

**I'd walk right up to heaven and
bring you home again.**

Laurel Donner ~ Laszlo & Popp P.C.
Yvonne Biesen ~ From her friends at NIPSCO
Dorothy Rowe ~ Barbara Turek
"Shorty" & "Apache" ~ Carol Needham
"Homer" ~ Becky Pinney
Janel Scissom's best friend, "Mr. Mann" ~ Sandra Appleby
"Shadow" ~ Roxanne Poturalski
"Sadie" ~ Susan Reigh
Our beloved Yellow Lab "Maechen" ~ Donna Ellis
"Nicole", "Tucker" ~ Mary Jenson
"Scamp", "Bridge", "Murphy" ~ Maureen & Tony Alongi
"Taz", "Kiki", "Sugar", "Niki" ~ George & Danyel Romich

Doug Kullerstrand ~ Rosella Tuszynski
Doug Kullerstrand ~ Sarah & Hugh Williamson
"Smokey" & "Missy" ~ Ruth Ladewig
"Bear" ~ Diane Hammel
"Sadie" ~ Karen Townsend
Edith Deaton ~ Nancy Deaton & Hiam Garner
"Mitzi" & "Peachy" ~ Louis Barlow
"Caesar", "Fleur", "Winston" ~ Patricia Karner
"Lily" ~ Ellen Margraff

Thank you to Dr. Han, Barb Jackovich and all the staff of the Munster Animal Hospital for always being there for us.

Zita Vitkauskas for volunteering and working so diligently with our animals.

Tom & Kate Fairbairn for coming to our shelter every week to walk our dogs.

Joan Lloyd for all the baked goodies she brings to our staff.

To Jim Kamarowski, Jennifer Gerber & Karen Kirulis for walking our dogs.

Lakeshore Paws Rescue for taking some of our dogs to get adopted. They have been a tremendous help! Thank you, Jeanne Somers!

Becky Pinney for grooming our dogs so beautifully.

Alice Cope Lounges and Tom Lounges for all they do to help our animals.

Pete Sedrack for doing such a wonderful job in helping us with our website. It is not only beautiful but very informative.

Miller Beach Garden Club for donating the flowers to be put around our "soon to be" new sign.

Kate Fairbairn for planting the beautiful flowers in the flower box for our "soon to be" new sign!

Bryan Phelps for all his help around the shelter.

Our Staff: Freida White, Director of Shelter Operations: Shayne Cyprian, Kennel Supervisor: Sandy Phelps, Stephen Walker, Karen Larkin, Cassandra Robinson, Kennel Staff: Felicia Sutton, Social Media.

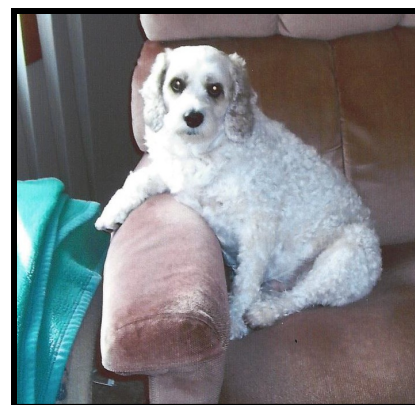
Ray Price for purchasing a wonderful riser for our new grooming tub. Makes bathing the dogs so much easier.



Dear Betty,

On 2/17/14 I lost my best friend, 17 year old Shadow. You met her here at the house when we were allowed to adopt "Lulu" from your shelter. This is a picture of Shad in her prime. I would like Shadow's name to be put on your "Wall of Caring", in memory of being so kind to all, smart, and my best friend. I will miss her always. Lulu does too. Thank you for all you do!

Roxanne Poturalski



In memory of "Molly"
Christine & Victor Caplinger



**"We give dogs the time we can spare,
the space we can spare
and the love we can spare.
In return, dogs give us their all.
It is the best deal we have ever made".**





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Mon., Tues., Wed	11:00 -3:00
Fri.	11:00-4:00
Sat	11:00 -5:00
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Shelter Humor: Dogs & Cats are better sitters than I Pads!



Awwwwww!



A mother's dream is to raise a child who will grow up to be a blessing to the entire world. Love of animals helps start this process.