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HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANAFall 2017 Quarterly Newsletter ~

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# **HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA**

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HSNI's relies solely on adoption fees and the very kind support and donations from our NWI neighbors and local businesses to keep operating. Without YOU, our animals have no hope and no refuge.

# ADOPT-A-THONS REALLY MADE SUMMER SIZZLE!

ike you, we find ourselves wondering — "Where did Summer go?"
Although it slipped away fast, The
Humane Society of Northwest Indi-

**ana** had a wonderful summer in regards to seeing many of our animals find forever homes, and being able to help homeless and

abused animals find the love and caring they so desperately needed.

We did many outdoor **Adopt-A-Thons** during the summer and are happy to report that at every single one of those events, we found good homes for some of our critters. Nothing makes our staff and volunteers feel better than to see happily wagging tails walking away from us with their loving new family.

On that note, a big **THANK YOU** to our friends and supporters at **Albanese Confectionary**, **The Service Doctor**,



and **Chef Nick's Eatery**, for hosting those successful Adopt-A-Thons this summer!

While there will be fewer Adopt-A-Thons during the Fall and Winter months ahead, we will

continue hosting many indoor activities. Many awesome events are already planned to help our animals and support our shelter.

Read about them on **Page #2** and please save the dates to join us!



If **YOU** have a birthday coming up, we'd love you to consider doing what **Tom Vlasic** did for his!

Former Northwest Indiana native **Tom** 

**Vlasic**, now of Chicago, requested via social media that his friends donate to our shelter instead of giving him gifts. Tom explains here, what inspired his kind gesture and just how he set up his online fundraiser for us.

"My beloved dachshund **Coco** was 10 when I was lucky to have him come into my life thanks to **Humane Society of** 

# YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!



NWI," said Vlasic. "We had 10 wonderful years together and sadly he passed away 2 years ago at the age of 20. I kept his ashes until this summer, when I finally found the courage to bury him, which was a very difficult thing. After burying him, I wanted to do something in memory of Coco and pay it forward to the shelter because of all the wonderful things they do for the pets they care for and the community."

(BIRTHDAY — continued on page #4)



# SAVE THESE DATES!





# **HSNI**

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Find Updates at ... www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

#### CHEF NICK'S EATERY ADOPT-A-THON

SAT. SEPT 16 @ CHEF NICK'S EATERY 333 Hwy 20, Crown Point, IN - 11am-3pm

Humane Society of NWI does its final outdoor Adopt-A-Thon in the parking lot of **Chef Nick's Eatery**. Come meet our animals on their last field trip of the summer. Get a free gift card to Chef Nick's Eatery just for stopping by to see us.

#### **HSNI 2017 FALL CRITTER RIDE**

SUN. SEPT. 17 @ LEROY'S HOT STUFF 333 Hwy. 20, Porter, IN -- 11am-8pm

Starts/ends at Leroy's. Sign-up 11am. Last Bike Out 12pm. \$20 single/\$30 couples, includes one ride t-shirt (while they last) and admission to the "After Party" (4-8pm) with a free food buffet, and live performances by singer/songwriter JEF SARVER and SHUDDUP & DRIVE. Non-riders can still support the cause and join in the fun by attending the "After Party & Buffet" for a small donation of just \$10. Thank you to Leroy, Don and the staff at Leroy's Hot Stuff.

#### **LOW COST VACCINATION DAY**

SAT. SEPT. 23 - 9am to 1pm 6300 Melton Rd. (Rt. 20), Gary, IN

This event is held annually at HSNI shelter. **DOGS:** \$35 includes: Rabies vaccine and Parvo-Distemper. \$10 additional for dog heartworm test. **CATS:** \$35 includes: Rabies & Felovac vaccines. This is first come, first served, while supplies last. So arrive early.

#### **HSNI ANNUAL GIANT YARD SALE**

SAT. SEPT. 30 & SUN. OCT. 1 BOTH DAYS - 8am to 4pm 889 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN

Our fifth annual **Giant Yard Sale** is once again being held **inside** the Sheep Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point. Enter the grounds at **Gate #2** off of Court Street and it's the second building on the left. Follow the bargains into the warm **enclosed building** to find a world of treasures. DJ Tom Lounges will play music so you can rock while you shop!

#### "THREE ALARM" ADOPTION EVENT

SAT. OCT. 14 @ HIGHLAND FIRE DEPT.

2901 Highway Ave., Highland, IN - 11am-4pm

Once again our shelter will be taking part in the

Highland Fire Department's annual *Open*House. Tom Lounges Entertainment., LLC will be providing music and our staff will be there with a variety of adoptable critters.

#### **ROCKIN' FOR REGION ANIMALS**

SAT. DEC. 18 @ MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE 104 Indiana St., Valparaiso, IN - 11am-5pm

Our annual "Concert for Critters" at Memorial Opera House stars KENNY JAMES & RAVE ON - a nationally touring "Buddy Holly Tribute," with special guest Tim Dudley as "Elvis." Tickets on sale at: www.memorialoperahouse.com. More info on page #5 of this issue.

### **"PET ROCK 2018"**

SAT. MARCH 3, 2018 @ CO. LINE ORCHARD 200 S. Co. Line Rd, Hobart IN - 6am-11pm



This year's annual "PET ROCK" concert at County Line Orchard in Hobart will feature the hugely popular MR. FUNNYMAN, whose musical repertoire offers something for all tastes — from Elvis to Elle King, The Monkees to Bruno Mars, Pink Floyd to Prince... Get the idea?

As always, there will also be over 100 awesome silent and live auction items, ranging from themed baskets and gift cards, to musical instruments and signed celebrity items by many famous folks who just love our animals! Tickets go on sale in mid-October, so check our website **often** for updates!

# THE LATEST SCOOP! (and we ain't talkin' kitty litter!)



#### SHELTER HOURS

11am to 3pm Monday &Wednesday 11am to 4pm Friday; 11am to 5pm Saturday. Closed Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday.

### CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana is always in need of good people who love animals to volunteer their time helping around the shelter, walking dogs, assisting at our fundraising events, etc. If you are interested, please call (219) 938-3339 and leave your contact info with Sandy or the voice mail. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

#### Closed Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday. AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

HSNI fundraising director, Tom

**Lounges**, is seeking gift basket donations and other items for our **March 3rd** "**Pet Rock 2018 Auction,"** at **The County Line Orchard** in Hobart, IN. Performing that night is **Mr. FUNNYMAN**, a wonderful band whose repertoire offers something for all ages and all tastes in music.

"We'd especially love to get sporting, theater and concert tickets for the auction, as those items generate a lot of interest," said Lounges, hoping season ticket holders and promoters step up to help. "We also need our local businesses to help the cause with gift cards and product donations for the auction." Call (219) 781-9131 or email Beatboss@aol.com to donate.

# **Takacs's Training Tips**

A successful dog adoption into any home should begin before you search on line or make a visit to the shelter to rescue your next furry best friend. Below are some things for you and your family to consider.

**Commitment:** Make sure your family is ready to work together consistently to develop the kind of dog all of you desire for your home.

**Time:** Does your daily life allow for the required amount of physical and mental exercise that a particular breed of dog may need?

**Age:** Make sure that the breed, size and age of the dog you choose is good for everyone in the house from small children to seniors.

**Behaviors:** Decide if your dog will be allowed on the furniture, to greet people at the door or be crate trained.

Other animals in the home: Make sure your current pets will be compatible with a new dog in the home.

**Costs:** Vaccinations, training, grooming and dog daycare are just a few costs to keep in mind when considering a dog adoption.

For more information about help in training your dog please contact **Chris Takacs** either by phone at **269-612-7424** or by email at **chris@takacsdogtraining.com**.

## **BIRTHDAY** (continued from page 1)

"Honestly, I have everything I need in life, job, savings, people who love me, and good friends. At the time I buried Coco, my friend and HSNI board member Mary Ann Massa had recently adopted her dog, **Tanner**, from the shelter and had told me the story of how this dog was tied to an automobile and dragged by teenagers, resulting in the pads of his feet being burned off and his severe PTSD. Humane Society of Northwest Indiana took Tanner in, paid for his care, and Mary Ann found it in her heart to adopt him. I was so touched by this and still emotional due to burying my Coco, I thought this would be a good way to pay it forward and do something for the shelter.

Setting up and creating the fundraiser was extremely easy to on **Facebook**. It took me less than 15 minutes. The good thing is, you already have a built in base of friends who you can ask for donations, as well as, share on their news feeds to reach many others.

The link with easy instructions on how to set up your own fundraiser on Facebook: www.facebook.com/help/990087377765844

At the start of my Facebook fundraiser, my initial goal was \$300.00. During the 2 week event, I posted my Facebook profile on **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's** webpage and asked friends to share it on their wall. I also posted updates throughout the process, thanking everyone who donated. In the end, I raised a total of **\$690.00** in just 2 weeks via the Facebook donation platform and by 2 others donated a total of \$40 combined to the shelter in my name. The shelter will receive \$650 from Facebook in 4-6 weeks.

If I had to do it all over again, I would do it in a heartbeat. Posting this fundraiser and following through on it gave me one of the most memorable birthday experiences ever.

For anyone out there thinking about getting a dog or cat, or creating their own fundraiser, please consider **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.** 

# HSNI "TAILS OF SUCCESS"...

# "BISCUIT" Kitten Saved By a Simple Act of Kindness

This past July, Biscuit was brought to HSNI fundraising director Tom Lounges by his friend Doug who had found the 5-week-old kitten at the back door of his business. The kitten was suffering from a very nasty and very infected neck wound. She was then brought immediately to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana who got her quick medical attention from a local vet. Biscuit most certainly would have died from the rampant infection had Doug not stepped in and gotten her to us.

Today, Biscuit has a new mixed animal family of cats and dogs who have all taken in the little stray and made her one of their "pack." Now fully healed, Biscuit is quite a feisty little gal who loves to play, and play, and play. She loves her siblings and loves watching TV at night with the family, often cuddling and curling up with her older pit bull sister.

-- Alice Hunt-Lounges



(Above): She now likes to play, cuddle and curl up on top of her pit bull big sister.

**BISCUIT** 

# "MISSY" Gets a "Sweet" Life After Trip To Albanese!

Missy (now renamed "Indie") was adopted by the Fernandez family during one of our recent Adopt-A-Thons at Albanese Candy. Indie is clearly very happy in her new home with dashing new outfits, playmates, and toys galore. "Thank you for saving her and all the other dogs and cats in the Northwest Indiana area. We are happy to have her as part of our family," said Ricardo Fernandez.

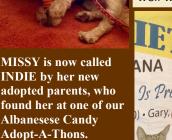
Indie and "big" brother Bailey enjoy taking obedience school classes. Indie likes to rest in Bailey's crate. His door is literally always open, but he sleeps and takes refuge in there as needed. He plays

well with others and obviously doesn't mind sharing. As a student, Indie is

doing extremely well in class and even mastered unrestrained recalls. She is SO smart!!

Indie also has another older brother Utah, the Husky who just LOVES his two little siblings and watches over them like a good big brothers does.

-- The Fernandez Family







# This "CUBBIE" Wins A Championship Family!

THEN **CUBBIE NOW** 

Rottie came to HSNI he was seriously injured, but after his surgical ordeal, he found a forever home.

**CUBBIE** the Rottweiler was brought to **Humane Society of Northwest** Indiana by Gary Animal Control. His right leg was hanging and we knew he needed medical attention quick. The vet told us his leg was not able to be saved, so Cubbie visited Oak Hill Animal Hospital, where Dr. Walsh removed his severely injured limb. Cubbie came back to our shelter to

> recuperate for a short while and became a popular "greeter," at the front desk, making everyone who visited the shelter feel welcome. This good will ambassador did such a good job, that he won the heart of Ivana Encinas who fell in love with the sweet boy and gave him a wonderful forever home.

> > -- The Encinas



# **CRITTER RUN**

#### Hits The Road SEPT. 17th

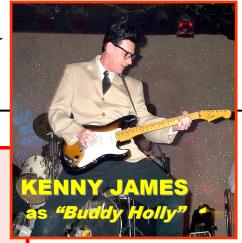
**Leroy's Hot Stuff** (333 Hwy 20) in Porter, IN hosts our **HSNI Fall Critter Ride** on **Sept. 17th.** Thanks to

**Leroy, Don,** and the Leroy's staff! Thanks also to **Jim & Marilyn Robinson** of **Prime Conveyor** for sponsoring our *Critter Ride* t-shirts! Sign ups: 11:00am. First bike out: 12 Noon. *"After Ride Party"* (4-8pm) has an **AYCE buffet** and live performances by singer/songwriter **JEF SARVER** and perennial region favorites **SHUDDUP & DRIVE.** 



Party is included for all riders in the registration fee. Non-riders can attend "After Party" for a small \$10 donation. More info, call Leroys' at: (219) 926-6211.







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# TRIBUTE ARTISTS Rock 'N' Roll for HSNI! Memorial Opera House ~ DECEMBER 16th ~

The Memorial Opera House Concert For The Critters, produced annually by Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC to benefit Humane Society of Northwest Indiana, takes place Satur-



day, December 16 and features national "Buddy Holly" tribute artist, KENNY JAMES & RAVE ON!

Kenny is an award winning entertainer whose accolades include receiving the "#1 Buddy Holly Tribute Artists Award" in Las Vegas and "Best Entertainer" in Pigeon Forge TN.

Kenny has performed all over the United States and is originally a native of Hammond, IN. So please join us in welcoming Kenny home for the holidays.

Opening the show will be Mishawaka's own TIM DUDLEY as "Elvis." Reserved seat Tickets: \$20 advance/\$25 at door on sale September 22 at: www.memorialoperahouse.com or by calling the MOH box office at: (219) 548-9137.

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We now automatically send everyone on our email list a digital, downloadable (PDF format) of our quarterly HSNI newsletter. If this electronic method, which gets our information to you much faster, is preferred over having us direct mail a physical copy to you, please call to let us know, so we can save money on printing and postage by taking you off our regular U.S. mailing list. If you prefer to still get a physical copy of the newsletter four times a year, we will be happy to continue mailing each new issue to you.

Thanks again to THE ROCK 'N **ROLLERS - an amazing collective** of area music fans - who every summer collect supplies and money for Humane Society of NW Indiana at their annual members' picnic! This August, they again filled our van with all sorts of supplies and raised hundreds of dollars! We LOVE you!

Helen Ignas for Janet Sertich

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# SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1 ~

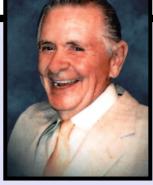
Don't miss the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's annual "GIANT YARD SALE" at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point, IN. TWO BIG DAYS — SEPTEMBER 30 and OCTOBER 1 — inside the Sheep Annex **Building** just inside **Gate #2** off of South Court Street.

Due to requests from those who have come out to support this event in past years, it has being expanded this year to **Two Full Days** (8am to 4pm) on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1.

# In Remembrance and with Thanks

# **Richard Albanese!**

All of us at **Humane Society of Northwest** Indiana were greatly saddened by the news that a beloved friend of our shelter and a major benefactor to our animals -- Richard Albanese of Crown Point, Indiana -- had passed away on August 21, 2017. He was 88. Mr. Albanese was very respected and his death is a great loss to Northwest Indiana.



The Albanese Family has reached out and blessed our shelter and supported our mission to help Northwest Indiana's lost, homeless, abandoned and abused animals for many years and in many ways.

We join the Albanese family in mourning Richard's passing. We offer our love and prayers to his wife of 66 years, Dorothy Albanese, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the staff of Albanese Confectionary, which he co-founded in 1983.