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To quote **The Beatles**... The **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** once again gets by with *"a little help from our friends."* Our annual **Pet Rock Fundraiser** was about to take place on March 3rd as this newsletter was going to press. While photos taken by **Christi &Wes Bushby** from the event will be shared on our website,



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Facebook page, and in our Summer edition of *"Paws & Read,"* we wanted to take a moment to thank those sponsors who made this year's event possible.

Those sponsors are: County Line Orchard, Tom Collins, Prime Conveyor, WiseGuys Marketing Solutions, The Service Doctor, Kelly Law Offices, Anderson & Anderson Law Offices, BMO Harris Bank, Lakeshore Public Radio, Monosol, Family Dental Care, Pruzin Brothers

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made this year's event possible.

THANK YOU SANTA'S HELPERS!

We asked and you responded! Many wonderful folks took to heart our plea in last month's *"Paws & Read"* newsletter, and helped to brighten the lives of the homeless animals in the care of **The Humane Society of Northwest** Indiana over this holiday season. Many stopped by our shelter to drop off toys and treats, to bring a little Christmas cheer to their little lives!

Dogs and cats woke up Christmas Morning to find Santa had NOT forgotten them!



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SAVE THE DATES!







HSNI UPCOMING EVENTS

FIELD TRIPS FOR CRITTERS & EVENTS FOR YOU!

Updated Event List At ... www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

PET SUPPLY PLUS ADOPT-A-THONS 1676 E. Summit Crown Point, IN 11am-3:00pm SAT. MARCH 10 & SUN. MARCH 18

Join our volunteers at the Crown Point location of **PET SUPPLIES PLUS** for indoor *Adopt-A-Thons*, bringing our animals and area families together.

ALBANESE CANDY ADOPT-A-THONS 5441 E Lincoln Hwy, Merrillville, IN - 11am-3:00pm SAT. MAY 12, SAT. JUNE 9, SAT. JULY 21 & SAT. SEPT. 8

Come *"sweeten"* your day by meeting many of our lovable and adoptable animals on these special afternoons when they "field trip" to Northwest Indiana's bustling Candy Factory. Lots of fun, DJ music, and HSNI merchandise.

PAWN KING ADOPT-A-THONS

4802 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN SAT. APRIL 28 - 11am-3:00pm 5607 W. Ridge Rd., Griffith, IN SAT. JULY 14 - 11am-3:00pm 6924 Broadway, Merrillville, IN SAT. MAY 26 - 11am-3:00pm 2694 Willowcreek Rd., Portage, IN SAT. SEPT. 10 - 11am-3:00pm

Adorable, adoptable animals on site as we host a little parking lot party for the critters .

HOP 'N' STOP ADOPT-A-THON 526 West U.S. 30, Valparaiso, IN SATURDAYS - JULY 7, AUG. 11 & SEPT. 1 Adorable, adoptable animals on site.

HIGHLAND FARMER'S MARKET ADOPT-A-THON & MERCHADISE Main Square Park, Highland, IN WED. JUNE 13 — 5pm to 8pm

Adorable HSNI adoptable animals, live music performances, HSNI Merchandise, and more.

DIAMOND

FOURTH OF JULY HIGHLAND SUMMER FEST ADOPT-A-THON

Main Square Park, Highland, IN

SAT. JUNE 30 - 12pm to 4pm

Adorable HSNI adoptable animals and some of our volunteers will be on site for this family festival which features live music stage, food vendors, crafters and carnival rides. Look for us to be set up right near the Gazebo Stage!

CHEF NICK'S EATERY ADOPT-A-THON 333 Hwy. 20, Crown Point, IN -- 12pm-4pm SAT. JUNE 16 @ CHEF NICK'S EATERY

Chef Nick's Eatery will have complimentary food for to try and folks will have a chance to win free prizes via the HSNI Spin To Win Wheel.

HSNI 2018 SPRING & FALL CRITTER RIDE 333 Hwy. 20, Porter, IN -- 11am-8pm SUN., MAY 20 @ LEROY'S HOT STUFF SUN., SEPT. 9 @ LEROY'S HOT STUFF

Starts and ends at Leroy's. Sign-up 11am. 12-4pm. \$20 single/\$30 couples, includes one ride t-shirt, admission to After Party with a free food buffet, and live band entertainment.

LOW COST VACCINATION DAY 6100 Melton Rd. (Rt. 20), Gary, IN DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Held at HSNI shelter. DOGS: \$35 includes:
Rabies vaccine and Parvo-Distemper.
\$10 additional for dog heartworm test. CATS:
\$35 includes: Rabies & Felovac vaccines.

HSNI ANNUAL GIANT YARD SALE 889 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN SAT. SEPT. 29 & SUN. SEPT. 30 BOTH DAYS - 8am to 3pm

At Lake County Fairgrounds inside Annex Building at Gate #2, DJ Music and bargains!



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

your contact info with Sandy or the voice mail. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING FOR HSNI?

In recent years, some of the area's schools have been very kind to our shelter and our animals, but hosting in-school fundraising events that ranged from traditional events like car washes and bake sales, to school-wide *"Pennies for Pooches"* collections

and *"Read-A-Thon"* contests. If your school would like to help us help animals in need, please contact us and we'll help you plan and execute an event. Email our fundraising director **Tom Lounges** at **Beatboss@aol.com**, to develop a project to help our shelter animals at your school.

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THE LATEST SCOOP!

(and we ain't talkin' kitty litter!)

helping around the shelter,

walk dogs, assist at our vari-

ous fundraising events, etc.

If interested, please call

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CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

Humane Society of Northwest Indiana

is always in need of good people who love animals to volunteer their time — to

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WISH LIST ITEMS DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Humane Society of Northwest Indiana 6100 Melton Road Miller Beach/Gary, IN 46403

The Service Doctor 5150 East Lincoln Highway Merrillville, IN 46410 or any HUMANE SOCIETY NWI event! SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND... IT'S WHAT WE DO! DAISY'S STORY



Sometimes our job is simply to help lost and scared animals reconnect with their loving families. Sometimes our job is matching up homeless and lonely animals with humans who likewise are in need of the kind of unconditional love that only a dog



can give. Sometimes our job is to take our animals out into the public to serve as Good Will Ambassadors in promoting animal adoption.

However, sometimes our job is to rescue animals who are suffering unspeakable pain and we do that as often as we can, but that takes funding and support from our veterinary friends. One such situation that arose in January was with a sweet little dog named **Daisy**, who had come to our shelter in Miller as a stray.

Daisy was cute and sweet, but she had a very foul smell and we soon discovered she was passing blood in her urine. We began her immediately on antibiotics, but while the smell went away, the bloody urine issue continued. We took Daisy to one of the wonderful and big-hearted area vets who often helps our shelter animals, Dr. Laurence Reed, of The Westchester Animal Clinic, who took xrays and discovered poor Daisy was full of painful bladder stones; so full that immediate surgery needed to be done to remove them. There were so many, that it took Dr. Reed quite a while to remove them, adding that Daisy had been suffering with the worst case of bladder stones he had seen.

Thanks to Dr. Reed's efforts in helping our staff, Daisy was on the mend and as this issue of "**Paws & Read**" was being designed, she was doing fine and looking forward to being adopted soon to start a brand new chapter of her life.

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HSNI "TAILS OF SUCCESS"...

The Time Was Right for "SAM"

After saying good-bye several years ago to my first "baby" and my children's childhood pet, a 14-year-old white shepherd named **Lucky**, I wasn't sure I could open my heart or

home again. For those thinking and feeling the same way, don't delay! Your house is not a home without the love a pet can add. I'm still not sure if we rescued Sam of if he rescued us. Sam has added so much joy and comfort to each family member in his own special way. The time was right this fall when we stopped

to shop for chocolate at **Albanese Candy Factory** during a **Humane Society of NWI** Adopt-A-Thon event. Sam caught our attention and captured our hearts immediately. I knew we were going home with a new family member. Mary Ann with the HSNI team took, talked, and walked Sam with my daughter **Hannah** and me, to make sure it was a good match. Thank you Mary Ann for that day. Sam has been a blessing ever since. He is my constant companion, my daughter's fur-ever friend and my son **Zac**'s loyal buddy. I truly believe we needed Sam as much as he needed us. Don't delay...adopt today! **- Jennifer Caprous**







"BISHOP" - Playful Pup

I start my story with **Rory** a Rottweiler girl from Illinois Rottweiler Rescue, then **Wolvie** from Hobart Humane Society. These were both the bestest, mostest, sweetest dogs in the world. Then I too quickly, adopted **Nyx** from Tinley Park Paws without truly vetting her. She had deep issues and I had to give her back in less than a month. Heart broken and still wanting another perfect Rottweiler, I was sent to Miller's **Humane Society of NWI**. My neighbor Penny spoke of a handsome boy Rotty there in June. Then known as **Curtis**, who I have since renamed **Bishop** after the Marvel Hero. I visited him three times and finally took him home. He was sick with a cold that he quickly shook off. He chewed open a bottle of Ibuprofen (highly poisonous to dogs) now. **Dr. O'Connel** at **Hobart Animal Clinic** saved him miraculously (his kidneys were all but shut down). He is back to almost full health with 100% functional kidneys. You would never know it, he is always moving, jumping, running and

playing. He is a very busy boy and I love the knucklehead! He is so friendly at the Portage Dog Park he has many friends there. He walks very well on the leash. He just doesn't like squirrels at all and guards the house from any nearby. I thank **The Humane Society of NWI** in Miller so much for their care in finding him for me. We are perfect together. I can only get pictures of him now when he is sleeping because he never stops moving. -- **Deborah Weiss**

"CINNAMON" Shy Girl Finds Cat Pal

I wanted to share my adoption story. My 12 year old son and I were on a mission to adopt a dog. We lost our German Shepherd that we had for 14 years & really missed having a dog at home. It was important for us to find a smaller dog that was compatible with cats. Our first stop was the Humane Society of NWI. The staff were very welcoming and helpful. I could tell that the animals were well cared for.

We met 4 different dogs, but I really liked Cinnamon (a 3 year old Chihuahua- Daschund mix). She was shy and afraid. My heart went out to her. We decided to look at other shelters, but I kept thinking about

Cinnamon. We returned later that day to find Cinnamon outside with a volunteer. The volunteer was very kind and I could tell that the dog trusted her as she danced around for her treat. I submitted the application and I picked her up the next day. Cinnamon had been bathed & was waiting for me at the front desk. She checked out healthy at the vet & has been a great addition to our family! She loves to lay under a blanket & relax most of the time! Cinnamon gets along well and plays with our cat. She is the perfect pet! I have included a few photos. -- Michelle Rapchak



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CINNAMON chills out at her new home with The Rapchak Family.



SAM with the Caprous family. Who really rescued who?

SOME RECOMMENDED SPRING READING!

The Dog Who Saved My Life: Walking With Petty by Eric O'Grey (Grand Central Publishing) (Hard Cover - SBN: 9781478971160) & (E-Book - 9781478971146)

I was turned on to this book by my West Coast publicist friend **Sandy Brokaw**, a fan and lover of Basset Hounds, who happens to work with longtime **"PET ROCK"** supporters **The Oak Ridge Boys**. Sandy put me in touch with the author, **Eric O'Grey**, who shares this story about how an older, very obese shelter dog from his local Humane Society literally saved his life. Eric sent me the book and soon after appeared on my radio program, *"Midwest BEAT,"* on **89.1FM-Lakeshore Public Radio**.

"It's true. Peety saved my life, because in 2010 I was 340 pounds, taking insulin injections every day for Type 2 diabetes, in addition to taking about 15 other medications, including 3 antidepressants," O'Grey shared with me during our interview. <i>"My cholesterol was about 400, which is 'walking dead' level." An embarrassing incident on an airplane, and then seeing former **President Bill Clinton** on TV talking about how he lost weight, prompted O'Grey to get help.

His amazing story is told in the 297 pages of this easy to read book. I recommend this book, because part of O'Grey's prescribed medical treatment required that he adopt a shelter dog. *"I went to the local shelter and told them I wanted a dog who was as much a mess as I was, an older, obese dog. They brought out Peety,"* continued O'Grey. No spoilers here! To get the rest of the story on how these two soon to be best friends came to saved each other and how Peety's legacy now helps others find similar success and good health, you will have to read the book. O'Grey is now an inspirational speaker, shares and an advocate for animal rescue, adoption and **The Humane Society**. -- **Tom Lounges, "Paws & Read" Editor**

SPRING WALKS!

As the winter melts into warmer spring temperatures, our thoughts begin to drift to outdoor activities. One activity that should definitely be on your mind is going outside for an enjoyable walk with your favorite poochie pal.

Going for a walk with your dog is something you should do at least twice a day. Taking a walk with your dog will create a bond between the two of you unlike any other exercise you can enjoy together. It also plays an important part in pro-

viding the physical and mental exercise required to keep

your dog healthy with a well balanced behavior. To do this there are four types of walks you should try to enjoy with your dog.

THE ADVENTUROUS WALK: This is the type of walk where you and your dog may take a route not often traveled. Your inten-

tion is to let your dog explore a new environment and to take in all of the sights, smells and sounds of his world beyond the backyard.

THE OBEDIENCE WALK: On this walk you will work on basic obedience like, "Sit", "Down" or "Stay" for example. You can also work on basic leash manners or work on reactivity issues with other dogs or

Takacs's Training Tips



people while on leash. Providing this kind of training helps to establish the kind of structure your dog needs and wants.

THE CARDIO WALK: This walk is just what it implies. You both move at a brisk pace driving up your heart rate along the way. It is healthy for both of you. It will also play a big part in

burning off the excess energy that can otherwise cause your

dog to develop unwanted behaviors due to nervousness or boredom.

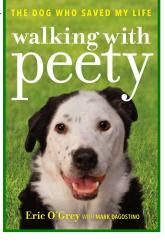
THE DELIGHTFUL WALK: This kind of walk is for you and your dog to just simply enjoy each other's company. This kind of walk is easy and allows you and your dog to get to know each other better. This is how memories are made.

As you can see, walking your dog should be much more

than just some time outside on a leash. It takes effort and some planning but you both will be glad for it.

For more info about help in training, contact Chris **Takacs** either by phone at (269) 612-7424 or by email at <u>chris@takacsdogtraining.com</u>.

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As thoughts turn to SPRING CLEANING, please remember to donate your gently used ELECTRONICS, TOOLS, APPLIANCES, to The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana, for our annual "GIANT YARD SALE!" Call us to pick up if local!

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DEAR OLLIE... Advice For Dogs From A Dog!

Dear Ollie,

With **St. Patrick's Day** here, do you know anything about the great dog breeds of Ireland? I'm a great Irish breed myself. My name is **Whiskey** and I'm a rich mahogany reddish colored Irish setter and no, I don't celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a local brewery, my owner does.

I'm a member of the sporting group and was used to hunt upland game birds in the 18th century. I can weigh 50 to 70 pounds. I'm self-assured, reserved, gentle and fearless. I'm quite the guy. My best friend **Bunkie** is an Irish terrier which is the oldest terrier native to Ireland. He's a good retriever on both water and land. We have lots of fun together. Bunkie is good-tempered, affectionate and loyal to his family. He's over protective and makes a very good guard dog. The love of my life is an Irish water spaniel named **Brittany** and she is adorable. She has naturally curly fur, a long, sexy looking muzzle and a strong shaped head. She's active, intelligent and bold. She's exquisite and I'm in love.

My main competition, if you can call him that, is **Regis**, the Irish wolfhound. He thinks he's hot stuff because his family tree goes back to ancient Rome where he was bred to hunt wolves. When most of the wolves disappeared from Ireland in the late 1700's the Irish wolfhound almost disappeared too, which would have been O.K. with me. In fact, there are no native wolves left in Indiana so he needs to take a hike, if you get my meaning. He's told Brittany how he's dignified, calm and intelligent and gets along well with others. I don't think that's true because I don't like him. He's bigger than I am, tipping the scales at 105 pounds, but I fancy myself as being better looking.

What do I do now? I could pray to St. Patrick, the Irish dude who drove the snakes into the sea to drive Regis out of Northwest Indiana, but Bunkie says I should let Brittany make up her own mind. But what happens if she chooses Regis? Sincerely,

Whiskey

Dear Whiskey,

Bunkie is right and he's not even an official advice columnist like me. I understand your predicament, but a lady needs to feel free to choose. Remember, the sensitive, caring, attentive males have a leg up, if you excuse the expression, in the game of love. Life has taught us love doesn't consist of gazing at each other but more importantly in looking together in the same direction. For instance, you're both gazing at a beautiful steak bone, and you know for sure that you're faster and smarter than Brittany, then let her have it, as difficult as that may be for you.

Whiskey, it also helps if you're easy on the eyes and, of course, an Irish dog to boot. If you pray to St. Patrick, ask him to drive the Indiana snakes into the Great Lakes because dogs and snakes are never friends. Once the snakes are gone, use the old steak bone trick and don't worry, she won't choose Regis, a delicious steak bone always wins. Happy St. Patrick's to all dogs who are and who wish they were Irish.

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