



SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

Paws & Read

HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, INC.

Did you know — **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** is the oldest Humane Society in the Midwest? Established on the 21st day of June in 1913, our Humane Society shelter has already served the Northwest Indiana community proudly for **101** years.

Hundreds of animals come through our doors each year and our experienced and compassionate staff ensures all of the homeless and abandoned animals who make it to our shelter are given the very best possible care until a **"Forever Home"** is found; or in the case of the many lost animals, until we can help reconnect them with their families (see *Lambro's story* -page 5).

As the bold line at the top of this page states — **WE NEED YOU!** We are constantly in need of funds to help cover the day to day operating costs and the care we give to the many homeless, scared and often abused animals who come to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana for shelter, food, and survival; animals who look for us to be the conduit connecting them with good people and loving families, making a happy ever after possible for them.

We need **YOU** on our team! We need **YOU** to let us know that you share our belief that **"Every life is precious!"** We need **YOU** to step up, and make a difference — whether it is by volunteering at the shelter itself, or helping to spread the word about our various fundraising and community adoption events. We need **YOU** to attend these events with family and friends, to

WE NEED YOU!

share news of these events through social media, word of mouth, or putting up a poster or flyer at your work place.

We need **YOU** to know how vital you are in our mission to save and impact the lives of animals. **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** is an independent shelter that is not funded by the national Humane Society organization, the government, nor other such sources. Our shelter relies solely on adoption fees and the generous donations and support of the people and businesses of Northwest Indiana.

Because of good people like **YOU**, the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana has been able to carry on for a long time — **now into our 102nd year of service** — the continued support of people like **YOU** is just as important than ever in making a difference in the lives of hundreds of animals each year.

Look for our new **PET ROCK** Lamar Billboards along the roadways of Lake & Porter County and please come out and support the event—**APRIL 2nd!**
And listen for our **PET ROCK** radio spots on **SHINE-FM RADIO (89.7FM and 88.5FM)**.
SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE ON PET ROCK



Photo by Dylan Lounges

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PET ROCK 2016:

A Nostalgic Night of Rock 'N' Roll ~ April 2

BLACK SABBATH

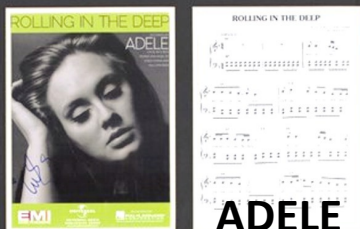


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ONE DIRECTION



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SATURDAY, APRIL 2

@ COUNTY LINE ORCHARD

200 S. County Line Rd., Hobart, IN

Doors: 5:00pm / Music: 6:00pm

Full Bar & Food Available

100s of Silent Auction Items

VIP: \$50 Advance/\$60 at Door

General Admission

\$25 Advance / \$25 at Door

\$10 Children (under 12)

INFO & TIX:

www.petrockanimalrescue.com

On **Saturday, April 2** The **County Line Orchard** in Hobart, Indiana will again be the site of our annual **"PET ROCK"** fundraiser; featuring live entertainment, a live and silent auction, live auction items, food options, a cash bar and more. Doors open at 5pm for VIP tickets and 5:30pm for General Admission tickets. Music at 6pm.

Entertainment for **"PET ROCK 2016"** features **THE NEVERLY BROTHERS**, giving attendees **"A Magical History Tour"** thru the 1950s and 1960s rock era. Special guests are **OSCAR & THE MAJESTICS**, an authentic 1960s garage rock group from Gary, IN whose early radio singles have recently been re-issued worldwide via Sundazed Records. Music begins with music duo, **RADIO MEMORIES** featuring **The Dentons**.

Our animal loving friends at **SHINE-FM** (89.7fm and 88.5fm) will be there with the **SHINE FM Free Photo Booth**. Listen for our **PET ROCK** ads on SHINE and also look for our giant billboards on the NW Indiana roadways (thanks to local business sponsors **Lamar Advertising** and **Prime Conveyor**).

Auction items include a huge variety of gift baskets, original art and collectibles, factory new guitars, concert and sporting event tickets, autographed guitars from — **STYX**, **Black Sabbath**, **Taylor Swift** — and posters, books, photos, sheet music and other items signed by: **Adele**, **Lady Gaga**, **One Direction**, **Paul Rodgers**, **Ted Nugent**, **Jethro Tull**, **Charlie Daniels**, **Oak Ridge Boys**, **Mickey Gilley**, **The Zombies**, **Tom Dreesen**, **Peter Noone**, **Chad & Jeremy**, **Foreigner**, **Ides of March**, **Bobby Hart**, **Bonnie Koloc**, **Janis Ian**, **Dick Biondi**, and many others.

All proceeds benefit **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**. More info: (219) 938-3339 or new web page **www.petrockanimalrescue.com**



TAYLOR SWIFT

Signed Guitar





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

Executive Director **Frieda White** has settled into her new position and office very nicely in recent months; The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana staff has grown a bit and so has our HSNI Board of Directors with new board member, **Darlene Breitenstein**.

You will notice our van has had a change too!

It has been rechristened "**The Blanche Helfer Memorial Rescue Waggin**," to honor a very generous bequest made to our shelter by the estate of late animal lover and animal rescue advocate, **Blanche Helfer**. Watch for the van on the region's roadways and at all of our events! Also, look soon for the new **Blanche Helfer Bonding Room** just off the front lobby at our shelter.

Fundraising Director **Tom Lounges** has kept busy over the winter coming up with a variety of upcoming *Spring* and *Summer* adoption events and fundraisers in the community to help fund The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's continued efforts to aid the region's homeless and abused animals.

SHELTER HOURS

11:00am to 3:00pm Monday & Wednesday;

11:00am to 4:00pm Friday;

11:00am to 5:00pm Saturday.

Closed: Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday.

~ ~ OTHER UPCOMING HSNI EVENTS ~ ~

PICTURE YOUR PET WITH THE EASTER BUNNY —————→ *Hippity Hop!*

On **Sunday, March 20** at **American Legion Hall #279 (6601 Hobart Rd.)** in Gary, **Erika Reva of Reva Photography Studios** will capture precious images of **YOUR** pets with **The Easter Bunny**. A donation of \$10 includes hot dogs, chips and other refreshments. Don't miss our **SPRING FLING PARTY** from 2pm-6pm with silent auction items, gift baskets, grab bags and DJ music.



PENNIES FOR PAWS:



For two weeks (**April 11 ~ April 22**) the students in **The Writers' Club of Hobart High School** will sponsor a school-wide collection of pocket change called "**Pennies for Paws**," during third period classes to benefit Humane Society of Northwest Indiana animals. The class collecting the most money will be treated to a free **Pizza Party** by HSNI and **Papa John's Pizza in Merrillville**. The runner up class will each get a free cappuccino/coffee voucher from the school's media center.



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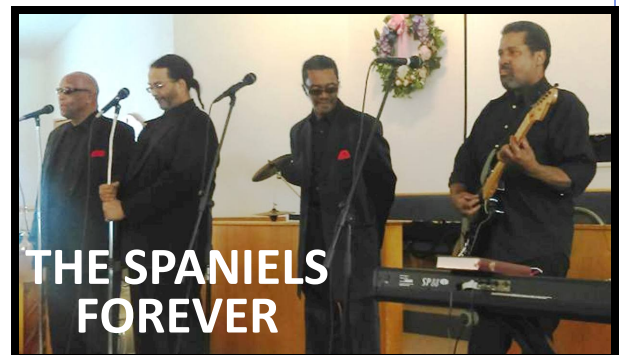
Our visits in the past to Northwest Indiana's amazing **ALBANESE Candy Factory (5441 E. Lincoln Hwy)** in Merrillville were so popular and so much fun for all involved, Albanese invited Humane Society of Northwest Indiana back for four more "**Adopt-A-Thon**" events this year -- **MAY 7th, JUNE 25, JULY 9 & AUG. 27** -- from 12pm to 4pm with lots of adoptable animals, **DJ Tom Lounges** spinning oldies, and HSNI volunteer grill-master **Ted** serving up sizzling burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings and a bag of chips. So each Albanese event is kinda like a community street party!

LOOKING AHEAD: Date and location is not known yet, but watch for updates on "**COPA CABANA NIGHT**," which is a dinner, concert and dance featuring legendary vocal group, **THE SPANIELS FOREVER** and R&B-Dance band, **SAY YES**, respectively.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER! CAN WE SIGN YOU UP?

We are now automatically sending everyone on our email list a digital, downloadable copy (*PDF format*) of our quarterly **HSNI** newsletter. If this electronic method — which gets our information to you

much faster — is preferred over getting a physical copy direct mailed to you via the U.S. Postal Service, please call to let us know, so we can **save money** on printing and postage by taking you off the 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 keep mailing each new issue to you.



SUMMING UP EVENTS!

Honchos at the Hobart Elks Lodge. Thanks to the bands, the staff at The Hobart Elks Lodge, The Jewish Federation of NW Indiana, Yo Seidman, Billy Ozzello at Dynamite Music, Hayden Entertainment & Production, artist Ralph Kinsey, Richard Shay Photography, and our volunteers

Another major event helping our animals was the Tom Lounges Entertainment-produced "Doo-Woppin' for Doggies" concert at The Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso with great performances by Harbor Lights and Brandon & Sarah Denton of Radio Memories.

Thanks to MOH's management team of LuAnne Pezel, Scot MacDonald, Stacey Ruiz, Scott "Stretch" Miller, Trinidad Snider, and MOH staff.

We also had our annual HSNI "Picture Your Pet with Santa" holiday party at The American Legion in Gary. Thanks to the Legion staff, to Sarah and Brandon of Radio Memories for singing live

Christmas carols, and Erika Reva of Reva Photography.

We also took part in some adoption events, including one at PetSmart in Matteson, IL, which meant some of our animals went on quite a "road trip" with some of our volunteers, one of which was our "2015 Volunteer of the Year" — Tom Fairbairn (being honored with his wife Kate Fairbairn at Pet Rock).



(Above): Members of Harbor Lights and Radio Memories with HSNI staff following "Doo Woppin' for Doggies" at Memorial Opera House.

(Right): Members of Lazer Lloyd Band, Head Honchos Band, Hayden Entertainment, and HSNI staff mug for camera at "Blues To The Rescue." at Hobart Elks.



Even through the long, cold and damp winter months, The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana kept very busy finding our animals forever homes, networking with other rescues and shelters and rocking our resources and counting on our friends and neighbors to keep us doing what we do!

Among the projects and events that enabled us to do that were our "Blues To The Rescue" concert with Israel's blues king, Lazer Lloyd and The Head



(Left): Sarah & Brandon Denton of Radio Memories at HSNI Santa party.

OUR WISH LIST

"Forever" U.S. Postage Stamps
Clay Kitty Litter
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Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
Small Bite Science Diet Puppy Food
Esbilac Puppy Formula
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Staples, Walmart, Meier, PetCo
and PetSmart.

I was a Craigslist "Free Dog"



Now I'm a Craigslist victim

HSNI ALUMNI STORIES & MEMORIES...

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If you have adopted a Humane Society of Northwest Indiana rescue, please consider sharing your animal's "second chance success story." Below are two such stories...

LULU: My 4-Legged Soul Mate

If you are not a pet owner, you may not understand this. You may read it and speculate about the sanity of those of us who do share our world with animals. Those of us who take their pet for a car ride just because they love it, or taking them to the local Dairy Queen and sharing our ice cream cone with them. We let them sleep with us hoping they won't crowd us out of our bed or play ball with them until they are exhausted. So many things we do for our pets. We love our pets. Our pets love us!

Losing a pet is one of the hardest trials facing those who love them. It helps to recognize we all leave the planet at some point, and the process is natural. But at the time, it hurts. Enormously. And often, it hurts for a long time.

On September 15th., 2015, there was no mistaking it. I had to make that decision. I had to send my best friend of many years somewhere she would no longer have pain or sickness. I had to put my beloved **Lulu** to rest. It broke my heart; as the years spent with her brought me much love and joy. She came into my life as a 4-month-old puppy with pneumonia. I decided to take her home and take care for her until I could find her a forever home. A few days later I knew that she had found her forever

home... mine. How did someone like me deserve a friend who just wanted to be with me and make me happy?

Lulu was a big part of my life. She traveled with me to the humane society every day and greeted everyone who came into my office with the hopes of a pat on the head. As Lulu aged she had some liver and kidney problems and even spent four days at Purdue University Small Animal Clinic in intensive care. For the rest of her life she was to be on special food and medicine. For a while she thrived but gradually her strength began to ebb.

On the 15th, I made the decision that there would be no heroics or prolonged and futile struggle. I know how to say goodbye with gratitude and love. Our animals deserve to be released before they lose their dignity.

On that day I said goodbye to this gentle creature whose loving ways and sweet countenance will be forever a cherished memory, I laid on the floor with her one last time telling her how much I loved her, how much happiness she had brought into my life and how much it hurt to give her up. As my Lulu slipped away, I held her sweet little head while the vet administered the drug that would release her from her pain. The last thing she felt were kisses and hugs as I thanked her for a lifetime of love. She was at peace but I was intensely bereaved. I knew that



for the first time I would be going home knowing her wagging tail would not be greeting me at the door.

As this has happened more than once in my life, I know I'll come out on the other end okay. I will open my heart once more to the unselfish eternal love that only comes when you accept the risk of loss and pain. I guess there's a message here: **Nothing in this life is free.** Love received comes at a price, and there are dangers inherent in opening up the heart.

Right now, I think it would be better to feel nothing... for then there would be no sadness. But, of course, then there could be no joy either

Never before have I seen a more loving and loyal dog. I don't despair in her passing for she will not be far away. She will be forever in my heart. If love could have saved her, she would never have died. In life, I loved her dearly. In death, I love her still. I know she will be waiting for me and I find comfort in that.

— Betty Clayton

LUCKY LAMBRO'S STORY...

Lambro was an Italian Greyhound who was stolen from the fenced in yard of his owner. Lambro's family had been searching for him for nearly two years, fearing they would never see him again, but refusing to give up hope.

Gary Animal Control got a call and went and picked him up on **February 23, 2016**. They brought him to **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** where we scanned Lambro and happily discovered that he had been micro-chipped, which enabled us to reach out and contact the micro-chip company, who gave contact information on Lambro's heart-sick family.

To say the least, they were very excited to hear their baby had been found and would be returning to them. Today, as



you read this, Lambro finally home where he was loved and missed.



— The Richards Family

Humane Society Angels... Those who go above & beyond

LOW COST SPAY/ NEUTER PROGRAM FOR GARY RESIDENTS

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

PRICE LIST:

Dog Spay or Neuter: \$50

Cat Spay of Neuter: \$30

Phone: (219) 924-7140

Address:

421 45th Ave. Munster, IN

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8am-3pm

Info: www.hscalument.org

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.

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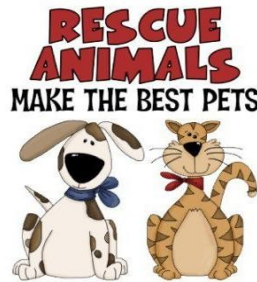
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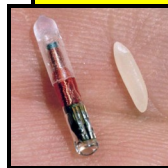
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Humane Society of Northwest Indiana strongly recommend microchipping your pet. Microchipping offers great assistance for recovering your lost animal. (see **Lambro's story** - page 5).

Once found and taken to a shelter or veterinary hospital, the animal will be scanned to see if a microchip is in place. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice (see *photos here*) contains a series of numbers and letters, which can be tracked back to the owner. Once the microchip is implanted it must be registered with the owner's information. A microchip is not a GPS unit so you cannot track your dog with it. There are collars with a GPS unit attached, which can also be helpful in recovery. One study of more than **7,700 stray animals** at animal shelters showed dogs without microchips were returned **21.9%** of the time. However, dogs with microchips were returned **52.2%** of the time. Cats without microchips are returned **1.8%** of the time, whereas cats with microchips were reunited **38.5%** of the time. Microchips are important but don't replace a collar and tags! If you want to microchip your pet, make an appointment with us — **(219) 938-4294**.



Psssst! Did you know when you order from **Amazon.com**, that you can request that a small percent of your purchase go to your favorite charity? That includes: **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana!** Please select us next time you order online!



Reminder - As weather gets warmer, never leave your pets in your vehicles. Every year, animals suffer and die when their guardians make the mistake of leaving them in a parked car - even for "just a minute" - while running an errand. Parked cars are deathtraps for pets: On a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between 100 and 120 degrees in minutes, and on a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

Dogs Left in Cars Even 68° is too Hot!

Temperature		
Outside	vs In Car After	
	10 min.	60 min.
68°F	81°F	115°F
75	88	122
82	95	129
90	102	136
97	109	144



Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in just 15 minutes. Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paw pads.

And speaking of their sensitive foot pads... When walking your dog, keep in mind that if it feels hot enough to fry an egg outside, it probably is. When the air temperature is 86 degrees, the asphalt can reach a sizzling 135 degrees — more than hot enough to cook an egg in five minutes. And it can do the same to our canine companions' foot pads.

