

Winter

2014



"Pet Rock" set for March 29th gets Celebrity Help!



The beautiful and spacious **County Line Orchard**, 200 S. County Line Road, in Hobart IN will be the site for our Spring Fundraiser... **"Pet Rock 2014"** which will feature live musical entertainment, a cash bar, food options and lots of autographed items to be auctioned, plus a silent auction, baskets and a live auction of an overnight stay in Chicago!

Some of the autographed photos, albums and other items on this year's **"Celebrity Silent Auction Table"** secured for donation to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana by volunteer Tom Lounges for this event come from such rockers as: **Tommy James, The Buckinghams, Jim Peterik, The Ides of March, STYX, Bad Company, Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson, Foghat, Boston, Paul Rodgers, Alice Cooper, the Bangles, Herman Rarebell of the Scorpions, Firehouse, Sister Hazel, Willie Nile, Weird Al Yankovic** and others.

Plus, signed items from such country music stars as **Martina McBride, Charlie Daniels, Joey & Rory, Suzy Boggus** and others. There will be plenty of great live music at this event, provided by the regional **FABTONES**, and **RIPLEY STREET**, with a centerpiece concert set by Grammy Award-winner **JIM PETERIK & FRIENDS**. Jim Peterik is the co-founder of both **The Ides of March** and **Survivor**. More info about the groups on Page 6.

Whether you wish to sit and enjoy the music, wander about and check out auction items or dance in front of the stage, "Pet Rock 2014" is an event NOT TO MISS! For more information, a link to purchase tickets, and to see continually updated color photos of some of the celebrity-signed auction items, visit us on either of our Facebook pages... The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana or Tom Lounges HSNi Fundraising.

VIP Tickets ~ \$50.00 includes guaranteed seating in the VIP loft. Access to free food buffet (while it lasts), 5 complimentary tickets per VIP to basket drawing, plus early entry at 5:00pm.

General Admission ~ \$20.00 doors open at 5:30

Children 12 & under ~ \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased on line at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pet-rock-2014-tickets-10724572485>

HSNI gets "The Eye of the Tiger" in Helping Animals

Songwriter and animal lover Jim Peterik took home a Grammy for the #1 Survivor single, **"Eye of the Tiger"** and has written hit songs for a virtual Who's Who of famous music stars.

Peterik had a few of his famous friends sign a collectible guitar for the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana for a special raffle. Artists who autographed the guitar are: Jim Peterik, all the members of The Ides of March group, Mike Reno of Loverboy, Kell Keagy of Night Ranger, Keith Burns of the country group Trick Pony, singer/songwriter Leslie Hunt, and David Pack of the 70's pop/rock group Ambrosia.



Jim Peterik's personal assistant, Chris May, 2nd. from left, mugs for the camera with HSNi volunteers with the collectible multi-celebrity autographed "World Stage Guitar"..

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PAWS n' READ

Thoughts from the Director...

Betty Clayton



The other day a couple entered the shelter and said, "we want to adopt the one who needs it the most".

A generous and compassionate intent, but not such an easy choice. In a very real way, all the animals in our shelter "need it the most". How do you choose? The one that has been here the longest? The one who is becoming depressed? The one who is the oldest? The one who is sick or injured? The one whose very plain colorings or markings make it less likely that he will attract an adopter? The run-of-the-mill, common stray at risk simply because he and his story are so common?

As they walked through the kennels, wanting to do the right thing, they were almost overwhelmed with the opportunities. Eventually they found Jack, a six month old brown mutt. "There's something about his eyes," they said when they came to his cage. After meeting and spending some time with him, learning what they could of his brief background, they decided he was the one they would choose, the one who would go home with them. The lucky one....

So many animals, each and every one of them, deserve to be chosen, and so you pick one who is a good match for you, and one who moves you. And because they are all at risk...no matter who you pick...you are saving a life. *Adopt one until there are none!*

And remember...

When we count our true friends...

We must not forget the animals...

For one of those gentle companions...

May be the truest friend of all...

Service Doctor Helps



Donations are they key to survival for any non profit organization, especially a shelter like the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana, where it takes a lot of food and supplies to care for the numerous critters in our care on a day to day basis. Knowing it's often more convenient for people to drop off items for our animals at a location on a main travel route like U.S. 30 than to drive out to Gary, owner Randy Ralls of Service Doctor Remodeling & Design has volunteered his business as a daily drop off location during regular business hours for any and all supplies being donated to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

"All of us here at Service Doctor love animals and respect the hard work and tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana. So we are happy to do our part to help provide care for them as they wait for homes," said Ralls. "Starting in February, Service Doctor and also our retail neighbors at The Razor's Edge hair salon at the front of our mall will be happy to accept shelter donations of any kind that will help the shelter continue to survive". Both the Razor's Edge and Service Doctor are located in the strip mall at 5051 East U.DS. 30 in Merrillville, Indiana.

STYX "Rocks to the Rescue" of HSNI's Animals



HSNI volunteers slipped into bright orange shirts December 28th & 29th to sell tickets to win an electric guitar autographed by all members of the classic Chicago-based rock band **STYX**.

STYX charity outreach organization, "**Rock to the Rescue**", selected HSNI to be its regional partner during the platinum-selling group's concerts at the **Star Plaza Theatre** in Merrillville, IN and **Genesee Theatre** in Waukegan, IL. A portion of raffle ticket sales each night benefited the HSNI.

"We loved partnering with "**Rock to the Rescue**", said HSNI Director Betty Clayton. Their Outreach Director Michelle "Meesh" Ritondo was just wonderful and the two events added over \$2,300 to our general operating funds during a critical time of year".



Young Boy Helps Animals

Jake Landry, 10 years old, decided instead of birthday presents he wanted his friends to donate much needed items to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana. Jake is a student at the University of Chicago Lab School and loves to build things. When he grows up he wants to be an architect. His grandmother, Jennifer Gerber, a volunteer at the humane society said that Jake reads constantly. "If he isn't trying to build something... he has a book in his hands!"

He has always loved animals and has always had a pet in his life. When he grows up, he never wants to be without a pet.

He feels that "stray and unwanted animals don't have much of a chance until they come to the humane society where they will be fed and cared for until they are adopted."

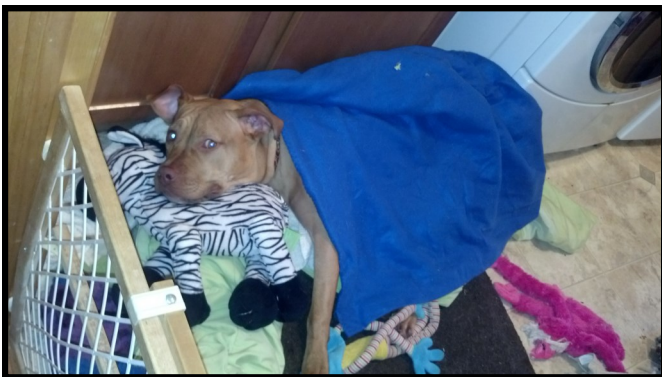
Jake learned about the humane society through his grandmother who brings him and his sisters to the shelter. "It was Jake's idea to do this for the animals. I am very proud of him for being so kind and thoughtful!" says Jennifer.



Jake Landry loves all animals and never wants to be without a pet.



Problem Puppy "Mia" Finds a "Forever Home"



"Mia" lounging at home

Just wanted to let you know how Mia is enjoying life. She's a handful but you would never know it from the photo of a "lazy day" at home. With five dogs and four cats, all equally spoiled and lavished with toys and all the comforts they would want, sometimes it seems like we are running a "Bed and Breakfast". After fostering Mia for several months and taking her to weekly training sessions, it was very clear that she would be difficult to adopt *if ever* unless that person was willing to take on the intense daily routine that she needs. It was decided that Mia should have a place to "call home". Mia is still going to training classes and with a lot of love, is improving daily. Mia has found her "forever home" with us!

Mia's Loving Parents

"Baker's Square"... be there or be square!



Look who stopped by to visit us at Baker's Square! Standing next to our volunteer coordinator Mary Ann Massa is Eric Holmquist, percussionist of the classic rock band **Kansas**! Eric donated some signed photos and other cool stuff from **Kansas** for our **Celebrity Auction** for our upcoming fundraiser "**Pet Rock**".

Save the Date: The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana will be at Baker's Square, 8140 Mississippi Street in Merrillville, IN every **2nd. Thursday** of the month, 5 to 8pm when 10% of dinner sales gets donated to the HSNI.

Join us for an evening of family and friends on March 13th, April 10th and May 8th, June 12th, July 10th. See you there!

Thank you

Nathalie Pennington	Lynn Backofen	Donna Immig	Janice Dorsey
Kathy Aburto	Lina Vitkauskas	Randal Wesselhoff	Shirley Thomas
Otis Sewood	William Bernacky	Linda Hamann	Glinda Marlow
David Gross	James Bryant	June Boswinkle	Constance Thiros
Otis Sewood	Marsha Neal	Laverne Dangelo	Kathie Bruesch
Michael Buchanan	Lake Federal Bank	Kathleen Lackhouse	Kathy Long
tricia Olson	Sharon Norman	Randal Wesselhoff	Victor Caplinger
Amberly Brewer	Karen Walley	Lappen Enterprise	Gerald Van Curen
Alice Spurlock	John Manning	Carolyn McCrady	Judy Rodriguez
Betty Earnhart	Joan Bynum	Laura Jones	Trudy McKamey
Phoebe Dodd House	Roxanna Jasinski	Lori Stofik	Patricia Callahan
Terry Thomas	Philip Munroe	Donna Ellis	Christine Boehm
Linda Lemmer	Carol Nagy	Carol Dudlack	Linda Reding
Alice Johnson	Gerald Genovesi	Carol Needham	Martha Castro
Raymond Acevedo	Gail Shook	Barbara Kuniak	Don Layman
Rita Kwiatkowski	Alison Frank	Pamela Pullen	David Relinski
Isabell Sundin	Janet Oblon	Janice Lindaqu	Jane Krueger
Nathan & Stacy Swenko	Linda Stoner	Linda Ponda	John Vansiver
Julie Gergash	Muriel Lennstrum	Mitzi Levander	Wild Bill McCarthy
Floyd Manley	Simrit Dhesi	Linda Morgan	Glenna Cholakian
Patricia Karner	Gamal Paschal	Shereen Paschal	Lindsey Skorupan
Carl Page	Joan Sparks	Amberly Brewer	

Humane Society Angels

Rosemary Shanda	Dorothy Albanese	Albanese Candy Factory	Donna Norkus
Marilyn & Jim Robinson	Prime Conveyor	Frances Miller	June Boswinkle
Mary & Mark Hendrickson	Linda Levi	Michael Kibler	Ray Price
J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC	Lake Way United Way	Carol Penz	Virginia Russell
Timothy Lewis	Michael Moiduski	Michael Mioduski	Robert Darragh
Zita Vitkauskas	Jean Davis	Molly Judd	Mallory Neuberger
Heidi Nordbrock	First Presbyterian Church	James Bryant	Chase Bank
Sonstance Thiros	Donald & Mary Ann Pavelka	Khristina Weaver	Rima Krutlis
First Presbyterian Church	CTC Trading Group, L.L.C.	Alice Spurlock	Gary Grygotis
Molly Judd	Susanne Fronczak	Greg Fronczak	Jet Pilot Cars
Jerry Ross Elementary School	Joelle Gamble	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Jennifer Gerber
Josephine Heil	Isabell Sundin	Mark & Mary Hendrickson	Janice Kinach
Dana Ione Green	Beth Ols	Paul & Kim Deaton	Kathy Sargent
Barbara Callahan	Danyel Romich	George Romich	Lavinia Brown
Eleanor Turner	Timothy Ribble	Myron Rosenthal	Judy & Rich Tomera
Nancy Bailey	Davis Schroeder	Keri Meverden	David Veneziano
Priscilla Herochik	Robert Scheller	Judy Crawford	John Teshima
Ray Price	Pat Walton	Steel City Kennel Club	Karen Davis
Louise Hooper	National Christian Foundation of Greater	Chicago/ Mr. & Mrs. James Huson	Joelle Gamble
Charles Kern	Nancy & Paul Forrester	Joseph Sterns	Alana Stephansen
Janette Aldana	Mary Ann Shacklett	Joan Cabala	Sandy Brohman
Lisa Ruddell	Delores Nolte	Razors Edge	Service Doctor
Cheryl Evans	Geraldine Styler	Donna Norkus	Jim & Donna Rivich
Cleo Brown	Debra Marchand	Petco	Westchester Animal Hospital
Barbara Hill	Paul Rodgers	Cynthia Kereluk	Brenda Murti
Paul Braun	One Night Jam	Chris Nelson/Epicenter Graphics	Jim Peterik
Chris May	Legacy Music	Ton Collins Sr.	Ryan Richardson
Amy Miller	County Line Orchard	Randy Ralls	

**Thank you to Jerry Ross Elementary School's National Honor Society, Charter Chapter 972
for working so hard to raise \$241.89 for our animals!**

The Humane Society appreciates all the time, effort and hard work of videographer/sound engineer **Bill Hayden** and his company, **Video Media Design Corporation**, for the well done pair of documentaries he produced on our shelter and also for writing the theme song to the mini-films.

View the two documentaries via YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

Bill Hayden has become a friend and champion to our animals in the recent months; he proves this once again by stepping up to donate his production skills and PA equipment to make our **"Pet Rock 2014"** event on March 29th a huge success. **Thank You Bill!**

This newsletter contains the names of those who have donated up to and including February 27, 2014. If we have missed anyone... we do apologize. Please contact us and your name will be in our next newsletter. Thank you.

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.

William Lackhouse ~ Kathleen Lackhouse

Daisy Jewell ~ Annie Williams

Scott Karcher ~ Charlene Royal

"Casey" Massa ~ Gail Zmierski

Ms. Frida ~ Nanette Ames

"Flash, the Wonder Dog" ~ Sharon Hansen

"Prince", "Mac" & "Barney" ~ JoEllen Carabin

"Ginger" ~ Debra Delgatto

"Pumpkin" ~ Beth Ann Camarata

Sue Garret ~ Kristin Duncanson

My grandson, Ryan A. Bailey ~ Theresa Christensen

Scott Thompson ~ John & Carol Gasa, Gail Hester & Mildred Thompson, Randy Gasa

Coach Peter Billick ~ Constance Thiros, Margaret Hamm, Eileen Carbine, Karen Volk, Suzanne Canales, Marina Hickerson

Gregory Snyder ~ Judy Snyder

"Penny" Young ~ Erin Corcoran

Her Father ~ Betty Anne Nixon

Her Nephew ~ June Boswinkle

Mary Lou Brumm ~ Raymond Brumm

"Gretchen" ~ Karen Townsend

"Lucy" ~ Cheryl Pirl

"Mittens" ~ Roxie Gould

"CoCo" ~ Cathy Gianikos

"Midnight" Donna Resetar

"Mimi" ~ Judy Sudroff

In loving memory of all my animals ~ Suki Martinez

In memory of her father ~ Betty Anne Nixon

William Starkey ~ Helen Starkey

Daisy Jewell ~ Annie Williams

Brian Wood ~ Gail Zmierski

Joelyn Ribar ~ Bonny Bishop

"Hercules" ~ Steve Pangere

"Boo Boo" ~ Eve Guerrero

Tom ~ Nathalie Pennington

"MiMI" ~ Aran Daronatsy

Sue Garret ~ Jay Garrett

William Starkey ~ Helen Starkey

In Honor ~ Donor

Zita Vitkauskas ~ From her son for her birthday

"Romeo" ~ "Annie" Bloom

Gail Beloff ~ Kathryn Degolia

Tom & Alice Lounges, The Mushroom Award ~ Kelli Dudley

"Cooper", "Sally", "Jojo" ~ Jean Davis

My sister-in-laws birthday, Mrs. Steve Nisevich ~ Nanette Ames

Delores Pittman ~ Denise Musch

"Zoe" ~ Heather Hamilton

Peg's & sister's Birthday ~ Peggy Anderson

Wall of Caring

"Madonna" Pavlis, our Katrina rescue cat

In memory of our beloved dog "Meiko" Wilden, my precious best friend

From Steve, Marie, Cindy & Jennifer Vrlik for Marie Vrlik

Thank you to:

Becky Pinney for grooming our dogs so beautifully.

Kate & Tom Fairbairn for walking our dogs and always being here to help us.

Dr. Han, Barb Jackovich and all the staff of the Munster Animal Hospital for being so nice to us and our animals.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who take their time to help us at all of our events. We could not do it without you!

Our Staff: Freida White: Director of Shelter Operations, Shayne Cyprian: Kennel Supervisor, Sandy Phelps, Stephen Walker, Karen Larkin,

Stacey Horvath: Kennel Satff, Felicia Sutton: Social Media

Lakeshore Paws & the Humane Society Calumet Area.

Jim Kamarowski, Karin Kirulis, Jennifer Gerber for walking our dogs.

Bryan Phelps for helping out around the shelter.

Ray Price for helping out around the shelter.

Alice Cope Lounges & Tom Lounges for all they do to help they animals!

Joan Lloyd for baking such wonderful goodies for the staff.

Jack Behan for donating some of his father's beautiful paintings.

Mark Hendrickson for being a wonderful Santa for our Christmas Open House.

Zita Vitkauskas for walking our dogs and also willing to help us in many ways.

Supplies & Items

John Manos

Jeffery DeCatsye

Nichole Dooley

Mike & Tina Serynek

Krystal & Robert Morgan

Carmen Neighbors

Jackie Rizzardo

John Zellers

Krystal & Robert Morgan

Rich & Carole Barnes

Loretta Phelan

Michael Mioduski

Lindsay Bonaventura

Michael & Rebecca Buchanan

Mary Martinez

Debbie Shanta

Lindsey Bonaventura

Gary Wade

Tom Aguilera

Michael Ross

Roz Potter

Chase Bank/Michael Hill

Declan & Cullen Shannon

Kathy Sargent

Heather Shebel

Michelle Woodard

Cameron Christoph

Heather Shebel

Meneakis Family

Charles Dayton

Liz Castro

Robert & Debra Evers

Carl Tucker

Not So “Bad” After All...

Paul Rodgers of **Bad Company** and his wife Cynthia presented Tom Lounges with a collectible guitar signed by the members of BAD COMPANY from the group's national “Bad Company: 40th Anniversary Tour.” Paul also presented Tom with a “40th Anniversary Tour Book” also signed by the group's members. *These items will be auctioned at our March 29th. “PET ROCK 2014”.*



Bunco for the Animals



A group of wonderful volunteers are planning to do a “Bunco Fundraiser” for the shelter. This fundraiser is to help us bring in much needed funds. Our monthly expenses are now up to **\$20,000. WOW!**

As we continue grow... our expenses also grow! Please help us in our mission to help the animals!

Sunday, April 6th. 2014
2pm to 5pm

St. John Township Community Center
1515 W US 30, Schererville, IN

Tickets \$10 advance \$15 at the door

All Proceeds to Benefit the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana

Price includes non alcoholic beverages, finger food and desserts.

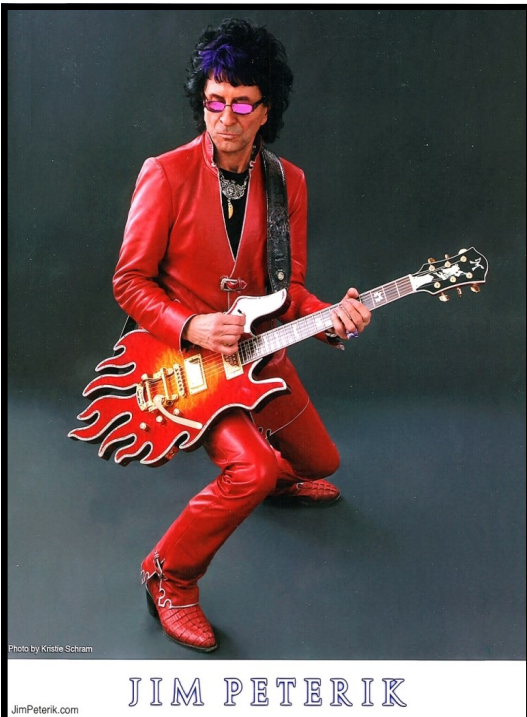
There will also be raffle Prizes, Baskets, 50/50 and Door Prizes

For information and tickets contact:

HSNI 219-938-3339



“Pet Rock” Performers



THE FABTONES... This lively veteran trio gives its audience an energized set of old school rock ‘n’ roll from the ‘50s and ‘60s... They bust out all the big names of the early pop/rock era, including The Everly Brothers, Chuck Berry, Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly and much more. Kick off your shoes for a set of music that will take you back to the “SOCK HOP” sound that started it all!

Jim Peterik & Friends... Jim is the Grammy Award winning songwriter behind such #1 radio hits as “Eye of the Tiger,” “The Search is Over,” “Hold On Loosely,” “Fantasy Girl” and “Vehicle”. Jim was a co-founding member of THE IDES OF MARCH (and their lead singer/guitarist) and also of MTV-era chart-toppers SURVIVOR. He will be performing a non-stop string of popular hits from those two groups, plus songs he wrote for artists such as .28 Special, Lynyrd Skynyrd, REO Speedwagon, Sammy Hagar and more...

RIPLEY STREET... A long running Chicagoland group with 2 albums of original music under their belt that has gotten the Ripley boys plenty of radio play in the Midwest. For “Pet Rock” they will focus on classic rock covers with a mix of their best known originals.

Times Can Be Ruff



The purpose of our Humane Society is to house and lodge unwanted, neglected and abused animals. All animals big and small, pedigreed and mixed, are cared for until responsible homes are found. All animals have a unique place at the Humane Society. While labeled "Friends of Man" they are simultaneously the recipient of some of man's cruelest behavior, enhanced by abandonment, abuse and neglect.

The Humane Society is often their last refuge and hope by providing care, nourishment and attention they crave, need and require. We are a non profit organization in a depressed area and it is not easy raising funds. Whether donations come in or not... the animals still have to be fed and cared for. Since we moved to our new location six years ago, we have found homes for hundreds of animals, have helped sick and abused animals... and have prosecuted those abusive owners!

We are so proud of our accomplishments and we want to be able to keep up the quality care that has been provided in the past... we ask for you help so that we can help them.

FYI Just Some of the Expenses of 2013

Here are just some of the expenses our shelter incurred in 2013:

Vet Care/including spaying/neutering and medical treatment of our animals	\$18,656.29
Medicines and vaccinations	\$9,751.06
Total Utilities	\$22,032.09
Insurance	\$11,338.00
Repairs to Building	\$6,456.62
Newsletter & Mailing	\$3,875.32
Janitorial Supplies	\$3,134.67
Office Supplies	\$3,358.21
Payroll/9 employees	\$118,323.75
Total of all expenses for 2013/does not include wages	\$112,787.61
Total Income for 2013	\$232,217.14

We are truly a non-for-profit organization!

Breed Specific Legislation?

Average Number of People **Killed** In America Each Year By:

Cigarettes:	440,000
Automobiles:	47,366
2nd. Hand Smoke	35,000
Guns:	29,338
Pit Bulls	3

Which Would **You** Ban?

Go Over...

Go Under...

Go Around...

Or Go

Through...

But Never...

Ever...

Give Up!!!



A life is not
important except
for the impact it has
on other lives.



*There is only one
dangerous breed:
humans....*

"Breed Specific" legislation (BSL) is the blanket term for laws that either regulate or ban certain breeds completely in the hopes of reducing dog attacks. There is no evidence that BSL laws-which are costly and difficult to enforce-make communities safer for people or companion animals. The United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) decided not to support BSL. The CDC cited, among other problems, the inaccuracy of the dog bite data and the difficulty in identifying the breeds. For more information go to ASPCA/Breed Specific Legislation.



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Mon., Tues., Wed 11:00 - 3:00
Fri. 11:00-4:00
Sat 11:00 - 5:00
Thur. & Sun Closed

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Shelter humor



For Kids

Q: What do you call a dog magician?

A: A Labracadabrador

Q: What do you get when you cross a dog with a frog?

A: A dog that can lick you from the other side of the road!

Q: Why didn't the dog speak to his foot?

A: It's not polite to talk back to your Paw!

Q: What do you get if you cross a dog and a lion?

A: A terrified mailman!

Q: What do you get when you cross a Cocker Spaniel, a Poodle & a Rooster

A: A Cockerpoodledoo!

Q: Where do dogs go when they loose their tails?

A: To the retail store!