

Holiday

2014

Christmas Open House



"Ollie" of "Ask Ollie" fame is pictured with Santa aka Mark Hendrickson of Miller Beach/Gary, IN



Mark Your Calendar

"Come one, come all" to our wonderful Holiday Open House where *"not all the whiskers are on Santa"*. Santa Claus will be stopping by so that you can have your pet's picture taken with him. Erika Reva from Reva Studios has generously offered to help the shelter take professional pictures of your pet. Pictures will be taken for a minimum donation of \$10 and you will receive a CD of the pictures so that you can make your holiday cards!

Refreshments! Silent Auction 42" TV

Place an ornament on our "Tree of Hope". All donations from "Hope's Tree" will go into "Hope's Fund" that cares for the severely abused and neglected animals that come into our shelter.

DATE: Saturday, December 6th

TIME: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

WHERE: **American Legion Hall**
6601 Hobart Road
Miller Beach/Gary, IN
46403



American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit #279

This year our Christmas Open House will be done in collaboration with Debbie Ballinger and the American Legion Ladies Unit #279. We are so pleased that they will be joining us in our fundraising efforts this Holiday Season. They are offering *free food* and *drinks* to those who have their pet's picture taken with Santa or those who bring a gift for our shelter listed on our Wish List, page 7. In the past the ladies have hosted a Picture Your Pet with the Easter Bunny and Picture Your Pet for Halloween.

We are honored that such a worthy organization as the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary are willing to help the shelter. Thank you! Thank you!!



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Thank you!!*

HUMANE SOCIETY OF NW INDIANA HOLIDAY / 2014

Paws & Read

Betty with "Hope".



Thoughts from the Director ...

Betty Clayton



I must say that this has been a memorable year for me. So much happened and we have saved so many animals. But one will stay in my mind forever. Her name is Hero. She is special. She is sweet, gentle, fun loving... and she is a Pit Bull. That was against her. She came into the shelter after her owner beat, stabbed and threw scalding water on her causing her to lose her right eye and much of the hair on her back and sides. She was here for what seemed forever... but she never lost her love of humans.

She never lost her spirit and joy for life. What a girl! But no one looked at her... not once. She sat in her cage day after day as people would come and go while all around her were adopted. She just sat there waiting. People would pass her by and turn up their noses at her appearance or they would feel sorry for her saying..."If only she weren't a Pit Bull". And then they go to the more "attractive" pups. How sad. Hope of ever getting her adopted was waning as each day, week and month passed by. But I refused to give up on her. There are just some special missions or crusades in life one feels they have to conquer. And Hero was mine. On August 1st. we took Hero to an Adopt-A-Thon at Pet Supplies Plus... one of many that she had gone to with no luck. Fortunately she caught the eye of the manager. Nanette spent 2 hours off and on with Hero. The next day Nanette called and said that she could not get Hero out of her mind. She came to the shelter several times and visited Hero, but unfortunately Nanette lived somewhere that did not allow animals. But she kept visiting Hero. There was a special bond that was growing between the two. It was quite unmistakable! What would Nan do? How long would Hero have to go without her forever home? Nan, as I came to find out was a very determined lady! She wanted Hero and Hero needed Nan! Lo and behold... tenacious Nan moved to a house that would allow a dog. And that was it!! I was thrilled that Hero would now have the home she needed. The day Nan picked up Hero, we all cried tears of joy. Hero would now be loved for the wonderful creature she was! The first night Hero was in her new home, as Nan went to bed, she put Hero in a crate. In 15 minutes Hero was crying. Nan let Hero in to her bed and that is where Hero has spent every night since... and they say only fairy tales have happy endings! Don't believe it.... just ask Hero!

Hero was save through "Hope's Fund".

Memorial Opera House



The intimate confines of the 120 year old **Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, IN**, October 11th., was site of an enjoyable fall fundraiser produced by **Tom Lounges Entertainment** starring iconic Chicago vocalist **Bonnie Koloc** and her accompanist **Don Stille** who treated an animal loving audience to selections from Koloc's 14 album catalog.

We were blessed with a wonderful sunny day as the event began with an animal Adopt-A-Thon outside the building and guest speakers inside on stage doing a free community informational presentation on topics ranging from animal abuse to positive re-enforcement training.

The evening kicked off with a powerful acoustic set of music by **Bad Cadillac**, followed by a 90 minute set by **Koloc**. During the break a piece of original art created and donated to the HSNI by Bonnie Koloc was auctioned off.

Special thanks to **Bonnie Koloc**, **Don Stille**, audio engineer **Scott "Stretch" Miller**, MOH Business Manager **Michelle Smith**, the entire MOH staff, **David Koppel**, **Dr. Fiia Jokela** of **Deer Run Animal Hospital**, trainer **Liz Geisen** ("A Sound Beginning"), and all the **HSNI volunteers**.



Doggie Days Fall Fest & Classic Car & Bike Show

Our first annual "**Doggie Days Fall Fest**" on October 5th. with our amazing friends at **Broadway Glass & Customs** in Merrillville, IN was a wonderful and successful event. Thank you to Broadway Glass & Customs' owner **Joe Davis, Sr.**, his family and his staff who collectively invested hours and put forth considerable effort to make "Doggie Days" a success despite the inclement weather conditions. A special thanks to Broadway manager **Todd O'Day** who really went above and beyond to produce this event.

Thank you also to **Service Sanitation**, **Kathleen McKamey**, **Blue Top Drive-IN**, **Amici Grille**, **Krooswyk Trucking**, **Once upon a Celebration**, all the vendors and our entertainers **The Mall Rats**, **Jack Adams**, **Aaron Harris**, **Travis Fugate** and **Capernaum** for donating musical performances.





Hero... Home At Last



Hero at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana. Notice the missing hair on her back. A result of her former owner's abuse.

I have now changed Hero's name to Leelah Grace. Since her birthday is unknown, my fiancé came up with her new birthday which is the day that we adopted her. A new beginning to a new wonderful life. Leelah loves going to pet stores, going for walks and walking on trails. When she gets tired, she finds a blanket and starts to paw it into a ball and shoves it into her mouth and starts to kneed it like kittens do. It is absolutely adorable. Recently I rescued 2 stray kittens and she has taken to them as her own, which completely

surprised me. Leelah is an amazing dog. The connection and bond we have is so special. She follows me around everywhere. She is my own little body-guard.

She has a job that she will be training for soon. I just got engaged so she will be walking down the aisle along with my son as ring bearers for my wedding. We are so happy. We could have never found a better, more loving dog than Leelah. Thank you for saving her. We will always be grateful to the shelter and their staff for doing such a wonderful job in saving Leelah...my hero!

Nanette Burdeau



Leelah Grace aka Hero... frolicking in the leaves with her human Nanette.

Our Photographer... Erika Reva of Reva Studios



Erika (Reva Studios) has been a photographer for over 10 years, absorbing everything the photography industry has to offer...from your pets to high fashion and wedding photography. Erika looks forward to Santa Portraits with all of the wonderful critters that come every year to our Open House! She wishes to thank everyone for their support over the years. Animals have always been a part of her life and she feels lucky to do what she loves everyday. How many people get up in the morning and look forward to going to work!! This will be the fourth year that Erika has volunteered her talents to help our shelter and we are grateful. If you ever have any photography needs you can contact her directly at erika.reva@gmail.com



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.



Thank You



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Humane Society Angels

This newsletter contains the names of those who have donated up to and including November 17, 2014. If we have missed anyone...we do apologize. Please contact us and your name will be in our next newsletter. Thank you.

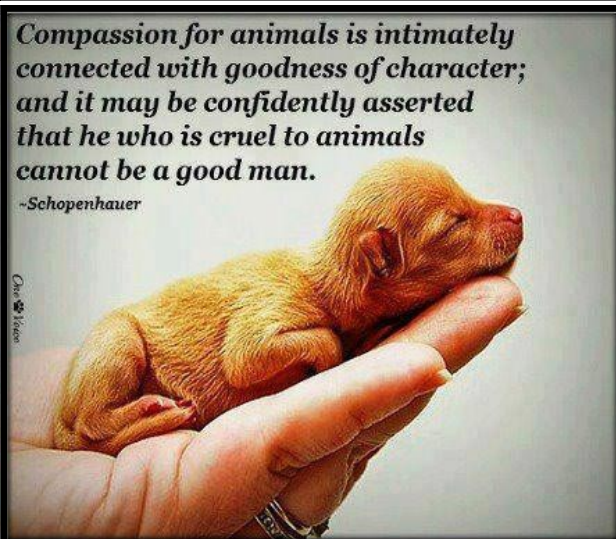
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Thank you to Dr. Han and his staff at the Munster Animal Hospital. Dr. Han has been very kind and generous to our humane society and has helped us with many animals that otherwise might not have been helped if not for the kindness of him and his wonderful staff. Thank you for helping us save so many lives!



In Memory of Vito



Goodbye my beautiful, faithful and happy black bear. You were always the first head on my sad shoulder, and the first sloppy kiss on my tearful cheek. You protected me and chased off that man in the bushes, but no matter what we did, we could not save you. I am forever grateful for your love, loyalty and existence. I hope we made you happy and loved. Cross the Rainbow Bridge and be young, healthy and free. I'll love you forever!!

Kim Amendola O'Toole

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.*

Doug Kullerstand ~ Albert's Diamonds
Doug Kullerstand ~ Tracy Zanandrea
"Hazel" ~ Carole Nagy
Joyce Glinis ~ Ascension Health Ministry
Julie Evans ~ Susan Terborg
Julie Evans ~ Laverne Tancos
Stephanie Montoro ~ Joanne Groff
Armando Ruiz ~ Theresa Christensen
Shirley Simonson ~ Cathy Kilburn
Harry Groebner ~ Laura Jones
Barbara Neal ~ Kathleen Gregor
Barbara Neal ~ Barbara Mattice
Marie Lowenstine ~ Maureen & Tony Alongi

Doug Kullerstand ~ Pam Dechert
Doug Kullerstand ~ Susan Hasara
"Pookie" ~ Linda Venable
Julie Evans ~ Paula Stewart
Julie Evans ~ Julie Henson
"Mayoung", "Ninny", "Toto" ~ Suki Martinez
"Boo Boo" ~ Eva Guerrero
"Frankie" best hound in the world! ~ Jean Manna
Elizabeth Yaczko ~ Joanne Groff
Harry Groebner ~ The Chapel of the Dunes
Barbara Neal ~ Laura Jones
"Lily" & "Samantha" ~ Ellen Margraff

Doug Kullerstand ~ Minakshi Ghuman
Doug Kullerstand ~ Adrienne May
Lillian Stevens ~ Paula Stevens
Julie Evans ~ Judith Yaros
Julie Evans ~ Marie Fortier
"Mimi" ~ Aram Daronatsy
In memory of all the Animals ~ Diane Galvin
Yvonne Biesen ~ Carol Bieson
"Candi" ~ Becky Pinney
Harry Groebner ~ Carl Dreher
Barbara Neal ~ Nancy Delprado
Mary M. Swisher ~ Catherine Swisher

In Honor ~ Donor

In Celebration of Suzanne Cooley's Birthday ~ Patricia Gonzales

Happy Birthday Marley! ~ Suki Martinez

Wall of Caring

"Cocoa" ~ Viktoria Voller



On August 2nd., the Humane Society had its 6th. annual low cost vaccination day. With the generous help of Dr. Young & Dr. Taylor from the Munster Animal Hospital we were able to vaccinate and do heartworm tests on over 200 pets. A thank you also goes to all the employees of Munster Animal Hospital that donated their time to help us. Special thanks goes to the shelter's Director of Shelter Operation, Freida White for organizing the whole event and making it run so smoothly!



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. You have made a wonderful difference in 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** and Lake Shore Paws Staff!
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.
Kate Fairbairn for planting and taking care of the beautiful flowers in the flower box.
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**, **Dwayne Moore**, Kennel Staff: **Felicia Sutton**, Social Media.
Ray Price for helping us around the shelter.
Amy Jalovecky, manager at the Tilted Kilt in Merrillville for allowing us to have a "Kilt Car Wash & Beer Garden" on June 21st., 2014. Thank you to the musical talents of **The Darren Enloe Band** the bands **RITO** and **The Rolling Jones**.
Thank you to **Pet Supplies Plus** in Crown Point for allowing us to have an Adopt-A-Thon on July 26th.
Thank you to the **"Rock 'N' Rollers"**, a music loving social club in Northwest Indiana. Thank you to the members and guests that donated mountain of much needed supplies. Several bands performed that day, including **The Robots**, **Darren Enloe Band**, **Rolling Jones** and **Mark Rongers**. Special thanks to **Charlotte and Keith Friedlund**.
Thank you to **Sgt. Darlene Brightenstein** of the Gary Police Department for organizing our 2nd. Annual "Poker Run For Puppies" bike run on September 13th. The event wrapped up at **Goodfellas** in Cedar Lake where the **Darren Enloe Band** hosted the post-run party. Thanks to the band, the riders, the various bar owners who helped and most of all to Darlene!
Thank you to the **Albanese Candy Factory** on U.S. 30 in Merrillville, IN for hosting a huge Adopt-A-Thon where many animals wound up finding their forever homes. Special thanks to retail manager **Jennifer Santelik** and the Albanese Staff. And thanks to **Dominique Albanese** for all her help!

Tom & Kate Fairbairn's Charlie



Tom & I volunteer to walk dogs every Saturday afternoon at the shelter. When we first saw Charlie, she was huddled in the corner of the outdoor kennel. I sat with her for awhile and then got her to go for a walk. A week later she looked like she was adjusting to kennel life. She recognized me with a wagging tail and gave me a ...take me home look! I walked her again and fell in love. I asked my husband Tom about taking her home to foster but he wasn't really sold on the idea, but agreed. (Good move to keep a happy wife!) He has since come to love her and she is blending in perfectly. Life can give you unexpected surprises and we need to be open for them. Charlie is no longer a foster but a permanent member of our family!



Just wanted to let you know that we love having Skipper as a part of our family. He has a basket of toys and I am constantly cleaning up after him! LOL. His favorite toy is his Froggy. Thank you for allowing us to adopt him. *The Cunninghams*

Helen came into the shelter as a stray. She was blind in both eyes. The vet thought it would be wise to remove the eye sockets to prevent any infections in the future. Helen was adopted to a wonderful home and the owner says she is doing fantastically. Helen was saved through our "Kitty Kare Fund" established by Donna Norkus, Heidi Nordbrock & Rima Krutlis.



ALUMNI



JASPER has a tremendous amount of energy! We took him to obedience class and the trainer thought he was a very smart dog and willing to please. He does great with his doggy door and walks well on a leash. He is a very good dog. He is very friendly when meeting strangers. In fact there's not a stranger that he does not like. We are so pleased to have him as a part of our family.

Roger Nash

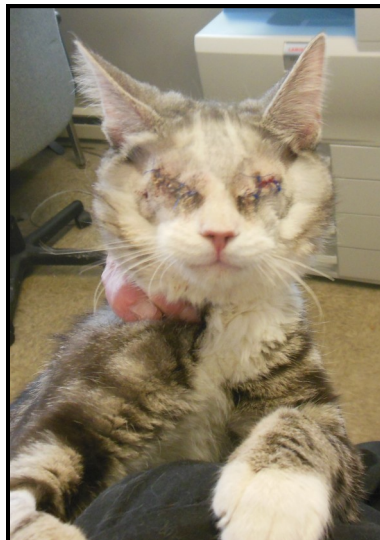


Gracie's Family
Jim, Kathy, & Karissa Candreva

Gracie is a beautiful long haired German Shepherd who had one thing working against her. She was 10 years old. Gracie was being kept in a garage, in a wire cage for at least 3 years! She was matted and unkempt. Her teeth were broken from trying to chew on the metal bars of her cage. With the *major help* and *tenaciousness* of one of our volunteers, Zita Vitkauskas, the owner finally relinquished Gracie. Then the first week of January, 2013, at the Munster Animal Clinic, a family who had just lost their long-time and beloved German Shepherd to bone cancer, saw a photo of Gracie and her need to be adopted. Fortunately they couldn't get Gracie out of their minds. About a week later, Gracie had a new and loving home! On January 12, 2013 she met her new family.

Now Gracie acts like a teenager. Running and playing, fetching the ball and getting lots of attention.

This happy ending brings to mind a very real point. Older dogs are very worthy of adoption. You will be surprised at what joy, love, companionship and loyalty they are capable of bringing to you and your family.



wish list

Pedigree Puppy Food

Purina Dog, Cat, Kitten Chow or any quality food without dyes.

Paper Towels

Clay Cat Litter

Clorox Bleach

Simple Green

Softscrub with Bleach

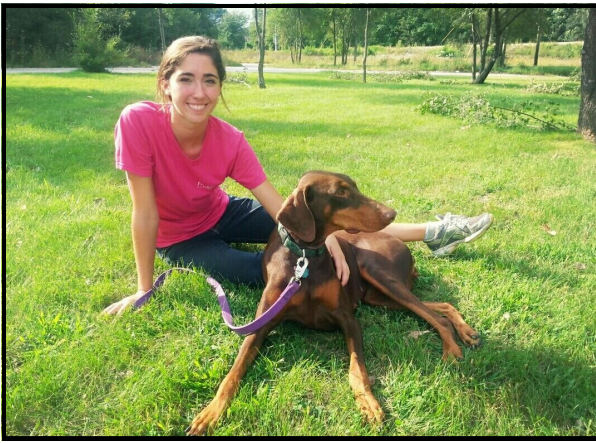
Large 55 Gallon Trash Bags

Mailing Stamps

Gift Cards to Petsmart, Petco, Menards, Home Depot, Office Depot, Walmart

KMR Kitten Formula

ESBILAC Puppy Formula

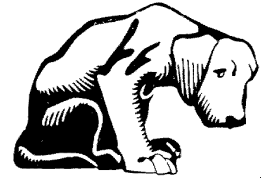


Mercy aka Mercedes & Hannah

We have shortened Mercedes' name to Mercy. Mercy has completed obedience training and my daughter Hannah is her true mom now. Hannah is more assertive with her and makes her follow through on commands but also picks her up and carries her around. Mercy is a very smart dog. She is a perfect fit for our home. Right now Mercy had no idea what to do with a ball but is now learning to hold it and play with it. Hannah has high hopes that she will play Frisbee next summer.
The Lichnerowicz Family

Resale Shop Update

The time frame of one year that we gave ourselves to open a resale shop has been disappointing. Unfortunately there was not enough funds donated to complete this project. We are very sad about this. There were many people that worked so very hard to bring in donations. Unfortunately we were not able to raise all the funds that it would take to successfully open a resale shop.



Special thank you to **Kathy Sargent, Barb Byczko, Janet Oblon** and all the ladies and gentlemen who spent so many hours and worked so diligently to help us.

We will be always grateful to all who helped and who wanted to make a difference!

The monies that were donated will be transferred to our capital improvement account.



Who got Lucky? We did!

In September 2005 we decided that Lola, our middle aged beagle, should have a four-legged companion. We headed out to the HSNi with another beagle or similarly-sized mix in mind. Betty Clayton, the Director, had another idea. There he was, a beautiful six year old yellow lab who had been brought into the shelter by the only family he had ever known.

Lucky was taking a strong seizure medicine daily, which affected his personality and his family's pocketbook. We almost grudgingly took him home, knowing we really didn't want a dog this big but also knowing that we were probably his only option.

With the help of an adjustment in his diet and slowing weaning him off his medication, a loving, playful personality emerged. He assumed the role as king of the castle and Lola was perfectly pleased to play princess.

We had Lucky for seven good years and we know that from his ever-present smile on his face that Lucky enjoyed a quality of life to the end despite some health challenges. Up to his last day, the smile never disappeared and the memory of it continues to remind us that we truly were the lucky ones!

Donna Norkus & Bill Taylor



It's a year since we adopted Oscar. He has turned out to be a great dog and very spoiled. He smiles a lot. Thanks for him. *Ruth Luna*

*Another way to donate
to the HSNi*

Please make a donation by visiting...

www.firstgiving.com/millercritters and read about "Hope's Fund". You can donate on line with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to our shelter by Firstgiving, who will e-mail you a printable record of your donation. Please send this page to your friends so that they too can donate.



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Thur. & Sun	Closed

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Bah Humbug!

