



## 🐾 🐾 **SPECIAL EVENTS** 🐾 🐾 **BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA** 🐾 🐾

Humane Society of Northwest Indiana receives no financial support from the national

Humane Society, the government, nor other such sources. We rely solely on adoption fees and the kind support and the generous donations of the residents and businesses of Northwest Indiana.

Our staff and volunteers do what we can to help raise funds to care for our animals and keep our shelter clean and running efficiently as we carry out our mission to help and better the lives of our region's homeless and abused animals. To that end, we plan and host a variety of public events that we encourage you to come out and support.

A reminder list of such upcoming events are found at the right of this page.

**THANK YOU** to all who came out and supported our most recent **"Pet Rock"** fundraiser this past April! We had a great time and had secured some amazing items for our auction portion of the night.

Inside this newsletter, are some photos from the event with more on our **"Pet Rock"** web page. Mark your calendar

now, because the next **"Pet Rock"** is booked at **County Line Orchard** in Hobart on **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017.**

We're calling next year's event, **"PET SHAM-ROCK 2017,"** because it will mash up the usual top live musical entertainment, tons of auction items, grab bags, full cash bar, etc., with the option of a tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner to kick off **St. Patrick's Day Week.**

This year, our annual HSNi **"Poker Run For Puppies"** has changed names and locations.



**"The Critter Run"** takes place **SEPT. 18.** We start and end our ride at **Leroy's Hot Stuff!** Big thanks to **Leroy, Don and**

**Lissa** for all your help on this!

Our hugely popular and money-saving **"LOW COST VACCINATION DAY"** is set for **SEPT. 24** at our shelter building (6100 Melton Rd.) in Miller/Gary, IN. This event is first come, first served as quantities are limited.

Look inside for more info on **Low Cost Vaccination Day** or call us at: **(219) 938-3339.**

Our **ANNUAL YARD SALE** will move to new site, yet to be determined. **More inside!**

**SUMMER  
& FALL  
2016**

**Paws & Read**  
HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, INC.

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## UPCOMING HSNI EVENTS!

**AUG. 13 3-6pm**  
**HUMANE SOCIETY NWI @ LAKE CO. FAIR**  
**Tom Lounges Ent., LLC** welcomes **HSNI** to **Bike Day Aug.13** w/**daily** booth in showcase tent (Aug.5-13)

**AUG. 27 3-6pm**  
**ALBANESE CANDY ADOPT-A-THON @ 5441 E U.S. 30 Hobart, IN**

Adoptable animals, DJ music, hot dogs & more!

**SEPT. 10 11am-3pm**  
**HOP-N-STOP MART ADOPT-A-THON 526 W. U.S. 30 Valparaiso, IN**

Adoptable animals on site.

**SEPT. 18 11am-1pm**  
**HSNI ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RUN @ LEROY'S HOT STUFF 333 W. U.S. Hwy. 20 Porter, IN**

Sign Up 11am-1pm with 2-7pm **"After Party"** w/ food, live bands & prizes.

**SEPT. 24 9am-1pm**  
**ANNUAL LOW COST VACCINATION DAY 6100 Melton Road Gary, IN**

Big Savings On Shots!  
Info: **(219) 938-3339**

**OCT. 1 1pm-5pm**  
**HUMANE SOCIETY CHILI COOK-OFF American Legion Post 6601 Hobart Rd. Miller/Gary, IN**

Cook Up & Enter your Favorite Chili Recipe.

**OCT. 23**  
**HSNI HALLOWEEN BASH**  
Details Will Be  
Announced on Web Site

# PET ROCK 2016: RE-CAPPING THE NIGHT!



**PET ROCK** entertainment included (top to bottom): **The Neverly Bros., The Spaniels Forever, Oscar & The Majestics and The Radio Memories Malt Shop Revue.**



On April 2, Humane Society of Northwest Indiana held it's annual "PET ROCK" fundraiser at County Line Orchard in Hobart, IN featuring live performances by **The Neverly Brothers, Oscar & The Majestics, Radio Memories** and a surprise appearance by **The Spaniels Forever**, as animals lovers bid on live and silent auction items, including many signed by such celebrities as — **Taylor Swift, Adele, Lady Gaga, Bad Company, Styx, Oak Ridge Boys, Black Sabbath, Ron Kittle, Ron Santo, Marvel Comic's Stan Lee**, the cast of "**Star Trek**," the cast of "**Star Wars**," and many others top stars of music, film and television.

Thanks to **Hayden Entertainment** for providing sound and lights. "Pet Rock" is an annual production of **Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC** on behalf of **Humane Society NWI**. View more photos of this year's "PET ROCK" at: [www.petrockanimalrescue.com](http://www.petrockanimalrescue.com).

(All photos by Erika Reva Manning)



(Left): Celebrity-signed guitars.



Congratulations to the husband and wife team of **TOM & KATE FAIRBAIRN** on being selected as **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's** first ever "Volunteers of the Year" and presented with a plaque recognizing their dedication and hard work on behalf of our shelter.

For the past few years, Tom and Kate have been volunteering their Saturdays at our shelter where they spend hours assisting our staff and walking our dogs around the grounds.

Kate is found each week spending time with and giving TLC to the animals in our care. Tom has a special bond and affection for our larger dogs and senior dogs, and he



is often there caring for them at our adopt-a-thon events throughout the year. This dedicated couple and truly beloved by all of our animals and very appreciated by our staff.

Although we have many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who give of themselves to help make the lives of our animals better, and appreciate them all for their time and efforts, there was no debate that Tom and Kate were deserving of receiving our shelter's first ever "**Volunteer of the Year**" award." Thanks to ALL who

volunteer — you are the life blood to our mission to help Northwest Indiana's homeless, lost and abused animals.



## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE! 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 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 continue getting a physical copy of the newsletter four times a year, we will be happy to keep mailing each new issue to you!





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

In our last newsletter we made mention of the extremely generous legacy bequest made to our shelter by the estate of late Northwest Indiana animal lover and rescue advocate

**Blanche Helfer** and how we planned to honor her generosity by rechristening our HSNI van in her memory. We are proud to say that in May, our newly re-wrapped "**Blanche Helfer Memorial Rescue Waggin**," hit the streets of Northwest Indiana. This van can be seen on the region's roadways and at all of our HSNI events! Also in May, we renamed the special room where our animals meet their new adoptive families as "**The Blanche Helfer Bonding**

### 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.**



**Room**," located just off the front lobby at our shelter.

In June, we dedicated the large room which is used as our nurturing center for very young animals who are in need of special attention and a little extra T.L.C as "**Frankie's Fun House**" per the wishes of **The Manna Family — Guy, Jean, Lisa, Jordon and Nicole** — whose generous donation helped us give this area a much needed makeover, including new paint and play pens.



~ **THANK YOU FOR THE HELPING HAND** ~



## HOBART HIGH SCHOOL PENNIES FOR PAWS!

In April, **The Writers' Club of Hobart High School** sponsored a collection of pocket change called "**Pennies for Paws**" benefitting **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** and raised \$300. Congratulations to **Mrs. Heidi Krouse's** science class, which won a free **Pizza Party** donated by **Papa John's Pizza in Merrillville**. Thanks to ALL who participated.

## ALBANESE CANDY ADOPT-A-THONS

Our animals love that **ALBANESE Candy Factory (5441 E. Lincoln Hwy)** in Merrillville invite **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** each summer to present a series of "**Adopt-A-Thon**" events from 12pm to 4pm featuring lots of adoptable animals, **DJ music**, and a grilled hot dogs. Our fourth and final 2016 Albanese Adopt-A-Thon happens **AUG. 27!**

## COUNTY LINE ORCHARD & PRIME CONVEYOR

For the last three years, Hobart's **County Line Orchard** has been the site of our biggest annual fundraiser - **PET ROCK** - which could not happen without the continued support of **Tom Collins, Ryan Richardson** and the excellent staff of the facility.

Likewise, we could not present this event each year without the many business sponsors who contribute funding. Our biggest sponsor being **Jim and Marilyn Robinson of Prime Conveyor of Merrillville**.

We were very happy to acknowledge their importance in presenting **PET ROCK** with special appreciation plaques to both **County Line Orchard's** management team and also to the owners of **Prime Conveyor** at our most recent event.



## Continuing "Tails" — Their Lives After HSNi



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

It is with great sadness that I inform the staff at the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana of the passing of our beloved Chula. We adopted her from your facility in 2005 when she was 4 years old. My husband, Rudy, and I knew from the day we brought her home that she was a very special dog. We could not understand how her previous family could just drop her off at an animal shelter after 4 years and just go on with their lives.

But we were the lucky ones to have rescued her. She not only walked by our side from day one, but she showed other beautiful traits as well. One week after bringing her home I was walking her on a trail that had some snow and ice left on it and clumsy me slipped and fell. Chula immediately came around to my left side and laid by me. I was amazed at this and watched for other God-given traits that this beautiful dog possessed. Amazingly, she continued to show them to us. If a child fell while playing, Chula

would run to that child and sit by her/him and lick their face.

On two or three occasions while on a walk with Rudy, she sensed that something was wrong and stopped the walk a couple of times. My husband was puzzled as to why she was doing this but he quickly got his answer. He is a diabetic and his sugar was dropping fast. Chula made him stop so he could realize this before going any further. They made it home and sure enough, Rudy almost passed out! Chula sensed something was off with Rudy and tried her best to warn him. She worked her magic and we thanked her big time.

I proceeded to have her tested to become a therapy dog and she passed with that too. We visited nursing homes, assisted living facilities, as well as having children read to her at the library. She was also the calming energy among not-so-calm dogs. Chula had the type of energy that Cesar Millan would be proud of.

As aging would have it, Chula was experiencing the aches and pains of old age. We could see it in her expressions that she wanted to run with our other two dogs but couldn't. One thing she loved and managed to do was walk along the shore at the beach. We could tell she was smiling and happy with her

paws in the wet sand. She would strut and wag that beautiful tail as she watched and listened to the seagulls.

On Oct 25, 2015, her leg gave out and she crashed to the floor. The ER vet gave us the dreaded news. Her bone was cancerous and had broke in an irreparable way. Amputation was not an option in our hearts for a 14 year old large dog. And, there was no way of knowing if the cancer wouldn't return and want to take more of her.

So, on Oct 26, we said our final goodbye to a most beautiful, loving creature. Chula, you are sorely missed by many. We'll see you when the time comes. We know you'll be waiting for us. Goodbye sweet Chula.

- Love forever, **Linda & Rudy**

Big thanks to **Erika Reva Manning** for providing her photography talents at our **"Picture Your Pet with The Easter Bunny"** event.

Look for Erika help us again as at our upcoming **"Halloween Costume Pet Party"** and our **"Picture Your Pet With Santa"** holiday party.

Pictured here with the bunny is **"ARCHER."**



## OUR WISH LIST

**Paper Towels**  
**Lysol Spray**

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**Purina Cat & Kitten Chow**  
**Small Bite Science Diet Puppy Food**  
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**Staples, Walmart, Meier,**  
**PetCo and PetSmart.**





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**DUKE**

Hello All,

I just thought I would give an update on Duke! He is fitting in wonderfully with us! He loves his blankies and taking walks. It's like he has always been here!

We had a vet visit yesterday afternoon, seems that Duke is in very good health with only a few old man skin problems. I am choosing to have a dental done and they will take care of some of those old man problems during the dental.

As promised, some pictures! Thanks so much for all you do!

— The Kennedy Family

Hello!

I adopted bear from north-western humane society last year and this was bear first Christmas with me and my family we just love him. I appreciate everything you guys do for the animals and just wanted to give you guys a update on Bear.

— Terence Jackson



**BEAR**

Hello,

I adopted Tugger last March. We were very busy this summer as we are active people and I did not have much time to get on the computer to email you any updates about about he how is doing! I attached a couple photos so you can see how big is has gotten since we picked up at. He weighed 18lbs when picked up him up! Now he is well over 70lbs! He has been a fast learner as well. He can wait to get a treat or toy after we throw or place it somewhere, he loves to play fetch and tug-of-war of course! he also knows sit, shake, rollover and even gives hi-fives! He loves to sleep in his bean-bag during the day and go on walks( which he get at least a 3 mile walk a day). We are glad we choose to adopt Tugger and could not be happier with how he has turned out!

— Kevin Speth



**TUGGER**

## **HSNI ANNUAL CRITTER RIDE**

Please join us on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** for our fourth annual end of summer **HSNI Critter Ride & After Party** to benefit **The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**.

Starts and ends at **Leroy's Hot Stuff** (333 Hwy 20) in Porter, IN. Donation \$20/single or \$30/couple. Includes t-shirt at sign up (*while they last*) and complimentary food buffet upon return. Sign up starts 11am. Leroy's has an AYCA Breakfast Buffet from 10am-12pm (\$7). Last bike out at 1pm. Bikes back at 4pm.

The **HSNI After Party** produced by Tom Lounges Entertainment will run from 4pm-7:30pm, and includes food buffet at 4pm for riders (\$10 for non-riders). Live musical performances are being donated for the **After Party** by the popular region classic rock bands **DREAMZ** and **SCAMP**, with stage production donated by **Gr8 Soundz**.

There will also be raffles and a few special silent auction items to bid on at the party. All proceeds benefit the **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**.



## **HSNI ~ TAG DAYS ~**

Our **TAG DAYS** are a steady means of fundraising for our shelter and we could not do them without the hard work of our Volunteer Coordinator and Board Member **Mary Ann Massa** and her amazing team of volunteers! Our

next **TAG DAY** is 11am-3pm **AUGUST 13** at the **HOBART WALL MART**.



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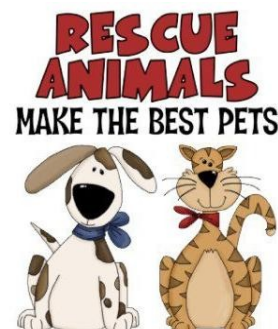
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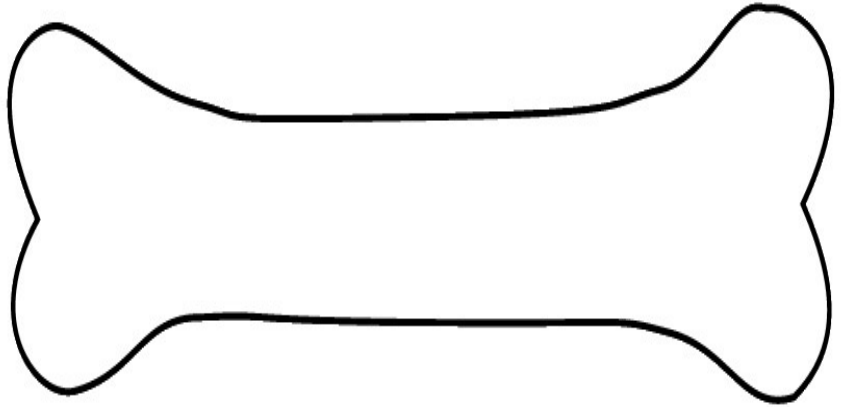
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## HSNI ANNUAL END OF SUMMER "YARD SALE FOR ANIMALS"

For the last three years, the animals in our care have been greatly helped by the funds raised at our giant annual yard sale in Merrillville. However, this year we recently learned that **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** must find a new location to hold this event which has become an important part of our annual fundraising efforts.

Please watch our web site — [www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org](http://www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org) — and **Facebook** pages for updated details on just **WHERE** and **WHEN** the event will take place. Please support it with donations of gently used items to sell, and by also by coming out and purchasing some of the donated treasures sure to be discovered. We will also **E-Blast** those who are on our email and electronic newsletter lists with updated details. In the meantime, please begin dropping of your "HSNI Yard Sale" donations at our shelter — **6100 Melton Road, Gary, IN 46403**.



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## LOW COST VACCINATION DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th ~ 9am to 1pm

Our busiest day of the year at our shelter building is our annual "**Low Cost Vaccination Day**" which will be taking place on **September 24** from **9am to 1pm** (supplies are limited so vaccinations are given on a first come, first serve basis). For the cost of **\$35** your dog will receive their parvo, distemper and rabies vaccines. For additional **\$10**, your dog can receive a heartworm test.

All dogs **must** be in carriers or on leashes. **No exceptions. Do not bring sick animals to the clinic.** Consult with your regular veterinarian if your animal is ill or injured before bringing it in for vaccinations.

Aggressive animals may be turned away and referred to private veterinarians where their special needs can be better accommodated. If your dog requires a muzzle to see the vet or be around other dogs, please put one on **before** you visit our shelter. There will be many dogs on site this day.



**HUMANS** BUY ME...  
**HUMANS** OVER BREED ME...  
**HUMANS** CUT MY EARS OFF...  
**HUMANS** BEAT ME...  
**HUMANS** MAKE ME FIGHT...

and i'm the one they want to ban?  
i'm the one who gets the bad rap?  
i'm the one you fear??



