



**WINTER
2016-2017
NEWSLETTER**

Paws & Read

HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, INC.

SANTA CLAUS will visit *The American Legion Hall #279* once again as the special guest at the annual -- **Humane Society Northwest Indiana Holiday Party.**

Bring your furry friends and four-legged family members to take photos with Santa for custom holiday greeting cards and family keepsakes. Photos will be given on a memory stick to take home, for unlimited reproductions.

A variety of light refreshments will be served for those who purchase a photo sitting, along with holiday gift baskets and holiday items for purchasing. Among the items will be our HSNi T-shirts, a new line of car magnets, a variety of scented candles and more!

Thanks to **Debbie Ballinger** and **The American Legion Ladies Unit #279**, for hosting this event for our animals. **Cost: \$10** per person (not per animal...bring 'em all!)



*Make A
Holiday Memory
with your
furry friends!*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 1pm - 4pm
@ AMERICAN LEGION #279 - 6601 Hobart Rd, Gary, IN
 — Full Bar and Food Available —
More: (219) 938-3339 or (219) 938-9856

SAVE THE DATE! ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 11th
PET "SHAM"-ROCK

The beautiful **County Line Orchard** in Hobart will once again be the site for our annual "**PET ROCK**" fundraiser, as produced by **Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC.**

Only this year, the event will have a wee bit of an Irish theme as it is being held the week prior to **St. Patrick's Day** — so this year, we have come to call it "**PET "SHAM"-ROCK** — as we will be

serving up **corned beef and cabbage dinners** with all the trimmings during the early portion of the event. Children will have an alternate dinner option of a **corndog and mac 'n' cheese.**

Tickets: **\$30 advance / \$35 at door.** All tickets include the dinner and the concert. Dinners served from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

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UPCOMING HSNI EVENTS!

SAT. DEC. 10th
1:00pm - 4:00pm
HUMANE SOCIETY NWI
"PICTURE YOUR PET"
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR ANIMALS
AMERICAN LEGION #279
6601 Hobart Rd. Gary, IN
 Santa Claus, Refreshments,
 holiday baskets and our
 mini holiday gift shop!

FRI. DEC. 16th
6:30pm - 9:30pm
SANTA PAWS
FUNDRAISER
@ SERVICE DOCTOR
 5134 E 80th Ave
 Merrillville, IN
 Animals will be on site, live
 holiday entertainment by
RADIO MEMORIES
 and dinner & refreshments.

SAT. MARCH. 11th
5:00pm - 10:30pm
HUMANE SOCIETY NWI
PET "SHAM"-ROCK
@ County Line Orchard
 200 S. County Line Road
 Hobart, IN
 Live music, corned beef &
 cabbage dinner, silent and
 live auction. Celebrity items
 and much, much more!

**KEEP UP WITH NEWLY
 ADDED EVENTS AT:**
www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org

PET "SHAM"-ROCK

"Bluz Brothers" back by Demand!

Because you asked for it — **THE BLUZ BROTHERS** : "A Tribute to Jake & Elwood" -- who performed two years ago at **PET ROCK** are coming back to get tail feathers a'shakin' once again to help our shelter and our animals at this, our biggest single fundraiser of the year.

Special guests -- **THE SPANIELS FOREVER** -- were such a hit with the audience and a delight to work with the "Croonin' For Critters" event this past November at Memorial Opera House, we are bringing them back for an encore performance. Co-emcee this year is **Miss Indiana 1964** and '60s film and TV actress, **Charlie Smith** (*Elvis films, Monkees, Wild Wild West*, etc.)

As noted on *Page 1* of this newsletter, this year's event combines our annual **PET ROCK** and our **ST. PAT'S PARTY**, on **Saturday, March 11** — thus becoming **PET "SHAM"-ROCK** — complete with a corned beef and cabbage



dinner option and St. Pat's decorations.

As always, many celebrity-signed items will be brought in for silent and live auction through **Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC**, with all proceeds from the auction donated to **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**.



Among celebrity-signed items confirmed at press time: **Joe Walsh** (*Eagles*), **Lyle Lovett**, **Oak Ridge Boys**, **Dennis DeYoung** (*Styx*), **Robert Earl Keen**, **Ted Nugent**, **Paul Rodgers** (*Bad Company*), **The Zombies**, **Peter Noone** (*Herman's Hermits*), **The Ides of March**, **Mickey Gilley**, **Ian Anderson** (*Jethro Tull*), **Ritchie Blackmore** (*Rainbow/Blackmore's Night*), and others.

Some of the highlights for this year's auction already in are: a guitar signed by **Bad Company**, a tour commemorating **Joe Walsh** platinum LP, a **Dave Clark Five**-related rare DVD, a signed book from *NY Times'* best-selling author,



James Patterson, and items from **Taylor Swift**, **Adel** and other top stars.

There will also be many themed baskets, concert and event tickets, gift cards, and plenty of non-celebrity items.



SATURDAY, MARCH 11
@ COUNTY LINE ORCHARD
 200 S. County Line Rd., Hobart, IN
 Doors: 5:00pm / Music: 6:00pm
 Full Bar & Food Available
 Silent & Live Auction
 Group Discounts (10 or more)
 Ticket info: (219) 938-3339



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

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.

UPGRADE & NEW LOOK: Our back room where nursing mothers have some quiet time, kittens play and special animals (like Gonzo our pot-bellied pig) sometimes visit has a new look. Thanks to Bryan for his hard work and time in erecting the beautiful polished brick corrals for our critters. Come visit the shelter and see his handiwork.



WE'LL MISS YOU PATTY... On October 7, 2016 one of our most loyal volunteers — **Patty Urbanski** — was called home and will most assuredly continue to care for beloved animals who have crossed over the *Rainbow Bridge*. Patty and her husband **Ted Urbanski** have been very involved with our various HSNi fundraisers for years — selling tickets, picking up donations, serving food, etc.— the Urbanskis always stepped up when and where they were needed.

THANK YOU PATTY for your dedicated service and deep love for our animals. We have already missed you at our events and your absence at this year's **PET ROCK**, which you loved so much, will be felt greatly. You were a blessing to us and so many others. We are happy Ted will continue on as a volunteer with **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**, and carry on the good work he did with Patty.

Please Don't Give Animals As Gifts!

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It's that time of year, when we are in search of the perfect gift for our children and or loved ones. Every year animals are purchased and given as gifts. Immediately after the holidays animal shelters across the nation see an influx of puppies, kittens, pot-bellied pigs, rabbits, etc. That cute puppy that our young child saw on a popular movie, or at the pet store that they just *"had to have,"* quickly loses its pizzazz, and they are taken to shelters.

Pictured to the right is **GONZO**, the potbellied pig that came to Humane Society of Northwest Indiana a couple of months ago. Gonzo was purchased by a woman after she saw the commercial where the couple is walking there miniature pig down the street heading to the bank. Admittedly, that commercial is cute and the little piggy has that "Awwww" factor. Potential owners want small, dog like animals such as pigs and don't take the time to research what their true needs are or potential health issues that come with "designer animals."

Gonzo is the fourth pig our shelter has seen in the last few years. Although we loved having Gonzo with us and people loved seeing him at our recent Adopt-A-Thons, none seriously inquired about taking him home and making a place for him in their family, even though



he was house-broken and so good natured. Gonzo needed a good home, so our shelter recently transferred him to an Indianapolis Pig Rescue that has much success placing sweet little guys like Gonzo into loving homes. He is spending the holidays there while awaiting his forever home. We love you sweet Gonzo and the way you made "us" squeal with delight with your cute antics.

The point of this article is to remind everyone to — **SHOP SMART!** Please don't buy a loved one an animal for the holidays. A better choice is to offer support to someone who is thinking of getting an animal. Encourage them to check out the shelters and visit animals to see which potential pet meets their needs and living situation. Get them a gift card, not a pet! Let them choose an animal that fits their needs — **WHEN THEY ARE READY.**



ZAO Halloween Party & Costumed Pet Photos



RECENT HSNI FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana is 100% self-funded. Our day to day expenses and the costs of caring for animals, is covered entirely by the generous donations of local residents and local businesses, through our adoption fees, and by doing our independent and local fundraising events. We get no funding from the national Humane Society of the United States.

We just could not exist and do the job we do — helping the lost, homeless and abused animals of our region — without the continued assistance and



Rock And Rollers Picnic

kind support of our volunteers and local businesses like those who helped us with these recent summer/fall fundraising events.

Every summer, the “sweet” management a **Albanese Candy Factory** welcomes HSNI to host a series of monthly **Adopt-A-Thons** with our animals, music by **DJ Tom Lounges**, a team of volunteers selling HSNI merchandise and introducing our shelter to the public. From May through August, we once again found ourselves visiting Albanese, where several animals met folks

who gave them forever homes.; while also raising funds from sales and donations. We also did **Adopt-A-Thons** at the **Stop ‘N Go** gas station in Valparaiso and the new **Pawn King** pawnshop in Merrillville. Thanks to the management and staff at those local businesses for partnering with us. Look for us to be back at all of those locations in 2017 when the warm weather returns.



HSNI Annual Giant Yard Sale

live music scene, encouraged members to bring a “Wish List” item to the summer food event at the Lake County Fairgrounds, and once again, these great folks managed to fill our “**Blanch Helfer Rescue Waggin**” van up with much needed supplies, along with making cash donations to care for our critters. Long may they rock!



The Spaniels Forever

The annual “**HSNI Motorcycle Critter Run**” was moved to **Leroy’s Hot Stuff** in neighboring Porter, just down U.S. 20 a ways from our shelter building and we had over 100 riders roll out to enjoy the beautiful day on the open road. Thanks to **Leroy Flores** and the entire Leroy’s staff. Also to local rockers — **DreamZ**, **Greg Ashby**, **Scamp** and **GR8 Soundz Audio** — for providing the afternoon and evening live entertainment.

“**The Annual HSNI Giant Yard Sale**” moved inside this year to the Lake County Fairgrounds and under the direction and watchful eye of HSNI volunteer **Lynette Dobrowolski**, the sales for this event set a new record. Lots of animals have been helped thanks to Lynette, her crew and all the wonderful people who answered our call to donate gently used items to sell.



Meet The Beetles

The local country/pop band **Capernaum** invited HSNI to partner with them for their Halloween performance at **ZAO Island** in Valparaiso and the event grew in leaps and bounds as the weeks progressed to include photos with pets, three hours of trunk or treating supported by local businesses, a kids’ costume contest, and of course a live performance by Capernaum. Thanks to the band members, to **Woody Wyatt**, **John Dudlicek**, **Mark & Julie Stutler**, and to **Debbie Ogden** at **ZAO**.

Our fall season wrapped up at **Memorial Opera House** where management and staff provided the historic concert venue for our annual fall concert produced by **Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC**; this year featuring **The Spaniels Forever** and Fab Four tribute group, **Meet The Beetles**, along with celebrity emcee **Arlene “Charlie” Smith**. Big thanks to **Scot PJ MacDonald**, **Stacy Ruiz** and **Scott “Stretch” Miller** for all their kindness, support and hard work.

Critter Run @ Leroy’s



If you have adopted an animal from Humane Society of Northwest Indiana, we would like you to share your animal's a second chance success story." Below are two just such stories...



COCO & STELLA - Strays Become Best Buddies

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving I realized how thankful I am to have worked with our shelter in Miller Beach and witnessed some amazing pet rescues and happy stories. One of those stories applies to me too – I lost my dear pet of 15 years in January of 2015. **Natasha** was a rescue dog off the streets of Gary and she had an immeasurable impact on my life, so I was very depressed when she passed. One day in March of 2015, HSNI Executive Director **Freida White** called me and said I needed to stop at the shelter – so I did. What greeted me was this 6 lb little black and white pup (*Shih Poo mix*) the shelter had named **Oreo**; who had been tossed out after someone broke her hip. I wasn't sure this was my next pet but when I picked her up, she snuggled into

my neck and sort of cooed, and when I tried to put her back she put up a fight and I realized this was destiny. So I adopted **Oreo**, and renamed her **Coco** after my sister commented how she had the coloring of a Coco Chanel outfit. So Coco went home with me. She slept a lot at first and looked quite pathetic since she also had a skin problem that was being treated in addition to her hip healing. But her incredible spirit amazed me and she quickly became attached to my side. Within a week her spirit had blossomed and she was sitting directly on my laptop when I tried to work from home with her. After a couple months with my new puppy I realized she had a lot of energy and decided to look for a companion dog. So I called Freida. The next thing I knew, **Stella** (6 year old *Westie/Schnauzer mix*) was part of my family too. Stella had bounced around to a number of families and had spent a lot of time running the streets of Gary. She didn't really know how to play with another dog – but Coco soon fixed that -- and now they are best of friends and play constantly. So I'm thankful everyday I get to share with these sweet girls. Thank you HSNI! — **Jerry Kanies**

PEBBLES - Love Leads to a Legacy Gift

During the holiday season, it is extremely important to think about others and not just yourself. That is why we are donating products to The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana in our dog's name: Pebbles. Our family adopted Pebbles (who was our first dog) in the summer of 2006 from your shelter. We could not have asked for a better and nicer dog.

Pebbles became a big part of our family, and we loved her very much. Sadly, lives do not last forever. This past August, we had to let Pebbles go, after spending nine wonderful years with her. Don't worry, Pebbles had lived a happy and long life, and she was loved by everyone.

So in her honor, we have decided to donate some supplies to your shelter in her name, because I am sure that is what she would have wanted.

We hope that other families can find a new family member at Humane Society of Northwest Indiana just like we did.

— **The Canul Family**



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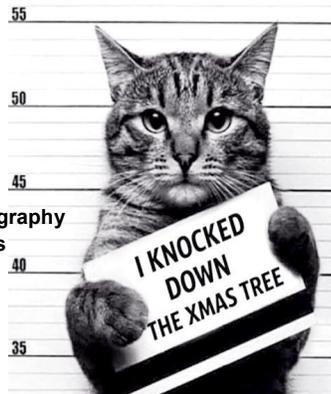
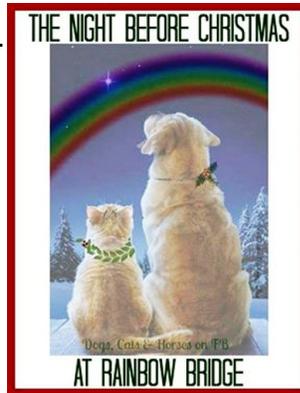
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AND DOGS DESERVE TO HAVE A
"MERRY CHRISTMAS" MORNING
WITH PRESENTS TOO!**



RESOLVE TO ADOPT!

SANTA PAWS

Please join us as our good friends as **THE SERVICE DOCTOR** host the "**SANTA PAWS FUNDRAISER**" to benefit the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16** from **6:30-9:30pm** with Christmas Carols sung by vocal duo **RADIO MEMORIES** featuring **The Dentons**, plus holiday music by **DJ Tom Lounges**.

Pasta Bar with Chef Jason and refreshments **7pm-8:30pm**, holiday cheer, and even some animals from the shelter on site hoping to meet **YOU!**

The Service Doctor is located at 5134 E. 80th Ave. in Merrillville, IN (off U.S. 30 - just across from Albanese Candy).



Support While You Shop: HSNi Has Great Stocking Stuffers!



The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's Gift Shop has the scents of Christmas and Winter in stock. We have a great selection of **Pet Odor Exterminator Candles** in an array of scents that include holiday staples like "Pumpkin & Spice," "Cinnamon Apple," "Gingerbread," and others. Our HSNi t-shirts, fleece blankets, and car magnets also make great gifts for the animal lovers on your list, and all the proceeds help the animals in our care.

I was a Craigslist "Free Dog"



Now I'm a Craigslist victim