



Paws & Read

HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA WINTER 2019-2020 Quarterly Newsletter

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

That means it's time to gather up your well behaved and lovable family furballs and bring them for a visit to our shelter where they can "woof" and "meow" their gift requests into the rosy red ears of the jolly ol' elf, **SANTA CLAUS**, as they wiggle onto his lap to get their holiday photos taken with him.

SANTA will be visiting **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana** on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th** from 11am to 3pm as we host our annual holiday "**Open House.**" There will be light refreshments served, along with hot coffee, tea,

hot coco, and more. It would be a great time to purchase some items from our merchandise area for pet lovers on your list. It would also be a great time to drop off new toys for our shelter critters so they too can have a bright and happy Christmas morning.

The Open House is free to attend, but a **minimum** donation to the shelter of **\$10** is requested for a photo with Santa.

Photos will once again be taken by our friend **Erica Reva** of **Reva Photography**. Call shelter for more information and details at: **(219) 938-3339**.



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HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA
6100 Melton Road (Rt. 20)
Gary, Indiana
(219) 938-3339

HSNI relies solely on adoption fees and the very kind support and donations from our NWI neighbors and local businesses to keep operating. Without YOU, our animals have no hope and no refuge.



fed and healthy until we can find them a forever home.

PET ROCK 2020 will happen on **Saturday, March 21st** this year and once again be held at beautiful and spacious **County Line Orchard** in Hobart, Indiana. Doors open at **5pm**, music will begin at **6pm** with a short acoustic set by a very special guest artist, followed by **MR. FUNNYMAN BAND**, who return by popular demand.

As always, we will have a silent auction with several tables chock full of amazing gift baskets, signed celebrity items, and special event tickets. There will also be a few bigger items which will be offered up in a live auction. We need donations for this year's auction.

More info on **PET ROCK 2020** on **Page 2** and **Page 4**.

HERE'S AN IDEA! Give **TWO** gifts at once this holiday, by purchasing advance tickets for our **PET ROCK 2020** event for rockers and pet lovers on your gift giving list!

For the price of one gift, you have a great surprise to put under the tree for someone special, **AND** you will be someone special to homeless animals in our care, because you are also giving them a gift. Your money will help us keep our critters well



**MR. FUNNYMAN BAND RETURNS
PET ROCK 2020**

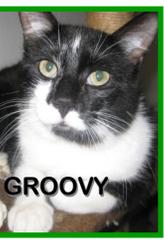


HSNI UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS

Find Updates at ... www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org



SAVE THESE DATES & COME SEE US!



All animals shown above were available for adoption at the time of this printing.

HSNI HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & PHOTOS WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 / 11am-3pm
HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA
 6300 Melton Rd. (Rt. 20), Gary, IN

Be sure to stop by our shelter for the annual Humane Society of Northwest Indiana Holiday Open House, and bring your favorite, well-behaved critters to get cool new photos of your beloved fur babies with jolly old elf, **Santa Claus**. These photos are great to send to friends and family via social media, or as the cover of your holiday cards, or even as stocking-stuffers. Take a tour of our shelter, meet our staff and some of our volunteers, while enjoying some tasty refreshments. This is also a great time to donate much needed supplies, including **new chew toys** that will be given out to our dogs and cats on Christmas morning. See our *Wish List* on Page 5.

"TAILS OF LOVE"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 / 4:30-7:30pm
THE SERVICE DOCTOR FAMILY OF BUSINESSES
 5150 East Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), Hobart, IN

This annual event hosted by our shelter's good friends and steadfast business supporter -- **The Service Doctor Family of Businesses**. It's a sociable fundraiser featuring a bar (beer, wine and cocktails), wonderful food prepared by the staff of **U-COOK**, several gift basket raffle opportunities, and musical entertainment.

There will also be some adoptable animal ambassadors from the shelter on hand representing the many critters in our care who would love to tug on your heartstrings in the homes of getting a forever home. This is a delightful party to kick off one's **Valentine's Weekend**.



"PET ROCK 2020"

SAT., MARCH 21 @ COUNTY LINE ORCHARD
 200 S. County Line Rd, Hobart, IN 5pm-11pm

Our talented friends and fellow animal lovers **MR. FUNNYMAN BAND** are coming back by popular demand for an unprecedented third consecutive year as the headline performers for this annual HSNI event that features not only great live music and dancing and food, but also offers a silent

and live auction for hundreds of items, including some signed items from many of our musical celebrity supporters.

2020 SPRING CRITTER RUN

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 / 11am Sign-Up
@ LEROY'S HOT STUFF
 333 Hwy. 20, Porter, IN

The date is set to get your motors running and head out to the highway for the sake of our HSNI animals! HSNI is partnering up with our good friends **Leroy** and **Don** at **LEROY'S HOT STUFF** to host another of our annual **SPRING CRITTER RUNS**. Sign-up at 11am, first bikes out at 12 Noon. Whether you ride or not, you are welcome to join us for the "After Party" with live musical performances by two awesome region bands to be announced soon online. Check our web site and FB pages for updates: www.HumaneSocietyNorthwestIndiana.org.

8th ANNUAL GIANT YARD SALE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 & 4
@ LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 889 South Court St., Crown Point, IN 8am-3pm

YES! We did just wrap up the 2019 Yard Sale, but we already have the 2020 date! Save **OCTOBER 3 & 4** on your 2020 calendars so you don't forget to attend our **8th Annual HSNI Giant Yard Sale** held inside the **Family Arts & Crafts Building** at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point.

Start thinking about donating gently used items you no longer have need for or use; as we will start collecting items in the early summer for this fundraising event.

5th ANNUAL HSNI MOH CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020 / 6-10pm
@ THE HISTORIC MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE
 104 E. Indiana Ave., Valparaiso, IN 8am-3pm

In years past, we have been blessed by **Scot PJ McDonald** and the staff of **Memorial Opera House**, to host an annual live concert fundraiser to help continue our mission of helping the homeless, abandoned and abused animals of the area find better lives and happy homes. More on this event very soon!

- 1) **BUDDY** is a 1-year-old Pit Mix.
- 2) **BRONSON** is a 6-month-old Kitten.
- 3) **BEAR** is a Young Pit Bull.
- 4) **GROOVY** is a 1-year-old Cat
- 5) **BONNIE** is a Young Mixed Pup.
- 6) **SPYDER** is a 2-year-old Pit Mix.



WHETHER SHOPPING ONLINE FOR HOLIDAYS OR ANYTIME, PLEASE BE SURE TO SELECT **HUMANE SOCIETY NORTHWEST INDIANA**



AS YOUR CHARITY WHEN SHOPPING WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.COM





DEAR OLLIE Advice For Dogs From A Dog!

Dear Ollie,

Every year, just about a week before Christmas, our family, including one dog, which is me, and our brindle cat named Sylvia, gathers around the fireplace while Grandpa Harry reads, Clement Moore's 1822 poem, *"Twas a Night Before Christmas"*. What infuriates me is the idea that eight tiny reindeer are leading the sleigh full of toys and St Nicholas too. Come on, everyone knows reindeer don't lead sleds, dogs do, and Ollie, I am the dog that could. So, why didn't Moore choose a team of Siberian Huskies to pull the sleigh? That's what we do in competition. If he could imagine a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, why not imagine eight tiny huskies?

-- Letty, a disappointed husky in South Bend, Indiana

Dear Letty,

Yes Letty, there is a Santa Claus and this tiny St. Nick was in need of transportation, so he harnessed eight tiny reindeer to a miniature sleigh to do that job. But Christmas is a time of magic and not a time to over-analyze every little thing. Some stuff has to be taken on faith. Am I right?

Sure, we know that reindeer can travel up to 32 miles an hour; it would take 778 hours to encircle the 24, 901 mile circumference of the globe. So, no one harnesses them to pull anything. It's just not practical. But in the world of make believe or imagination, anything can and does happen.

Moore wrote this Christmas poem for his own children. His imagination opened the door of possibility for a miniature St. Nick to carry a bag of toys on his back while scooting down chimneys all over the world.

But now, we must go back to your question. Sure, a team of Huskies can drive a real sled because you guys have been clocked at 30 mph too! But the question here is whether they should or could lead a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too.

Let me have you read this line from the poem -- *"When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer."* That is just charming. Now, here's the rewrite as per your suggestion, Victor -- *"When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny Husky dogs."* Ugh. Writers have been shot for better poetry than that.

To my point, here's more from Moore -- *"And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, the prancing and pawing of each little hoof."* Try substituting this -- *"And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof the running and scratching of each little paw."* And that's my point Victor. Lighten up and don't be so dogged and super determined to re-write Moore's Christmas poetry.

December is the month of magical, mystical times, imagination, wonder, love, hope and redemption. So, turn your attention to believing in the spirit of Christmas and all the good things the season brings for dogs and cats who believe in Santa or St. Nicholas. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



Ollie, Your friend in Fur and his woman-human, **Viktoria Voller**

"Love is a four legged word."

Dogs have a natural instinct to have a den type setting where they feel safe and secure. Training your dog to see their crate as that safe place to go to is important for success. The crate is never to be used as a punishment. Successful crating for your dog can be very helpful for many reasons. It can be a very useful tool in house training between the times you take them outside since we know a dog will generally not go to the washroom where they eat or sleep. It can keep them and your household safe when you are away. It can also provide a great alternative for you and your dog for those times when they may feel stressed such as when guests are over or when there is heightened activity in your home.

When choosing a crate you don't want a crate that is so big that it allows the opportunity for the dog to go to the washroom on one end and sleep on the other end. You really only need a crate that is 4 to 6 inches wider and deeper than the dog's size. If you have a puppy and your dog will be growing to a much bigger size, you will want to get a metal crate that will give you the option to use an adjustable divider as the puppy grows.

When you begin crate training you will want to place the crate where the family is at most of the time such as the living room so the dog does not feel isolated. You can bring it to your bedroom when you go to sleep at night. Leave the crate door open so your dog can go in and out freely when you are not keeping your dog in there. Reward your dog when he goes in the crate on his own. Place a towel or blanket over the crate to give the crate the den affect. Put a blanket or bed in the crate along with some of your dog's favorite safe toys. Then begin interacting with your dog around the crate throughout the day and evening. Toss favorite treats in the crate when your dog is not looking so they can be a pleasant surprise. Sit at the crate door with your dog and toss treats or kibble in and around the crate. Begin saying "Go to your crate" or "Kennel" as your dog

Takacs's Training Tips



CRATE TRAINING YOUR DOG



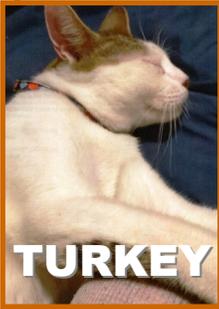
enters followed by a treat reward so that it is learning the cue to go to the crate. Play with your dog around the crate tossing toys in that it will have to go and bring back to you. Play tug of war with your dog in the crate and you are outside. You don't want your only interaction with you, your dog and the crate to be when you are putting your dog in there. Do not force your dog into the crate before it is ready to go in so that you do not risk your dog having a negative impression of the crate. Crate train at your dog's pace.

Once your dog is happily accepting of the crate you can begin feeding your dog in the crate. You can also give your dog a Kong chew toy full of frozen food in the crate. When your dog is eating in the crate, close the door and reopen it as soon as they are done. Add more time before opening the door as they can handle it. You can then at this point begin putting them in there at other times using treats to help them enter and then close the door. Sit by them for a short time and then leave to another room. Add more time away as they can handle it. If your dog begins to whine do not let them out right away as they will think this is the way to have you let them out. Wait to see if they can stop whining after a few minutes. If the whining goes on for long periods of time before stopping that means you have to go back in the process and help your dog to gain a greater acceptance of the crate with shorter periods of time. Once your dog can go 30 minutes without expressing any fear or anxiety when it is out of your sight then you can begin leaving the house for short periods of time and adding time as your dog can handle it. Do not make leaving a big event by saying good bye to your dog. This will help your dog not to become anxious when you leave.

For more about help in training your dog, contact **Chris Takacs** at (219) 689-0180 or by email at: chris@takacsdogtraining.com.

HSNI "HAPPY TAILS OF SUCCESS"...

"TURKEY" Splashing with Joy



TURKEY

I just wanted to say "thank you for **TURKEY**. He is adjusting very well; loves his belly scratched and has to be touching one of us constantly. It turns out that he loves water and we can't keep him out of the toilet, where he loves to stick his paws in and splash around. So, he tends to be wet a lot!! Again, thank you so very

much for letting us make him a part of our family. I think he is very happy and he will definitely have a great life with us!

- Christine Akemon



BLAKE: A Leap of Faith!

I moved to Gary, Indiana from Northern California in May 2019 and lived alone with two birds, and an outside cat I feed that came with the house, but I'd been wanting a dog my entire life. My friend Kit said I should get one. A week later, I discovered **Humane Society of NW Indiana** and stopped in, where I met **Blake the Rottweiler**. We came face to face, and I was handed the leash and took him for a walk. He didn't pull and was well behaved, what I call "easy" on the leash. I filled out an application, but because I'd never had a dog before, I was afraid I'd get turned down. Blake is huge (100 lbs), but I was confident he and I would get along just fine and I conveyed that assurance to Maryann who was at the HSNI counter.

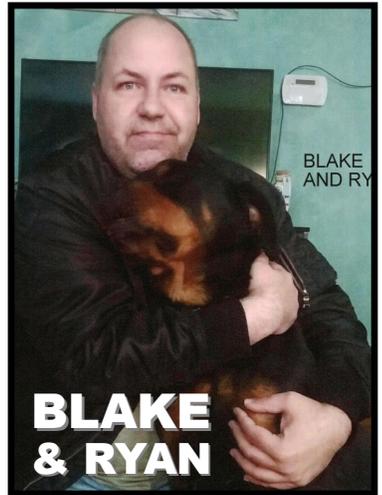
I met Blake on a Saturday and by the following Monday, I was anxious to know if I'd been given the 'green light' to adopt him. Sure enough, by noon, I got the call. Maryann said I could come pick him up. I was nervous and I think he was nervous as I put Blake in the car, but I knew things would work out fine. He needed a bath, and to my surprise Maryann said they had a groomer at the shelter who would take care of it. She did an awesome job and I then scheduled a veterinary appointment for a check-up.

Blake was surprised to see he had his own big bed and plenty of food waiting for him he got "home" and I've been giving him lots of love every day since. Each morning, our routine is to give ourselves 20 minutes to wake up, then we go outside so he can do his "business" before going on a 20-40 minute walk before eating breakfast.

Blake loves my two cockatiels **Brenda & Sidney** and he is very curious about the out door cat, **Silvia**. We are having a great time getting to know each other and I have no regrets about adopting him because it was clearly the right decision.

If those who are thinking of getting a pet and if they can make the investment it takes to properly take care for one, I highly suggest going to the **Humane Society of NW Indiana** and just taking the leap! Like me, you'll have no regrets.

-- Ryan Zink



BLAKE & RYAN

"BUBBLES" Mama's Little 'Wild Child'



BUBBLES

Hello HSNI Friends...

It's just **Bubbles** here, giving you an update on my life in my new home in New Buffalo, Michigan. Boy, do I love it here! Everyday is a new adventure and I never knew life could be this fun! My pal **Benji** and I stay outside if the weather is nice and we have a garage to go in with nice 'off the ground beds' to nap on if we choose to catch a few 'Zzzzzz' between our play sessions.

Speaking of playing...there's toys our there and lots of birds and squirrels to bark at in our yard. When 'Mom' Linda comes home, that's the most fun of all, because she plays with me! There's balls, squeaky toys and treats in the afternoons for me.

After we play, 'Mom' tries to teach me some new words and what they mean, but I really have no interest in learning words like... 'Off,' or 'Down,' 'Sit' or 'No.' But still, she talks to me about those words every day. After that, I just want to play again.

Is it any wonder she calls me her 'wild child?' I play hard, fast and usually for a very long time. Although I'm tired from playing so much, I don't like bed time, because I never want to stop.

I know that I don't know all the rules here yet, but I do know that this is such a good life, so maybe I should start trying to pay better attention and learn those words, so 'Mom' will be happy, because I know she loves me, even when I have an accident in the house or chew up her blanket.

I'm very glad all of you at HSNI took such good care of me until I got here, and even though you will always be my friends and I think about you often, I never want to leave here to go back. Please tell the other dogs who were there...with me, to hang in there, because they will get 'their people' to come and take them home too. 'HOME'... Ahhh, what a beautiful word. I **HAVE** learned that one. It's my favorite one of all!

Love, Bubbles Stone



"DELILAH" BELLY RUBS & RUN OF THE HOUSE HER NEW NORMAL

We just wanted to send you a little note to let everyone who took care of **DELILAH** (formerly called "Mommie") is doing just great!

She is finally learning how to be a dog and settling in to her new surroundings. She know where her leash is and gets very excited when we grab it because she knows we are going on a new adventure. **Delilah** barks and barks and grabs our hands when she needs a belly rub, which she gets often. She has also learned "sit" and "come" commands.

She no longer needs her kennel and has free roam of the house and yard when we are at school or work. Sure, she still has some quirks, but we are very pleased that she has come so far from where she was when we brought her home with us.

We just wanted to say "thank you" for letting us adopt her and make her a part of our family!

- The Swenson Family



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



BASKET DONATIONS AND BUSINESS SPONSORS NEEDED FOR PET ROCK



Although we greatly appreciate the many signed celebrity items that get donated by some of the famous musicians who share our love of animals



and our passion for rescue work and helping to get them into good homes and become members of loving families, we need **MORE!!!!** You may not be famous like our celeb supporters like **Paul Rodgers, Ted Nugent or Charlie Daniels**, but we need **YOU** as much as we need them. We need **YOU** to also step up and make a difference. We know a lot of people love and care about the home-

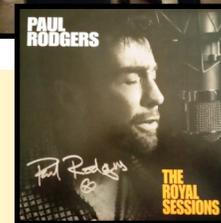


SHELTER HOURS

11am to 3pm Monday & Wednesday
11am to 4pm Friday;
11am to 5pm Saturday.
Closed Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday.



less and abused animal situation in our area, so **THIS** is a time when **YOU** can make a difference. Whether you are a business or an individual, we need more baskets and cool items to offer on our silent auction table at this year's **PET ROCK** event on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**. There are also **Sponsorship Packages** available at many levels to help cover the costs of presenting this important annual event. If you can donate to our silent or live auction, please contact **Tom Lounges** directly at: Beatboss@aol.com or (219) 945-9511.



(Top): A lovely basket from Albanese Candy Factory. (Far Left): A signed photo from former STYX vocalist **Dennis DeYoung**. (Right clockwise, from top): Dancers rock the floor as Mr. Funnyman Band rocked the stage at last year's stage. A signed solo album from **Paul Rodgers** (of Bad Company). We need items donated for our **PET ROCK Silent Auction**. Local Businesses, please help with this!

SENIOR ANIMALS GET MORE THAN ONE MONTH AT HSNi

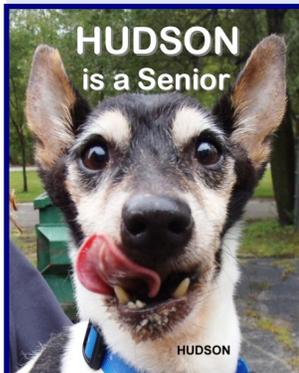
She has big brown eyes and a midnight black coat. She was someone else's dog and when she got old, she was left alone to wander the streets of Gary looking for food and water. The day that animal control captured her, she was sick and frightened. Then she went to the Humane society of Northwest Indiana where she spent her days snarling and showing her teeth. She was not a good adoption candidate.

Some say she was lucky that I adopted her. But I'm the very lucky one. She joined our family of three other senior dogs: a "yelpy" 10-year-old Yorkie-Poo named Opie; a snarky 14 1/2 year old who goes by the name of Ollie and an impossibly vain 11 year old Pom-Ski who now answers to the name Pom-tini. These four senior dogs live with my husband and I who are seniors too. We love our family because senior dogs are less energetic, they understand basic commands, they are leash trained, house trained and they provide instant companionship.

Freida White, executive director of the **Humane Society of**

Northwest Indiana conveniently located for the region in Miller, said that there are always some senior pets spayed and neutered ready for adoption or re-homing.

In recognition of the November month, our shelter is offering a special on senior dogs that will extend until the end of December. Call (219) 938-3339 for more information.



OUR WISH LIST

- **Clorox Bleach**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Lysol Spray**
- **Baking Soda**
- **"Forever" U.S. Postage Stamps**
- **Clay Kitty Litter**
- **Pedigree Puppy Food**
- **Pedigree Can Dog Food**
- **Purina or Pedigree Dog Chow**
- **Purina Cat & Kitten Chow**
- **Small Bite Science Diet Puppy Food**
- **Esbilac Puppy Formula**
- **Soft Scrub with Bleach**
- **Fabuloso**
- **Foam Glass Cleaner**
- **55 Gallon Trash Bags**
- **Stainless Steel Cleaner**
- **Copy Machine Paper**
- **Gas Cards**
- **Clean Blankets**
- **or GIFT CARDS to: Office Depot, Lowes, Menards, Target, Walmart, The Home Depot, Meijer, PetCo and Petsmart.**

WISH LIST ITEMS

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Humane Society of NW Indiana
6100 Melton Road
Miller Beach/Gary, IN 46403

The Service Doctor
5150 East Lincoln Highway
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tom Lounges RECORD BIN
218 Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342

HUMANE SOCIETY ANGELS!

Those Who Go Above & Beyond!

Maureen Alongi
 Ronald Ballinger
 Laurie Brands
 Darlene Breitenstein
 Michael Buchanan
 Jen Buck
 JoEllen Carabi
 Betty Clayton
 Dyer Animal Clinic
 Munster Animal Clinic
 Oak Hill Animal Clinic
 Westchester Animal Clinic
 Myles Coffman
 Victory Collins
 Albanese Confectionery
 Prime Conveyor
 Esteria Cook
 Kuraray Corporation
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 Alan and Donna Resetar
 Sande Robinson
 Kay Rosan
 Myron Rosenthal
 Nancy Sako
 Jerry Schoenbeck
 Jerry Ross Elementary School
 Mike Serynek
 Armida Sharpin
 Randal & Alice Spurlock
 Bill & Donna Taylor
 Thrivent
 Cheryl Evans Trust
 Zita Vitkauskas
 Viktoria Voller
 Tereasa Washington
 Freida White
 Donald Woodburn
 Darren Zar
 Lisa Zelava



& ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE UP THEIR TIME TO HELP US WITH OUR ANIMALS

In Memory of...

In Memory of **SANDY GELETA**
 from Family & Friends

In Memory of **STORMY**
 from Wendy Smith

In Memory of **CASEY**
 from Betty Clayton

In Memory of **JADA**
 from Betty Clayton

In Memory of **JOSH LIDSTER**
 from JoDee Castillo

In Memory of **LARRY KILINSKI**
 from Julie, Ted & Allison Vitek

In Memory of **TIGGER**
 from Holly Kaptain

In Memory of **LEO**
 from Nannette Ames

In Memory of **BARNEY, PRINCE, MAC & BAGGER**
 from JoEllen Carabin

In Memory of **LULU**
 from Holly Selden

In Memory of **ARLENE SHULTS**
 from John Barney

In Memory of **DAISY MAE**
 from Kathie Bruesch



An Animal Rescue Workers Wish!

Holidays are upon us and for most it's a season of hope, joy and love, but for shelter animals it's a time of even greater sadness, as the time ticks away on their collective dream to have homes for the holidays and families to celebrate the season.

Like the "misfit toys" in the animated holiday classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," so many beautiful animals who through no fault of their own, have wound up in shelters across the land, waiting with hope in their eyes for "Santa" to rescue and deliver them to a new home and a family who will love them

forever.

As holidays approach, workers in animal rescue look with a heavy heart at the sad little faces in their care, knowing many will still be there after the new year arrives. Although they are safe, warm, fed and well cared for, it is still a sad reality that despite daily efforts of our HSNI staff and volunteers, there are always more homeless animals than loving homes in which to place them.

December is the month of reflection -- *How many animals found asylum and care with us this year? How many found homes and experienced a "happily ever after" conclusion to their journey? How many came to us too late to be saved from the abuse and neglect they suffered?*

This season - as you carve turkey, trim trees, light candles, shop for bargains, sing carols, and let the joy of the season fill your heart - please remember those creatures without a voice or a home, those companion animals waiting to shower some lucky human with all the unconditional love they can muster.

As snow falls, winds turn cold and the outside world freezes, please remember the lost, homeless, abused, neglected, unloved and forgotten animals. Help through adopting, donating supplies, offering financial support, or just simply saying a silent prayer for each animal to be granted their wish for a loving home.

The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana wish you and your family a holiday season filled with the spirit of love and happiness; the same kind every animal experiences when they finally get that long sought "forever home."



In HONOR of...

In Honor of **MICHELE GRYGOTIS**
 from M. Kim Newberg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

FRANK ENNIS
 from Patty & Jeff Remaley

KURT SANGSTER
 from Jane Callies

THANK YOU!

Ethel Ahmed
 Lucy Aleman
 Jen Andrews
 Nancy Arnold
 Chity Bang Bang
 Jeff Blatherwick
 Christina Boehm
 Fay Braum
 Jesse Briones
 Bernice Brown
 Lavina Brown
 Veronica Cerniak
 Jean Davis
 Cindy DeYoung
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HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Last month, **Elijah Cummings** an American politician and civil rights advocate passed away. There are many accomplishments for which he will be remembered but the little poem and how it can be applied to our shelter is what I remember best.



*"I only have a minute
 Sixty seconds in it
 Forced upon me, I did not choose it,
 But I know that I must use it.
 Give account if I abuse it.
 Suffer, if I lose it
 Only a tiny little minute,
 But eternity is in it."*

Cummings said that we always have a minute to do what we know we must do, like helping out at a shelter, our shelter.

There are **SIX** ways you can help our shelter:

- 1) You can walk dogs and enrich the lives of animals who spend a lot of time in crates by taking them out for activities.
- 2) You can volunteer to assist at the various fundraising events and Adopt-A-Thon events done throughout the year by HSNi.
- 3) You can help run social media pages to keep the public aware of the animals who are currently available for adoption.
- 4) You can donate time to help us keep the shelter clean.
- 5) You can set up a collection box through an organization, your school, or your place of business. Every penny collected helps!
- 6) You can foster an animal which helps them with socialization issues or help them heal if they were or are injured. Fosters are very much needed and an important part of animal rescue work.

The process to becoming a volunteer with the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana begins with an application, said Mary Ann Massa, the shelter's volunteer coordinator. Call Mary Ann at the shelter, **(219) 938-3339** for more information.

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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER: MAY WE SIGN YOU UP?

We send everyone on our email list a digital, downloadable (PDF format) of our quarterly newsletter, and also post it as a PDF at: www.humanesocietynorthwestindiana.com.



"SCOOBY DOO DO

GOOD" is a grant program from "Warner Brothers" and "Points of Life" that encourages young students to give back to their community.

We at Humane Society of Northwest Indiana were blessed to have been chosen by the students pictured here who visited our shelter, donated funds they raised to help us buy much needed supplies, while also



learnig some basic educational information on taking care of animals from our staff.

THANK YOU

JEWEL-OSCO... for choosing HSNi as your as the MAY recipient for your "Pet of the Month" campaign.

This furry little fellow stopped by our shelter to deliver this giant promotional check for \$12,500. to Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.



Shown here accepting the check on behalf of HSNi are (left), HSNi Executive Director **Freida White**, and (right) HSNi Board Treasurer, **Darlene Breitenstein**. Thank you for this much needed donation from the good people of **JEWEL-OSCO**.

Our shelter relies solely on these kind of generous donations from our local business community, from area residents, from adoption fees, and from monies raised through our own in-house fundraising events. Without these sources, we could not continue to do the work we do on behalf of the area's homeless and abused animals. PLEASE consider making a donation to **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**.



