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## WATCH OUT! WE ARE EVERYWHERE

What do Honey Creek Mall, Hulman Center, PetSmart, WTWO, WTHI television, and 95.9 all have in common?

You might think that this is a trick question but it really isn't. These are all locations where animals from THHS have been seen or talked about in the last few months. What wonderful opportunities for our residents to find new homes and to educate the people of this area about the work being done at the shelter!

Mutts at the Mall occurs every month and is called Home for the holidays in November and December. On weekends volunteers take animals to the mall to be seen by thousands of people and hopefully find homes. These events not only serve as opportunities for adoption, they are also an outreach opportunity in which information concerning the shelter and animal welfare is distributed.

A new opportunity this year was the shelter's presence at some of the ISU basketball games. You may have seen the commercial for THHS on TV with Rick Semmler and Greg Lansing, the ISU men's basketball coach. From this alliance the shelter was able to have a table on the concourse at Human Center and to bring animals in for adoptions. This gave the animals a chance to be seen by all the people attending the games. Representatives from the



Looking adorable is hard work!

shelter are also on television early every Friday on the news on WTWO. There is also a segment on radio station 95.9 where they talk about a pet every Thursday. And don't forget the pet of the week and Niki Laviolette's articles on Sunday in the Tribune Star.

All of these events take volunteers to be a success. Please consider becoming a volunteer so we can do even more in the community.



Working hard to raise money for THHS at the mall.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meetings— Vigo County Library, 5:30, July 19, August 16, September 20

Volunteer Orientation— THHS, 1—3, Fourth Saturday of each month: July 23, August 27, September 24

Dog Days for United Way—July 23, 9:30 Union Hospital Professional Building, walk at 9:30. At 10:00 there is a pet spa day for a \$10 donation

Bark in the Park, August 6, 10:15 a.m., Fairbanks Park

Team Leader Meetings, THHS, 6:00, July 20, August 17, September 21

PetSmart Adoption Events, July 2, August 6, September 3

Mutts at the Mall, Honey Creek Mall, 12-3, Third weekend of each month: July 16 & 17, August 20 & 21, September 17 & 18

3rd Annual Dream Dinner Auction, September 17

## DREAM DINNER AUCTION

The Third Annual Dream Dinner Auction, a fund raiser for the Terre Haute Humane Society, will be held on Saturday, September 17, at the Idle Creek Banquet Center. This event is one of the largest fund raisers of the year for the THHS.

The highlights of the evening are bidding on many silent and live auction items. The live auction items will include works of art, jewelry and trip packages. The evening opens with a 'Cat' Tail hour (with a cash bar), during which the silent auction items can be viewed and bids made.

Last year over 200 items

were available. After dinner and dessert, the Live Auction takes place. The cost for the evening is \$45 per person. Reservations can be made through the link at [www.thhs.org](http://www.thhs.org).

Major sponsors for the evening are Burt and Patty Williams, Shadow Asylum Haunted House, Time Warner Cable, Duke Energy and WTWO. If you wish to donate to either the live or silent auction or become a sponsor, please contact Milli Hoffman-Patrick at [mhoffmanpatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:mhoffmanpatrick@yahoo.com).

Especially needed are

destinations for trips, such as use of a condo or vacation home, new electronics, art items, jewelry, etc. The Terre Haute Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.



Boss can't wait to see everyone at the dinner auction! He is a young, pit mix available at THHS.

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**"It only takes one person to throw an animal away but it takes a whole team to find it a new home!" - unknown**

## **SHELTER SPOTLIGHT**

DID YOU KNOW THAT THHS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, NOT A CITY OR COUNTY SHELTER? WE EXIST SOLELY ON ADOPTION AND OWNER RELINQUISH FEES AND YOUR GENEROUS GIVING OF MONEY, TIME AND TALENT.

**Donate!**

**VOLUNTEER!**

**ADOPT!**

Hi : My name is Debbie Floyd, President of the Board of Directors for the Terre Haute Humane Society. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know a little about our board but most of all to thank everyone for their contributions to our cause. These are exciting times for the Terre Haute Humane Society. We have a new board, lots of new ideas and tall shoes to fill. The previous boards have been successful in many areas doing so much for the animals in our community. During the past 10 years THHS has decreased euthanasia from over 84% to less than 5%, and we have increased adoptions from 23% to 34%, with the goal to increase the adoptions even

'more in 2011! They have developed foster programs to house animals when the shelter is full, and established relationships with rescue groups that on a weekly basis take animals our community can't accommodate.

So we have set goals to do our part, helping as many as we can, continuing to make improvements and plans to keep growing with your assistance. and we look forward to the lives we will change. Not only for the lucky animals, who find safety and comfort while they are in transition, but also for the animals that get a second chance in new forever homes, and for the human lives that will be changed by the addition of that new pet/family member they enjoy each day.

**To those of you who have contributed to our cause, we thank you. To those of you considering providing assistance we thank you in advance.** Whether you assist by volunteering your time, fostering dogs, or making a donation, the animals and the board are so grateful.

Please consider visiting us at the shelter or coming to one of our board meetings at the Public Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We would love to hear any ideas you may have for THHS.

Thank you so much for your continued interest in the Terre Haute Humane Society.

**DID YOU KNOW** WE HAVE DOG DNA KITS FOR SALE? EACH KIT HAS AN INITIAL COST OF \$10 WHICH GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SHELTER. IT THEN COSTS \$59.95 TO PROCESS AND MAIL. IN APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS YOU WILL HAVE BACK A REPORT ON YOUR DOG'S MAKEUP. PLEASE CONSULT THE LIST FOR BREEDS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS. CONTACT THE SHELTER OFFICE TO PURCHASE A KIT.

## **SHELTER WISH LIST**

The shelter is always in need of items to help the animals. Please look around and see if you can provide any of these!

- Cat Litter
- Capstar/Frontline flea medication
- Science Diet canned puppy and kitten food
- Bleach
- Liquid laundry soap

- Newspapers (shredded paper is no longer used)
- Terry cloth bath towels (new or used)
- Sturdy cat and dog toys (Kongs and nylabones are great)
- New office supplies
- Gift cards (Wal-mart, gas, pet stores, etc.)
- Ammonia
- **Foster homes**

Money is always appreciated You will notice that several of these items can be new or used. What a great way to recycle!

Also, the shelter can use your used printer cartridges to recycle for office supplies. Please bring them to the shelter.

The shelter feeds Hills Science Diet.

## **2010 SHELTER STATISTICS**

2010 was another great year for the rescue efforts of the shelter. Of the 2,763 animals brought into the shelter, 93% or 2,579 were saved. According to the ASPCA website, the national average of animals saved is 40% for dogs and 30% for cats. Based on these statistics THHS is doing a wonderful job of helping the animals in this community.

The animals coming into THHS came from the following sources:

- 24% were brought in by city animal control

- 9% were brought in by county animal control
- 39% were received from individuals
- 13% were owner relinquished
- 9% were simply left at the shelter
- 4% were returned after being adopted
- 2% were other circumstances.

The statistics of the animals saved were as follows:

- 40% were adopted
- 12% were returned to owners
- 48% were sent to rescue.

You can help with these efforts by renewing your THHS membership, donating your time and money, and remembering to spay/neuter your pet!



Fig is a two month old male kitten looking for a home for him and his favorite toy.

## Summer is Here!

Summer is finally here and we all want to be outside to enjoy the warm weather. Often when we go outside we want to take our pets with us. While there are lots of fun things to do outside with our furry friends we need to keep our eyes open for everyday items that can cause them harm. The following list contains some of the items that you will need to watch out for when you take your pet outside.

### Poisonous Plants

When designing and planting your yard, it's a good idea to keep in mind that many popular outdoor plants—including rhododendron and azalea—are toxic to cats and dogs. Sago palm and other members of the Cycad family as well as mushrooms can cause liver failure, while rhododendron, azalea, lily of the valley, oleander, rosebay, foxglove and kalanchoe all affect the heart. Please check on the internet or at a local garden center for a list of toxic and non-toxic plants for your garden.

### Fertilizer

Plants need food but you need to keep in mind that the fertilizer that keeps our plants healthy and green can cause digestive problems for our furry friends. Ingesting large amounts of fertilizer can give your pet a good case of stomach upset and may result in life-threatening gastrointestinal obstruction. Be sure to follow instructions carefully and observe the appropriate waiting period before letting your pet run wild outside.

### Cocoa Mulch

Many gardeners use cocoa bean shells—a by-product of chocolate production—in landscaping. Popular for its attractive odor and color, cocoa mulch also attracts dogs with its sweet smell, and like chocolate, it can pose problems for our canine companions. Depending on the amount involved, ingestion of cocoa mulch can cause a range of problems, from vomiting, diarrhea and muscle tremors to elevated heart rate, hyperactivity and even seizures. Consider using a less-toxic alternative, such as shredded pine, cedar or hemlock bark, but always supervise curious canines in yards where mulch is spread.

### Insecticides

Like fertilizer, herbicides, insecticide baits, sprays and granules are often necessary to keep our gardens healthy, but their ingredients aren't meant for four-legged consumption. The most dangerous forms of pesticides include snail bait with metaldehyde, fly bait with methomyl, systemic insecticides with the ingredients disyston or disulfoton, mole or gopher bait with zinc phosphide and most forms of rat poisons. Always store pesticides in inaccessible areas—and read the manufacturer's label carefully for proper usage and storage.

### Fleas and Ticks

Since fleas and ticks lurk in tall brush and grasses, it's important to keep those lawns mowed and trim. Fleas can cause excessive scratching, hair loss, scabs, hot spots and tapeworms as well as anemia from blood loss in both cats and dogs. Ticks can cause similar effects and lead to a variety of complications from tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

### Garden Tools

Unattended garden tools may seem like no big deal, but rakes, tillers, hoes and trowels can be hazardous to pets and cause trauma to paws, noses or other parts of a curious pet's body. Rusty, sharp tools caked in dirt may also pose a risk for tetanus if they puncture skin. While cats don't appear to be as susceptible as dogs to tetanus, care should be taken by storing all unused tools in a safe area, not haphazardly strewn on the ground.

Taking a little time in the beginning to be sure your landscaping is pet friendly, along with checking your yard before you all go outside, can save you and your pet a trip to the vet. Please take the time to ensure your pet's safety and then go outside and have a great time!

**Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Bark in the Park, August 6 at 10:15 am. Come and join with other pet owners as we enjoy a walk in Fairbanks Park with our pets and raise money for the shelter.**



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**...kindness towards all living things!**



Lizzie is a female boxer mix with a smile that will melt your heart. Her age is unknown.

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The Terre Haute Humane Society was incorporated in 1913. The objective of the society at that time was to prevent cruelty to children and animals. Although the scope of our problems today are far different than in 1913, the goal remains the same. At that time there was little mention of dogs and cats, the focus was the neglect and abuse of beasts of burden.

As we approach 100 years of service to the Wabash Valley, we look forward to our continuing success in reducing the number of animals coming into the shelter and placing every adoptable animal we encounter into loving forever homes!

**THHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-DONATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my yearly membership fee of \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

We welcome your pledge to feed an animal for a month!

Feed a dog for a month \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Feed a cat for a month \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Dog park membership (located directly behind the shelter) \$25/yr \_\_\_\_

**All donations are tax deductible. We exist solely on donations, adoption fees and memberships. THANK YOU! WE NEED YOU!**