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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

It has been a busy holiday season for all those associated with THHS.

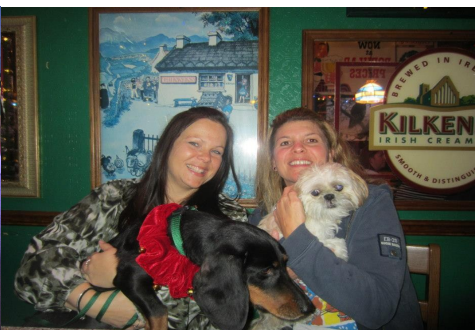
Home for the Holidays is a special adoption event that occurs every weekend at Honey Creek Mall to get the animals out of the shelter and into the public in an effort to get them a home for the holidays. These are huge events that take many volunteers to oversee the event, get the animals ready to go and transport them to the mall, stay with the animals in the mall, answer questions and show them off to the public, and finally to tear down the crates used and get the animals back to the shelter. It is hard work but it is worthwhile when you see an animal find a forever home. Several animals have found homes during this year's event which continues until the end of December.

Similar events are held at PetSmart on the first Saturday of every month. These events also take many volunteers to help in the same ways as Home for the Holidays. December 15 was the day THHS was responsible for providing the Santa and pictures at PetSmart, with five dollars of the cost of every picture going to the shelter. This is always a fun day of pet lovers bringing their pets to see Santa.



There have also been fun times along with the adoption events this holiday season. On December 5 a fundraiser was held at Sonka's Irish Pub where the tips received by the celebrity waiters were donated to THHS. Among the celebrities were Indiana State University's men's and women's basketball coaches, Teri Moren and Greg Lansing, and NBC-2/WAWV's personalities Sydney Benter and Anne-Elise Parks.

The event not only helped to raise money for the Terre Haute Humane Society but it also helped to raise awareness. "We want to make people aware of the Terre Haute Humane Society and what an important role they play in our community. They take in strays and abused animals. There are hundreds of animals sitting out there every single day, waiting for the public to adopt them," said Sonka's Irish Pub owner Sandy Boyles-Gillen. People who donated to the Terre Haute Humane Society received a turkey dinner. It was a great evening for the pets who attended along with all of their two-legged friends.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meetings — Vigo County Library, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19

Volunteer Orientation — THHS, 1—3, Fourth Saturday of each month: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23

PetSmart Adoption Events — 11:00 a.m., Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2

Mutts at the Mall, Honey Creek Mall— 11:00 a.m., Third week-end of each month: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16

Reba, a 13 month old Domestic Shorthair/mix, is asking for a good home for Christmas!

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"I am joy in a wooly coat, come to dance into your life, to make you laugh!" - Julie Church



Tyra is an 18 month old spayed terrier/mix who is looking for a forever home.

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ORGANIZATION, NOT A
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SHELTER? WE EXIST
SOLELY ON ADOPTION
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AND TALENT.**

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CAN I CRASH ON YOUR COUCH?



2012 DREAM DINNER AUCTION IS A SUCCESS BY MILLIE HOFFMAN-PATRICK

The Fourth Annual Terre Haute Humane Society Dream Dinner Auction was held on Saturday, Saturday September 22 at the Idle Creek Banquet Center. Approximately 230 guests enjoyed dinner, the Silent and Live Auctions, and our Fund an Item presentation. Over \$37,000 was raised for the operation of the shelter.

Some of the Live Auction items were Man Cave items (Rolling Rock Beer Cooler, Budweiser Light MP3 Player and Samuel Adams Beer sign), a Steve Weatherford autographed football, an 18 bottle wine cooler, a 17" HP laptop, a Holiday World Getaway package and a custom white gold 'Paw Print' necklace. Silent auction items included an overnight stay plus a round of golf at the French Lick Resort and Casino, a signed and framed Mutts comic, Betty White autographed pictures, flower arrangements and art items. The Bidding Frenzy portion featured gift cards from many local shops and restaurants. The cards were auctioned at face value and all proceeds went to help run the shelter.

Mary Ann Hetreed was our honored guest, being a very key volunteer for the

shelter for the past 6 years. Mary Ann has been instrumental in getting our animals from our shelter to rescues in the Chicago area.

Sponsors for the Dinner Auction were Patty Williams Realtor, IVY Tech Community College, Frontier Communications, Old National Bank, Duke Energy, Eli Lilly / Elanco, Baeslers, TBM Building Services, WTWO, Providence Medical Group, Advanced Dental – Dr. Emeline Davis, ST Construction Inc, ThyssenKrupp Presta, City Plumbing, E-Z Clean Products Corporation, Terre Haute Chevrolet, Dr John A Roshel Jr, Lucias Bridals, Advantage Plus Federal Credit Union, Bratt Animal Hospital, S and T Fulfillment, Smith and Company, Hamilton Center, City of Terre Haute, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America Local #133, Riddell National Bank and Wabash Valley Animal Hospital.

If you would like information on the 2013 Dream Dinner Auction or wish to donate or volunteer, please contact Milli Hoffman -Patrick at mhoffmanpatrick@yahoo.com.

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

The shelter can also use your used printer cartridges to recycle for office supplies. Please bring them to the shelter. The shelter feeds Hills Science Diet.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

You have all heard that it takes a village to raise a child. What you may not have heard is that it takes one person to throw away an animal but it takes a village to find that animal a new home. In Terre Haute we are extremely lucky to have one of those villages and it is called the Terre Haute Humane Society. It consists of board members, employees, rescue coordinators, volunteers, individuals who donate to fundraisers, fosters, and other individuals who help the animals in literally hundreds of different ways. Visit the shelter, a fundraiser, or a public event, and you will see these individuals at work helping to find homes and provide for the animals of this city

while they are in the care of the THHS.

And why do all of these individuals work so hard? It is for the love of the animals who depend on us to keep them safe between homes. When you look into these animals' eyes you can see not only that they know you are helping them but the love and appreciation they feel for all we do. So from all of them, from the smallest kittens to the largest dogs, thank you. Thank you for making the animals a priority in your lives and for helping to make their lives better. Working together, we can make this a better world for all of them.

TERRE HAUTE HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD NEWS BY DEBBIE FLOYD

Dear Members:

It seems impossible that it is time for the December newsletter again. It has been another whirlwind year at the Terre Haute Humane Society. Where did the year go? Suddenly it's November then December....."again" and we realize 2013 is about to begin, and 2012 is almost over! It seems like we are always busy because we have so much going on trying to fulfill the needs of the animals that come through our doors.

It is both a privilege and honor to have served as President of Terre Haute Humane Society this year. As I have over the first two years of my term, I will continue to dedicate the time and effort needed of a board member. I will hold the interests of the animals as my number one priority while serving as board president. Thank you in advance for your support.

I would be remiss in my duty as President if I did not to thank our employees, members and volunteers for all they have done and continue to do to help the animals housed at the shelter. Over the past two years, in some extremely turbulent economic times, our organization has survived with distinction. During this time we have continued to send many many animals to rescues and adopt animals out into loving homes. This has enabled us to maintain the low euthanasia rate we are so thankful for. I would like to thank all involved for their tireless efforts to do what it takes every day to save the lives of our animals.

At our last meeting, the board made a decision to update a few outdated sections of our bylaws. Please feel free to come to our next board meeting if you would like to be there when we vote on these changes. Our meetings are very informative and open to the public. They are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library.

We wish you all a magical, memorable Festive Season filled with loving wishes and beautiful thoughts. May 2013 mark the beginning of a year filled with peace, good health, and prosperity for you, your families and the animals in our community.

Debbie Floyd
President , Terre Haute Humane Society

January is Adopt a Senior Pet Month!



SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

This issue's Shelter Spotlight is on Charles Brown, the new shelter manager. Charles started at the shelter in early November. He comes to Terre Haute from the Brown County Humane Shelter and has had twenty years of experience working with animals in a variety of jobs and locations. In college he worked in a shelter in Pennsylvania. He started as a kennel worker and has since then worked in many different positions. He also worked five years in animal nutrition. He also worked in Idaho overseeing a large vet operation and in Key West, Florida. While working in animal welfare he has also served several community organizations. In Key West he was co-owner of a chicken rescue. He said that chickens run wild in that area and that cock-fighting was everywhere. The rescue helped the animals that were in this terrible situation.

Charles is the proud owner of two small dogs, a Jack Russell terrier and a miniature pinscher. He rescued one of his dogs from the middle of I-80 when he was a very small puppy. Charles has had larger dogs in the past (we shared stories of our pits...one of his liked escaping and would go through second story windows!) but is happy sharing his life with his two current animal friends.

When asked to describe himself, he used the words ambitious, driven and focused. However, when it comes to his work with the shelter, Charles said that it takes a lot of people to make a shelter successful and he feels that it is his job to support everyone who is involved with THHS. He said that the role of the shelter is to provide aid and shelter to unwanted and displaced animals. However, to really help the animals of the community, the shelter needs to be a source of information on how animals should be treated. To him the shelter and community need to work together and help each other.

The last question was what type of animal he would like to be. Charles' said his first answer would be a dog. However, when thinking it over for a minute he said a black bear. His grandfather had helped save black bears and he once had a business named for bears, so black bears are meaningful to him.

Charles' office is located off of the lobby of the shelter. Please stop by and welcome him to THHS and Terre Haute.

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Mikey is a 3 month old male, neutered Beagle /Mix that is looking for a forever home for the holidays! Come see him!

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E-mail: adopt@thhs.org
<http://www.thhs.org>



**...KINDNESS
TOWARDS ALL LIVING
THINGS!**



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!