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QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM BY JESSICA HOFFMAN



BARON— MALE, 4 MONTH OLD, DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR/MIX AVAILABLE AT THHS

accomplishes several objectives, the main goal being that the dogs find forever homes.

One of our objectives to meet this goal is to help make the dogs more adoptable. We aim to do this by providing socialization to the animals. By exposing them to many different types of human beings and other dogs we are getting them more comfortable to go to a forever home.

Dogs are social creatures and the kennels at the THHS are meant to provide a temporary resting place ONLY. At the Humane Society the Quality of Life team wants to provide the adult dogs with socialization, exercise, love and time. This

Our second objective is to prevent the deterioration that can happen when dogs are isolated. This is accomplished by providing adequate exercise and quality time with one of our dedicated team members. Ideally, we try to get each dog out of their kennel twice a

day for twenty minutes. This allows them time to run, use the restroom, and get some quality time with a human being.

In the future, the Quality of Life team hopes to continue to expand. The team has several dedicated volunteers that spend a large portion of their time working with the dogs. This team is perfect for those individuals who wish to provide direct care to the animals, making a difference in their lives. One of the most touching experiences is seeing a dog that comes into the shelter scared and unsure only to leave the shelter with a forever home. Jessica Hoffman is team leader and is one of the dedicated volunteers of the shelter working hard to improve the lives of the animals at THHS.

FALL HAPPENINGS

It has been a very busy late summer and fall for the THHS.

On August 1, the Bark in the Park was held at Deming Park. Hundreds of dogs of all sizes came with their owners to walk and raise money for the shelter. Vendors were available with products for the four-legged walkers.

An adoption fair was held for animals at the shelter and there was an adoption from the event.

In September there was a Longaberger Basket Bingo held as another fundraiser for the shelter. Lots of people came out to play bingo, win baskets, and raise money for the shelter.

The "Dream a Little Dream" dinner and auction was also held as a fundraiser for the animals in September. A huge silent auction was held that included everything from dog beds to dinners. There were also several dog houses, made by the firefighters from some of the firehouses in Terre Haute, which were auc-

tioned off. Any dog would have been proud to call them home as they were awesome.

The crowd played games, tried to outbid each other, and laughed together as they raised approximately \$28,000 for the shelter during an enjoyable and profitable evening. Approximately \$10,000 of this will be used to purchase a van for the shelter. Old National Bank's Travioli Trust is helping to complete the purchase of the van.

THHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **November 14**
Community Day at Elder Beerman
- ◆ **November 14 & 15**
PetSmart Adoption Event 12:00 –5:00
- ◆ **November 27**
Microchip Event at Ace Hardware 10:00 - 2:00
- ◆ **Nov. 21—Jan. 3**
Home 4 the Holidays, Weekends 12:00—3:00 Honey Creek Mall

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DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE 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.

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT



SNAPPLE-SPAYED FEMALE, 4 MONTHS OLD, DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR/MIX AVAILABLE FROM THHS

This column will spotlight some of the people associated with the shelter. We begin with Steve Brown, who is the General Manager. He has been at the shelter for 14 years. Steve has one dog and three cats. He describes himself as being even tempered, calm, and a person who cares about animals.

Steve came to work at the shelter after working in fast food. He started as kennel help and moved up to General Manager. His favorite part of the job is that the

animals don't care about how you look or the problems you have, they are happy to see you no matter what happens. Steve believes that the most important thing that the shelter does is to provide the greatest amount of care for the greatest number of animals with its capacity.

When asked what type of animal he would be if he could, he said a cat. Not much bothers them and they are happy with themselves.

SHELTER WISH LIST

DONATE!
VOLUNTEER!
ADOPT!

The shelter is always in need of items to help the animals. Please look around your house 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 is no longer used)
- Terry cloth bath towels (new or used)
- Dog/Cat collars (new or used)
- Dog and cat shampoo
- Sturdy cat and dog toys (Kongs and nylabones

- are great)
- New office supplies
- Gift cards (Wal-mart, gas, pet stores, etc.)
- Money is always appreciated

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



BERNIE-5 MONTH OLD, MALE, DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR/MIX AT THHS

A FOUNDATION OF LOVE BY NIKI LAVIOLETTE

The love between a dog or cat and its owner can be defined as an intense liking or as a devoted connection to each other. Most pets are highly capable of feeling and sharing love but dogs and cats have differing capabilities in order to bond strongly with their owners. Their capacity to love is determined by natural and nurtural aspects. Genetically, a pet has an innate capacity

for self confidence or lack of it. The nurtural factor is the pet's security when it is young and the way it is treated during the formative time. A dog or cat that is dominant brought up in great conditions and protected, is likely to be confident and relatively independent. This pet is less needy and may be more reserved when it comes to showing love. Pets that are sensitive or anxious

who must fend for themselves or spend a lot of time alone, sometimes develop overly strong attachments to anyone who is kind to them. This would explain why many shelter animals who get adopted seem grateful and demonstrate their appreciation with love and affection.



FURRY FRIENDS BY KATHY MODESITT

This feature will highlight some of the wonderful shelter animals that have found forever homes. We want to hear from you! Please send your articles to kathyamodesitt@yahoo.com for possible selection in a future newsletter.

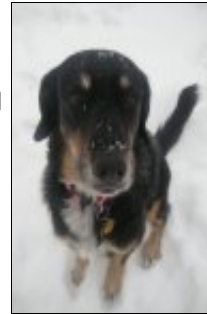
Our first featured Furry Friend is Baby, a Rottweiler mix that was adopted by our family from the shelter in February, 2000. We went to the shelter on a fieldtrip with my son JR's class. One part of the trip featured a litter of

puppies in the snowy front yard. They ran over to the kids kissing and running over them. Of course my son wanted one.

That weekend we came back to the shelter with my daughter Luann and one female of the litter was left. She was the only puppy not barking...we said she knew we were coming back for her!

Now, at ten, she is the elder statesman of our rowdy crew. She loves all people

and has gone out as a representative of the shelter. Whether greeting us from her favorite chair or going for a walk around the block, she is a member of our family and she is loved by all!



BABY IN THE SNOW LAST WINTER. SHE LOVES IT!

COMING EVENTS

The next two months will be very busy as we approach the holidays. Home for the Holidays and PetSmart Adoption Events are both wonderful opportunities for the animals at the shelter to get out into the public. Who knows, a family may see a dog or cat and decide that adding one to the family would be a special way to celebrate the season. If you have some extra time and will be out, why not con-

tact one of the individuals coordinating an event to offer your help? You can call the shelter to see who to contact. You can also go to www.home4theholidays.com

for more information on this national drive to increase adoptions so that more pets are 'Home 4 the Holidays'.

Community Day at Elder Beerman can provide you with coupons to use while shop-

ping while raising money for the shelter. THHS volunteers sell the coupons for \$5 with buyers getting a \$10 coupon. The shelter then gets the proceeds. It's a win-win situation for everyone.

While you are out shopping, consider picking up an item for the animals at the shelter. The holidays are a perfect time to help the animals who aren't lucky enough to have a home at the holidays!

“SAVING ONE DOG OR CAT MAY NOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT IT WILL CERTAINLY CHANGE THE WORLD OF THAT ONE ANIMAL!”

YEAR TO DATE STATISTICS

We hear the sad news everyday about the economic problems that are affecting every part of our lives. This is especially true in the Wabash Valley where many people have lost jobs or faced cutbacks at work. The January through October statistics for the shelter show some of these trends. Even though most incoming statistics are up, it is very impressive that the number of dogs making it to rescues or new homes is up as

well. Our shelter staff and volunteers are working hard to save these animals!

	2009	2008
Intake		
Owner-surrender	423	280
Stray	2370	2095
Outtake		
Adoption	913	746
Rescued	1304	1139



BEA—6 YR OLD, FEMALE SHEPHERD/MIX AVAILABLE AT THHS

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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.



Susan, Female Labrador Retriever mix, available at THHS

Phone: 812-232-0293
E-mail: adopt@thhs.org
<http://www.thhs.org>

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 a 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. WE NEED YOU!

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