

# SCOTT COUNTY SCOOP

Newsletter of Humane Society of Scott County, IN  
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## HUMANE SOCIETY PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE!

There are so many things that you can do with your pet to make them more a part of the family rather than an "outsider looking in" and the humane society has been fortunate enough to see this in action! Teresa Click and her adopted German Shepherd dog, Merry, are a prime example. Merry was adopted from the shelter several months ago after being turned in by her owner. In the short period of time that Merry has been with her new owners, she has gone through basic obedience, canine good citizen and is also now the only certified Red Cross therapy dog in the state of Indiana. Merry is a well trained, happy dog that goes everywhere with her master - wherever you see Teresa, you also see Merry. The next plan in their relationship is to take Merry through Search and Rescue training. Once this course is completed, the two will be able to travel to disaster zones throughout the United States and officially be a part of rescue plans.



Basic obedience training doesn't take all that long and the benefits are life changing. Shelly Sturgeon of Sturgeon Obedience School in Lexington will help an owner find the right buttons to make a hyperactive, non-listening dog into a pet that is a pleasure to be around. A lot of this training is for the owner as well as the animal and since they are learning together, it is a great bonding time for both of them. One of our foster dogs, Bridget, has been in training with Shelly and has undergone a very positive transformation. Prior to this, Bridget was anxious, bouncy, jumpy and barky. She now sits and stays quietly and is wonderful with youngsters since she

won't jump on them. She comes on command and will even wait by her food bowl and not eat until she is released to do so. Bridget is now in "adoption pending" status largely due to basic obedience which highlights her wonderful traits!



There are many other opportunities for pets - agility classes for the fast moving pets in your life, herding classes for your working dogs, even tracking classes for your little go-to-dogs. You may have to do some searching to find something that you and your pet can do together but it will certainly be worth the research! Puppy Obedience Classes are an absolute must and PetsMart offers classes for puppies over 4 months old. Several of our puppies are proud recipients of Puppy Class Diplomas and those are the puppies that deserve the good lives they lead! A perfect example is Hannah, the golden retriever puppy adopted by Nancy Allerhand of Bloomington, IN who thinks she has the smartest and most well behaved puppy in the world after she graduated from puppy class.

One small thing that can make your new dog very happy is as easy as giving them a bath! Town & Country has BIG bathtubs and you can have some one-on-one time while scrubbing and soaking your friend and whispering sweet nothings to him! There are several grooming facilities in town as well for your "groomable" which will make that new poodle of yours strut around like a banty rooster. Many shelter dogs relish a bath and a trim since some of them have never had them before. A bath means someone FINALLY cares!

Not a lot of ideas for the newly adopted cats - they pretty much do their own thing all the time and as long as your lap is

## **GARAGE SALE MANIA!**

Mid-October is a great time to have a garage sale and that's exactly what our humane society did. After months of collecting items and putting them in storage, the final week came and boxes were unloaded and put on table after table. When the big day was over, the Humane Society had made over \$1800 to be used for the needs of the animals at the shelter and those in foster homes. This was the 2nd year for the garage sale and people have already asked when we are going to have another one!

MANY THANKS TO BUNNY SOUTH, OUR GARAGE SALE QUEEN, FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN PUTTING TOGETHER THIS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT.



## **WE GOT A GRANT!**

The Humane Society of Scott County, IN has once again been blessed to receive a grant from the Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Restricted Fund. The fund is administered by the Scott County Community Foundation. This grant, in the amount of \$5,795.28, will be used to help continue the good works begun by the Humane Society. The Humane Society helps pay for vaccine and health care needed by the animals, helps subsidize the spay/neuter costs incurred when a dog or cat is adopted, provides emergency medical assistance for shelter animals in need, helps supply the animal shelter with special assistance, and helps promote community education about pet responsibility.

The Humane Society has made tremendous strides in the short period of time that it has been in existence and this has been accomplished only because of generous donations and grants such as this one.

## **A SPECIAL TIME OF SHARING**

Several months ago, a group of Humane Society volunteers took their personal pets to Hickory Creek Nursing Home and spent time visiting with the residents while the pets got to enjoy being held and hugged by some delighted pet lovers. It was a good time of sharing as several residents told stories about their pets from years past. This is great therapy for the residents and the volunteers as well



## **A NEW LOOK AT THE SHELTER!**

The dogs are seeing good things happening at the shelter. Our last newsletter showed nice Kurunda beds for them to lay on and new aluminum water buckets and dog bowls. NOW, they have a roof over their heads when they go outside. No longer do they have to sit in the rain when they are in the outside portion of the kennels. In addition, there are now gates to the outside part of the kennels to allow for deeper cleaning and scrubbing to the outer runs. There is a lot more that needs to be done but these small steps are a great



**SPECIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN A HIGHLIGHT!**

The Humane Society participated in the first Louisville Pet Expo in October. Volunteers spent an entire weekend manning a booth and explaining to interested pet lovers the mission and purpose of the Humane Society. This was a good time to meet other groups and share ideas for the future.

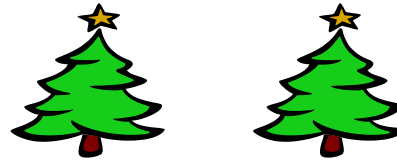
Rally for Rescue was another event the Humane Society participated in recently. Held in New Albany, this event was sponsored by Pedigree and had representation by many shelters and rescue groups. In addition to making good contacts among rescue organizations and visiting with many interested families, the Humane Society was able to adopt several dogs and a kitten to “forever” homes.

**+++++ MONTHLY ADOPTION FAIRS! +++++**

Each month we have monthly adoption fairs at the following locations. This is a perfect time for potential adopters to see the fabulous animals from the shelter that need homes!  
**TOWN & COUNTRY FEED STORE** on the 2nd Sat. of each month from 1-3 pm  
**PETSMART**, Clarksville on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12-4 pm  
**PETCO**, Columbus on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1-4 pm  
**TOWN & COUNTRY FEED STORE** - Humane Society cats available at the store at all times.

**DOGS AND CATS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION DURING OPEN SHELTER HOURS.**

**Mission Statement of the Humane Society:** “The Humane Society of Scott County, Indiana is a Non-Profit organization, designed to aid the Scott county Animal Shelter, to have an aggressive adoption program in order to decrease the number of animals being euthanized, to release animals into the care of reputable rescue organizations, and to educate the community on the importance of spay/neuter and pet ownership



**UPCOMING EVENT TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

Our 2nd “Christmas for the Critters” will begin right after Thanksgiving! This is a wonderful way to touch the homeless shelter animals in a very special way. Town & Country Feed Store will have a special Christmas tree dedicated to the needs of the animals so every pet lover can pick off the ornament of their choice and donate to the animals. There are always many needs - all the way from collars and leashes to bleach and paper towels. Cat litter is always in high demand as is kitten food (canned and dry). The homeless shelter pets are almost invisible many times during the year and Christmas is a wonderful time for them to be in the spotlight and a part of the festivities!

**The Christmas Donation Tree** will be lit the day after Thanksgiving as well at Town & Country for anyone who would like to make a monetary donation. Tax receipts will be available inside the store. Last year was very successful in building funds to help with the spay/neuter of our shelter animals and we hope that this year will be even better.

**The Christmas for the Critters Open House** will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 1-3 pm. We hope that all pet lovers in the community will make it a point to come to the animal shelter and bring their pets to visit Santa Claws! Santa will have nice “doggie” bags and “kitty” treasures for every pet that visits him that day. There will be special Christmas presents for those pets that have been adopted from the shelter or the Humane Society. This is a very special time to see what is being accomplished at the shelter and to visit with the Humane Society volunteers and the animal control officers. Most importantly, it is a time to give attention to the dogs and cats who are desperately wanting to find homes for the holidays. They will be dressed in their holiday finery and looking quite festive. Who knows, a lucky dog or cat may find a new home on this special day!

*PLEASE JOIN US ON DECEMBER 7TH!*

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**THE END OF THE YEAR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION PRIOR TO YEAR END, PLEASE SEND IT TO:**

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 PO BOX 711  
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 (A RECEIPT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU)**

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**FEATURED PET**  
**DOLLY**

Dolly is a spayed year old pointer/dalmation mix. She loves kids and other dogs. When she was returned to the shelter because the owners said she was “too rowdy”, she was skittish and afraid. She hadn’t been treated too nicely. Now, with lots of attention and love, she just shines. She loves to have her tummy rubbed and be talked too. She is still a bit shy around men (probably with good reason) but when she gets to know them and trust them, she is fine. Dolly has a big heart with lots of love to give. She needs that special home to call her own - if you are the one, please call for her at 502-552-5724.

**VISIT THE WEBSITE:**

[www.sisaveapet.com](http://www.sisaveapet.com)

**VISIT THE SHELTER:**

3rd & Montgomery, Scottsburg

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri - 12:00 to 6:00 pm

Wed/Sat - 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Closed Sunday

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