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Adoption Center

- Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat:
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- Tues & Thurs: noon to 7pm
- Sunday (starting April 1):
noon to 5:30pm

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- Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat:
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- Tues & Thurs: noon to 7pm
- Sunday (starting April 1):
8am to 5:30pm

Dog Park

for Humane Society members
Monday - Sunday
dawn until dusk

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In Memory and Thanks



by *Dr. Carol Ecker, D.V.M* The recent loss of Cpl. James Szuba and K-9 Officer Ricky has inspired me to do some research about the dogs that go into battle alongside their human companions without hesitation.

Dogs were originally used for hunting, hauling, and guarding camps and settlements. By the 5th century B.C., many societies had adopted these animals for social control, to guard property and the work force. Persians, Greeks, Assyrians and Babylonians recognized the advantage of war dogs and often deployed them in their forward attacks.

The Civil War was one of our nation's bloodiest wars. Curly was a dog who marched with the 11th Ohio Infantry. Curly distinguished himself during

the particularly bloody Battle of Chickamunga, Tennessee in September 1863. When ordered to retreat to Chattanooga, Curly refused to follow the men but stayed on the battlefield with the wounded soldiers. It was only after being captured by the enemy that Curly escaped and returned to the company in which he served. There are many tales told of Civil War dogs that stayed with their injured masters, licking their wounds in comfort, or remaining on the battlefield with their dead or dying companions. The dogs who served with the soldiers in the Civil War were not trained to do these things but did them for the love of their master.

During World War II, the Army Quartermaster Corps implemented war dog training and had trained almost 10,000 dogs by 1945. Of the fifteen War Dog platoons that served overseas in World War II, seven saw service in Europe and eight in the Pacific. In 1951 the responsibility for training military dogs was handed over to the Military Police Corps. Dogs have continued to serve the armed forces with distinction in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq. These military dogs paved the way for the common use of dogs in police work: as bomb dogs, drug dogs, cadaver dogs, rescue animals and in daily police work.

Rudy Drexler has been training dogs for more than 46 years. When I first met Rudy he was showing horses and his passion for animal training knowledge was immediately evident. This passion led him to read every book he could about training dogs. He traveled to Germany, Budapest and other countries before travelling to Baltimore for 6 weeks of training with their police force. When Rudy returned to Michiana, he opened the Drexler Training facility where he trains hundreds of dogs for everything from basic obedience to cadaver work. His influence in our area and worldwide has been remarkable.

Rudy certified Randy Holland as a dog trainer. Randy was a high school friend of Cpl. James Szuba, served on the Mishawaka Police Department with him and helped train K-9 Officer Ricky. First, Ricky had to pass a rigorous selection process. As Rudy explains, only 2 out of 10 dogs qualify for police work. These dogs must be mentally stable, physically strong and intelligent. They must pass a vast array of medical and health tests to ensure that they are prepared for the years of physical demands that they face in the field. The most phenomenal part of the anatomy of a police dog may well be its nose. Capt. Rynerson of the South Bend Police Department admits that he is still amazed when a K-9 officer detects a suspect many yards downwind and alerts his handler.

Most police dogs are imported from Europe and the Baltic and can cost between from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00. These countries dogs demand that these dogs have working titles and solidly demonstrate that they are worthy of reproduction. The bond between a handler and their dog is as strong as any human/animal bond. They must work as a cohesive unit when in the field to be effective. This bond is often silently demonstrated through the handler's ability to read the body language of the dog and the dog ability to recognize the handler's most subtle movement. It is this ability to communicate without sound that gives the team a tactical advantage.

Memorials & Honors

**In loving memory
of Peter W. Schubert**

Casey C. Tencick
KK & Gary McVicker
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of Vera Whulr

Theodore Douglas

of Alan Schwalm

Kelly Low

of Lucky

Ann Trzop

of Benji

Stu Cohen & Nedra Kennelly

of Trouble

Dorothy Porth

of our beloved Matzoh-ball

Cheeky

of Romine

Roger Hamburg

of Dusty

Perry & Andrea Mather-Stow

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Shadow Tiger, Eskimo,
Moet, Chandon, Bulldog,
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of Boo-Boo Mooney, my adopted

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of Gabey

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Happy Birthday

to Debbie Shubert

Julie Bodle

to Liz

Navia Marina & Daniel Lende

*Love is, above all,
the gift of oneself.*

Jean Anouilh

Ardele

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Training Sessions are offered several times a month!

We need your help to keep our animals happy and healthy...

walk dogs, cuddle cats, work on a special project or at fundraising events.

Call 574-255-4726 or stop by the Humane Society to sign up!



2010 Membership Form

YES! I would like to become a member of the Humane Society of St. Joseph County!

Individual Membership	\$30.00
Family Membership	\$60.00
Student Membership (1 year)	\$15.00
Senior Citizen (65 and older)	\$20.00
Business Membership (1 year)	\$100.00
Kennel/Cattery Supporter	\$250.00
Animal Care (funds medical care, food, training, spay/neuter, heartworm testing.)	\$500.00
Building Fund for new shelter	\$ _____

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Spring 2010 Wishlist

Please Help with these Urgent Needs!

Help us build our new shelter with a cash donation today.

Puppy and Kitten food (canned and dry) ♦ Donations of quality items for our Pet Week Garage Sale

- Canned & Dry Dog and Puppy food
- Canned & Dry Cat and Kitten food
- Blankets/Towels/Rugs
- Paper Towels
- Dish soap
- Laundry Soap
- Hand Sanitizers and Sanitizer Refills
- Animal carriers of all sizes
- Metal food and water bowls
- All medical supplies (gauze, sponges, unused syringes, bandages)
- Plastic tote boxes with lids
- Disposable Cameras
- Bleach
- Gift Cards (office supply, pet, and general merchandise)
- All types of cleaning products
- Spray nozzles
- Ortho adjustable sprayers
- Crates / Plastic Barrels
- Heavy-duty water hoses
- Trash Bags
- Clip Boards
- USB Drives for Computers
- Toilet Paper/ Wet Wipes
- Donations for Gift baskets (toys, food, treats)
- Motor oil (for vans)
- Copy Paper
- Printer cartridges (call for current needs)
- Stamps
- Bird food
- Flea products for cats & dogs
- Funds for medication and vaccinations

Donation drop-off hours:
Monday thru Saturday - 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
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We Recycle Cans & Newspaper!



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EAGLES LODGE IN MISHAWAKA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 10
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RAFFLES AND MORE!
PRIZES INCLUDE DOG & CAT TOYS, GIFT CERTIFICATES,
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FOOD AND ALCOHOL ARE AVAILABLE

National Pet Week



May 1- 9 (Garage Sale May 1-2 & May 8-9)

Lots to see and do...Garage Sale,
vendors, canine demonstrations.

And most importantly...

stop by and adopt a furry friend!

*Help us raise money for the homeless animals, do your
spring cleaning early this year and stop by the shelter
with your gently used items for our Garage Sale.*

A Guardian

by Dr. Carol Ecker, D.V.M. Professor Michelle Whaley is the winner of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association's 2009 Guardian Award. The Indiana Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA) presents this award to a person who engenders exceptional care and concern for animals. Professor Whaley and her assistant, Kay Stewart, encouraged worked with her Biology class to identify the animal-related problems that existed in our community and develop solutions to those problems. Pet Refuge, South Bend Animal Control and the Humane Society of St. Joseph County partnered with the class to give input about issues that are prominent in our community. As a result of their research, Michelle and her class developed the concept of the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). Michelle, a member of the Humane Society Board of Directors at the time, worked very hard to develop this program. In January of 2009, SNAP became a reality. The program has since covered 100% of the spay/neuter costs for pets that would not otherwise have been spayed or neutered. SNAP also provides community education regarding the importance of spaying and neutering pets through videos, brochures and focal point seminars. Michelle has made a significant and positive impact on the pet overpopulation issue in our community. Her hard work and dedication are much appreciated by the Humane Society, as well as the other animal care agencies in our area. Congratulations to you and your team, Michelle!



*left to right: Dr. Carol Ecker, D.V.M, Professor Michelle Whaley,
and Dr. Sandy Norman, D.V.M.*

Amazing Kids!

On December 7, Kathryn celebrated her 10th birthday with some friends. Kathryn, a student at St. Joseph Grade School, asked everyone to bring donations for the animals at the Humane Society. We loved seeing Kathryn's smiling face when she delivered her gifts to us.

Happy Birthday, Kathryn!



In Memory and Thanks, con't from page 1 Ricky first trained with Officer Degeyter of the South Bend Police Department, under the tutelage of Cpt. Ryerson and Lt. Noonan. When Officer Degyter opted for a transfer, Cpl. James Szuba took over Ricky's training. Not only did they become partners, Ricky became a part of the Szuba family. These dogs must have the temperament to be family dogs as well as police dogs and, as Randy Holland tells me, he spends more time with his dog than his family. These dogs understand when it is work time and when it is family time. The Szuba's children were raised with Ricky and became very attached to him.



Much like the stories of the Civil War dogs, Randy Holland told me that, before Ricky died, he reached out and licked his partner, James, in comfort. This kind of devotion cannot be bought, it can only be earned through a mutual love and respect. And there is no way to adequately thank our police officers, both human and canine, and their families for the sacrifices they make for us every day. I hope that when you see a K-9 officer team, you will have a better understanding of what this partnership means. Our community is very fortunate to have a police force that maintains dedicated and professional K-9 units.

Since their loss, the Szuba family has adopted a dog from the Humane Society. This dog will not bring back their father and husband, but we hope their new friend will help to ease their pain.

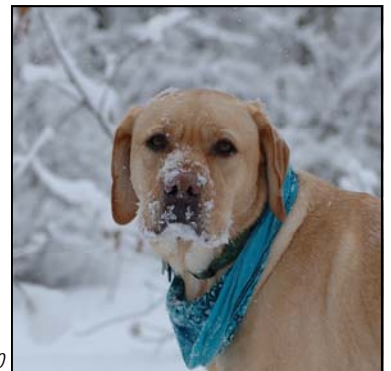


The Humane Society of St. Joseph County has facilitated the adoptions of thousands of once lost, neglected, and homeless pets throughout the years. With lots of TLC, sweat and sometimes tears, the shelter staff is able to find forever homes for the animals in our care. Once adopted, these animals find safe haven, a warm bed, and plenty of love. These lucky pets become an integral part of their new families, enjoy new activities and are sometimes made famous.

Your Biggest Fan

Take Hank, a five year old yellow Labrador. Lucky Hank found his perfect match in the Morris family. Dr. Julie Morris saw Hank as she walked through the shelter one day. The Morris family had just lost their dog and was not really looking, but Julie fell in love. When Dr. Ecker told her that Hank was lame and that the shelter did not have the money to have Hank x-rayed, Julie asked her husband, Dr. Doug Morris, to come see him. Doug and Julie just couldn't resist Hank's charm and personality. They were able to diagnose Hank's condition as hereditary dysplasia and, after several surgeries; Hank is healed and thriving with the support and love of his new family. Recently, Julie snapped a gorgeous photo of Hank exploring in the snow. This picture entitled "Hank in the Woods" was featured as the January 2010 cover photo for IN Michiana magazine.

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Lost and Found

The Humane Society of St. Joseph County rescues thousands of lost pets from the streets every year. Some of those pets are reunited with their families. However, many lost pets never see their families ever again. Every responsible pet owner should take the following steps to ensure that they can be together forever.

SECURE YOUR PET The first step in preventing the loss of a pet is to ensure that they are always supervised or housed in an escape proof dwelling, yard or kennel. Inspecting your fence frequently for gaps or holes may save you time and worry in the future. But when Fido unexpectedly digs under the fence or Fluffy surprisingly darts out the front door, and you should be prepared.

MICROCHIP YOUR PET Our job is to find forever homes for the thousands of homeless animals we care for each year. For that reason, we microchip every animal adopted from our shelter. Microchipping is a very simple procedure that provides permanent identification for your pet.

Microchips cannot be lost like a collar or ID tags. Shelters across the country routinely scan animals for microchips at the time of intake. Whether your pet runs away from home, or gets lost on vacation, one call to the microchip company can provide your contact information 24 hours a day. Have your pet microchipped at one of the two microchip clinics sponsored by the Humane Society each year, or at your next vet appointment. It's never too early to plan for a happy reunion!



LICENSE YOUR PET Did you know St. Joseph County, the City of Mishawaka and South Bend all require dogs and cats to be licensed? You can purchase licenses at most vet offices or at the Humane Society of St. Joseph County. To receive a pet license, your animal must have a current rabies vaccination and that valid certificate must be presented to the license issuer. The license tags should be displayed on your pet's collar and, if the collar stays intact on a straying pet, the tag number can be traced back to the owner. For more information on licensing your pet, please contact the Humane Society at 574-255-4726, ext. 0.



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT Your pet's license, ID tags, and microchip are only as good as the information connected to them. The Humane Society staff are too often frustrated by outdated contact information in their search for a pet's owner. Make sure you contact your local animal control agency/shelter, veterinarian, and microchip company if any of your information changes.

IF YOUR PET IS LOST

- Contact area animal shelters and animal control facilities: Do a "Lost Animal Walk-through" and fill out a report
- Contact your Veterinarian and let them know your pet is missing.
- Contact the microchip company and change your pet's status to missing. Update any outdated contact information.
- Use the internet. Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter will get your message out there. Also, take a look at www.craigslist.org in their lost/found section. You can also post information about your lost pet on this site.
- Produce flyers with a current and clear picture of your pet. Supply main details and contact information. Post

flyers at area vet offices, pet stores, animal control agencies, gas stations, anywhere you can!

- Scan the neighborhood. Talk to neighbors and let them know you have a missing pet.
- Don't lose hope, keep looking.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Humane Society of St. Joseph County: 574-255-4726, www.humanesocietystjc.org
- South Bend Animal Care & Control: 574-235-9309
- Elkhart County Humane Society: 574-848-4225
- AVID Microchip PetTrac: 1-800-336-2843, www.avidid.com
- HomeAgain: 1-866-738-4324, www.public.homeagain.com
- 24PetWatch: 1-866-597-2424, www.24PetWatch.com
- www.craigslist.org

Love Only Multiplies



Christina holds White Paws while Paula snuggles with Jack.

by Genny Carlson
When Joshua Kieffer was 9 months old he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Joshua's long, hard fight against cancer was fueled by the love of his family, and they fought that tumor for years. Unfortunately, Joshua lost that

fight on December 9, 2008 when he was in 1st grade. On December 5, 2009, Joshua's mom, Paula Gutknecht and her daughter, Christina Kieffer, came to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County. You see, love only multiplies. Even though Joshua is no longer here with them, the love they have for their little boy has not diminished. Paula knew that so many animals were waiting at our shelter for a family to love them and she wanted to adopt a kitten for Christina.

The staff of the Humane Society knows that a pet is no replacement for Joshua, but we also know that the love of an animal is a powerful healing force. So we decided to waive the adoption fee in Joshua's honor. Paula and Christina adopted two kittens, White Paws and Jack. We know that these cats have found a loving home and we hope that they will help to soothe their forever family's hearts.

Longest Resident Updates



**SHEBA—
ADOPTED!**



**SAGE —
ADOPTED!**



Offsite Adoption Events

2nd Saturday of each month at PawMart
12890 State Road 23 (Granger)
574-807-8235

3rd Saturday of each month at Petco
415 East University Drive (Mishawaka)
574-271-4967

Come take a look...



**3rd Monday of each month at
Pet Supplies Plus**
2202 South Bend Ave. (South Bend)
574-273-2292

**Last Wednesday of each month at
Canine Crazy**
322 Toscana Blvd. (Mishawaka)
574-272-3647

**March 8 - 21
April 19 - May 2
at Petsmart**
4540 Grape Road (Mishawaka)
574-243-5525

FOOD FOR EVERYONE!



The Humane Society of St. Joseph County held our 2nd annual Stuff-A-Van event this winter. The community support that greeted us was amazing! On Saturday, December 5th, Humane Society volunteers set-up

outside of PetSmart and Petco in Mishawaka to collect donations of pet food and supplies. The following Saturday, volunteers found themselves greeting donors outside of Martin's Paw Mart in Granger and Pet Supplies Plus in South Bend. Altogether, we collected over 3,000 pounds of food, lots of Kong toys (used to combat kennel boredom), plenty of miscellaneous animal supplies and over \$600 in donations.

The food donations will help feed the animals in the Humane Society's No-Kill Adoption Center, our quarantine area and supplement our Food Pantry program. The Humane Society housed, fed, medicated and cared for over 7,000 animals last year. Animals may stay anywhere from 10 days to over a year in our care. All stray animals stay in our quarantine center, waiting to either be reclaimed by their owners or for a spot to open in our Adoption Center. Every food donation help us care for these animals.



The Food Pantry program provides pet food to people who find themselves in emergency situations. The Humane Society has assisted approximately 525 owners temporarily feed over 1050 beloved pets in 2009. We offer this program to any local resident

who is in need of pet food in an emergency. Participants are asked to complete our Food Pantry survey, provide a valid ID and to request our assistance only in times of great need. The Food Pantry program is one of many community programs the Humane Society of St. Joseph County offers in order to promote our mission: to instill a reverence for all life and to enhance the human/animal bond through the compassionate care of animals and community education. We are always accepting dog and cat food, litter, unused medicine and other in-kind donations to support the homeless animals we care for. Thank you, Michiana, for supporting our mission!

By Genny Carlson



Biggest Fan, con't from page 6 Princess Leia Zorilla was adopted in December of 2005. Eager to share their adoption experience, the Zorilla family contacted artist Annamarie "Missy" Johnson. Johnson has decided to paint the portraits of 80 rescue dogs and share their story on her "Dogs for the Paws" blog (<http://dogsforthepaws.blogspot.com/>). She hopes to create awareness for animal shelters and rescues nationwide. Johnson's blog was recently featured in the February issue of Indy Tails magazine. Princess Leia Zorilla's story and portrait will soon appear on the "Dogs for the Paws" blog.



But most of the animals adopted from the Humane Society are celebrities only to their families. Nelson, a rat terrier, met his number one fans back in 1991. Six month old Nelson was such a star to the Marfurt family that they adopted another family member, 3 month old Penny, from the shelter just a year later. "Happily, we continue enjoying both of these family members that have brought us so much love over almost two decades," explains Mrs. Marfurt. Now around 18 and 17 years old, Nelson and Penny enjoy their continued fame with the love and care of their forever family.



Penny (left) and Nelson (right) have always been stars to their family!

We want to give warm thanks to all of you who have cared for and loved the animals that are a part of the Humane Society family. Your dedication to and support of our mission allows us to find homes for hundreds of animals a month. **We are your biggest fans.** By Genny Carlson

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Flying to Love

Hi, my name is Elkie. I was on my way out of town to find a new home, headed to the airport like anyone else taking a trip, when I was interrupted. A nice human picked me up and took me to the Humane Society. They told me this was the place to go for a new home, not the airport, so I decided to give it a try. I've been given a warm place to stay, yummy food, and clean water...sometimes I even get catnip! However, I've been here since January of 2008 and I'm starting to wonder if my purrfect match is coming. I am social and like other cats. Humans aren't so bad either. The staff and volunteers love to cuddle up with me and I don't mind. I've heard, that when you get adopted there are windows that you can watch pesky little birds through, and big beds to sleep in, and rooms to run back in forth in. Is this true? Could it be? I hope I find out real soon.

Elkie is a Domestic Short Hair female. She is not yet spayed but is current on basic vaccines. She would be a great addition to anyone's family, especially yours!

Precious Pearl

"Friendly girl!", "Likes toys!", "Energetic", "Loves the snow!" "Sweetheart!" is how the Humane Society volunteers describe me. My name is Gretchen. The humans told me that the name Gretchen means pearl. Like a pearl, I'm sure to be the love of any one's life. In May of 2009 I was found running at large and was brought to the shelter. I've spent a few months dazzling people with my blue and brown eyes. I would really like a home with a 6 foot fence so I'm not tempted to jog around the neighborhood like other huskies. I could save you from boredom and be your exercise partner in the spring because I love to play. The volunteers have found a special friend in me, and I'm thankful for my stay at the shelter, but I would really love a home to call my own. Hey! How about we save each other from boredom?



Gretchen is a 2 year old Husky mix. She is not yet spayed but current on basic vaccines, heartworm and lyme disease negative, and microchipped.

Can you help Elkie and Gretchen find new homes? If you aren't ready for a new pet, share these stories with people you know. Post them at work, at school or at church. For more information about Elkie and Gretchen, contact the Humane Society at 574-255-4726



Spring Cleaning

It's been a long winter and your car is dirty. Now you can clean up your car and help the Humane Society at the same time. Mike's Car Wash in Heritage Square will donate 50% of all proceeds from car washes purchased using our special fundraising code throughout the month of March.

Mike's Car Wash, 7026 Heritage Square Dr. Granger, IN 46530 (574) 855-4222

code: 55555 (Valid from March 1 - March 31, 2010)



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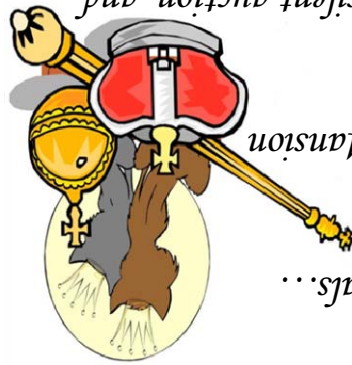
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Save these Dates!

A Royal Affair

An evening for the animals...

*Saturday, March 27,
7:00 pm at The Beiger Mansion*



*Fors d'oeuvres, dessert, silent auction, and
cash bar. Featuring the music of the Randy
Martin Trio. (Attire: smart casual)*

*MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010
MORRIS PARK COUNTRY CLUB
11:00 REGISTRATION / LUNCH
12:00 SHOT GUN
DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GOLF*



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For more information, and to sign up, contact Nancy or Genny at (574) 255-4726 or visit us at:
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