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**This month's spotlight...Humane Society of Indianapolis:** Established in 1905, the Humane Society of Indianapolis is the leading voice for the welfare of animals and improving their quality of life. We are an Indy-based, independent organization—the largest non-profit animal shelter in Indiana.

We no longer euthanize animals because we don't have enough room. As a "limited admission" shelter, we accept as many animals as we can care for—up to 275 dogs and cats at a time. Adoptable animals live with us until they find a forever home. If the shelter is full, IndyHumane works with other area shelters, animal welfare organizations, and dozens of foster families to find alternative placements.



Our mission is to be the leading voice for the welfare of animals and improving their quality of life. IndyHumane is the first choice in providing direct services for shelter cats and dogs, including adoption, foster home placement, behavior training, appropriate medical care, and affordable spay/neuter services. As the voice for the animals, IndyHumane brings together likeminded animal-focused individuals and groups to educate the public about animal welfare issues and concerns. For over 100 years, *it's all about the animals.*

IndyHumane is funded solely by individual and corporate contributions, grants, bequests, adoptions, and other fees for service. We receive no tax money, and we're not a part of national organizations such as HSUS or the ASPCA. We rely on the generosity of others to help the animals we serve. When you support IndyHumane, you fund lifesaving – and life-changing – services. Every time a cat or dog is successfully adopted, another is given the chance to find a loving family. You can find all available animals featured in real time on our website.

IndyHumane also offers a variety of other services. There is the low cost vaccination clinic that offers basic vaccinations and microchipping, behavior training, an on-site dog park, and a pet food pantry. Please visit their website, [indyhumane.org](http://indyhumane.org), to find out all of the details!

**This month's featured IndyHumane pet is Gilly: Story shared by her mom, Nina.**

Gilly (formally Olive) was brought to IndyHumane around last August. She was brought in by a Good Samaritan who found her at six weeks old walking down the street with her eye out of its socket. The vets at IndyHumane cleaned it up, placed it back in its socket and stitched the lid close so everything could heal.

I temperament tested her about a week after she came to IndyHumane and took her home that day to foster. She was so sweet at the shelter I just fell in love with her and wanted her to be able to heal at home. Well, from the day we brought her into our home she was a perfect puppy, and not at all what I had expected! She knew where to do

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her business from day one, got along well with our other dogs and was very calm and quiet in her crate during her recovery.



When we brought her back to IndyHumane to be spayed, the vets at IndyHumane removed the stitches from her eye. Initially, they suspected that she would be blind in that eye because there didn't seem to be any response to light. But within 2 days at home we noticed that she was controlling the movement of the eye and that the pupil began dilating along with the healthy eye.

Gilly was such an easy puppy. She had such a loving and playful personality and got along with everyone. We soon realized she was the one for us. So on September 17, 2010 we officially adopted her.

We unexpectedly lost our beloved Pit Bull, Lex, in February 2010 due to an untreatable medical condition. Lex was a Canine Good Citizen and accomplished Search and Rescue K9. Since losing him, we had been half heartedly looking for another dog to complete what had for many years been our 4-dog pack. Gilly started her obedience and search and rescue training a few weeks later and has been training as a trailing and recovery dog for Indiana K9 Search and Recovery, Inc since October 2010. She passed her Canine Good Citizen on March 12, 2011 and will begin training to be a therapy dog very soon. She has a very gentle nature, is very handler attentive and loves people.

Of all the people she loves and adores, she particularly loves children! When she sees a child, she wags her tail so hard she touches both sides of her body with it and practically folds herself in half! Then she proceeds to play-bow and roll on her back until her silly antics catch the attention of the children. When they come over to pet her, she is gentle and stays on the floor while wagging her tail and shows them her silly grin. Her favorite things in life are going to doggy daycare to play with all her friends, chewing on logs or sticks and snuggling up to any human who will have her.

She has brought a joy to our lives that we never imagined we could have so soon after the loss of Lex. We feel that with her intelligence and temperament, she is destined to accomplish big things. Her sweet nature and good behavior are a testament to the resiliency of dogs and their ability to overcome trauma and tragedy. We are endlessly grateful to the caring person who found her and brought her to IndyHumane, to the donors of IndyHumane who make treating dogs like Gilly possible and for the shelter staff who cared enough about a little puppy to give her a fair chance at a great life!

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## Next Month's Spotlight: Indy Feral

### Calendar of Fundraisers/Events

#### June

**IndyFeral** and Mike's Car Wash. Purchase your carwash coupons at [www.indyferal.org](http://www.indyferal.org).

June 4: **Indy Pit Crew** Community Pet Day at Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center, 1920 W. Morris St, 10a-2p.

June 4: **FIDO-ACC** Pet Food Pantry. Volunteers needed. 11:30am to 4:00pm. Located at Animal Care & Control, 2600 S Harding St, 46221. Contact: [volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org](mailto:volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org)

June 9 - IMPD Southwest District Community Day (551 North King Avenue),  
11 AM - 2 PM - **IACC**

June 11 - Binford Boulevard Farmers Market, 9 AM - 12 PM - **IACC**

June 11 - Traders Point PetSmart, 12:30 - 4 PM - **IACC**

June 11&12, 2011: Plant Sale and Yard Sale at the **Southside Animal Shelter**

Saturday June 11-- 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Sunday June 12 --8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Our 1st Annual Flower & Yard Sale fundraiser for the animals. Come by and see what bargains you can find. Contact [robin@ssasi.org](mailto:robin@ssasi.org) to donate good used items or to work the sale. All proceeds go to help us rescue at-risk companion animals. 1614 W Edgewood

June 1-30: Shop at Whole Foods Market, bring your own bag, earn dimes for FIDO! (you can use the WFM logos attached -- we have their permission) - **FIDO**

June 18, Dog Wash Fund Raiser for FIDO at For the Dogs daycare, 10617 Zionsville Rd. by Pizza King. 10:30am to 2:30pm. – **FIDO**

June 18 - Wag Tag Sale (9222 Holyoke Court 46268), 8 AM - 3 PM - **IACC**

June 18 - Greenwood PetSmart, 12 - 4 PM - **IACC**

June 19 - Avon PetSmart, 12 - 4 PM – **IACC**

June 23 - IMPD North District Community Day (Broad Ripple Park), 11 AM -  
2 PM - **IACC**

June 25 - Traders Point PetSmart, 12 - 4 PM - **IACC**

June 25: FIDO Outreach in Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. 11:00am to 4:00pm. Volunteers needed. Contact: [volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org](mailto:volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org) - **FIDO**

June 29 – **IACC** will be at Zydeco's in Mooresville from 5pm-9pm raising money for the shelter. Zydeco's is located at 11 E. Main St., Mooresville, IN 46158

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Now through the month of June, **Indy Feral** is selling gift coupons good for one Express Carwash at any Mike's Express Carwash location in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Terre Haute, Cincinnati, or Dayton. The gift coupons cost \$8.00 each, and IndyFeral receives 50% of the proceeds to support our programs. These carwash coupons make great gifts too; recipients are touched that each coupon is taking a step towards ending the homeless cat overpopulation as well as improving the lives of those in managed colonies! Since there isn't an expiration date, think ahead to Birthdays and Holidays. A GREAT Father's Day present too! As an added incentive, each ticket sold comes with a coupon for \$5.00 off a 12lb. bag of holistic or grain free cat or dog food at any of the 4 Indy area Pet Supplies "PLUS" stores

<b>July</b>	<p>July 2: <b>FIDO-ACC</b> Pet Food Pantry. Volunteers needed. 11:30am to 4:00pm. Located at Animal Care &amp; Control, 1200 S Harding Street. Contact: <a href="mailto:volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org">volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org</a></p> <p>July 9: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Community Pet Day at LeGore Boys &amp; Girls Club, 5228 W. Minnesota St, 10a-1p.</p> <p>July 16: <b>FIDO-ACC</b> Pet Food Pantry. Volunteers needed. 11:30am to 4:00pm. Located at Animal Care &amp; Control, 1200 S Harding Street. Contact: <a href="mailto:volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org">volunteer-coordinator@fidoindy.org</a></p> <p>July 21-30: Marion County Fair, <b>IACC</b> adoptions.</p> <p>July 27: IMPD Northwest District Community Day (TBA), <b>IACC</b></p>
<b>August</b>	<p>August 4: IMPD Downtown District Community Day (City Market Plaza), <b>IACC</b></p> <p>August 6: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Community Pet Day. Location TBA</p> <p>August 27: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Community Pet Day. Location TBA</p>
<b>September</b>	<p><b>IndyFeral's</b> Annual Mum Sale (<a href="http://www.indyferal.org">www.indyferal.org</a>)</p> <p>September 3: Miracle Mile Parade, <b>IACC</b></p> <p>September 10, 2011 : 2nd Annual Big Dog Fat Cat Festival –<b>Southside Animal Shelter</b>, 11:00am - 5:00pm. Location: Perry Park. Volunteers needed, contact Robin at <a href="mailto:robin@ssasi.org">robin@ssasi.org</a> to help with this festival</p> <p>September 27: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Community Pet Day. Location TBA</p>
<b>October</b>	<p>Pet Supplies Plus Fundraiser: Proud to Support <b>IndyFeral</b> (<a href="http://www.indyferal.org">www.indyferal.org</a>)</p> <p>October 1: Hair Ball 2011. Contact <a href="http://www.IndyHairBall.org">www.IndyHairBall.org</a> to benefit <b>SNSI</b></p> <p>October 8: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Community Pet Day. Location TBA</p> <p>October 22: <b>Indy Pit Crew</b> Bully March, Indiana War Memorial</p>

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**November** November 9-13: Christmas Gift & Hobby Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds

November 12-13: Great Indy Pet Expo



**Are you into social networking? Don't forget – the Alliance has a new Facebook page that we will be updating daily with news, fun facts, what's new, etc. If you could please take link on your page so that we a minute to sign in and "Like" us we'd really appreciate it! Also, feel free to share our can get more people involved.**

**CORRECTION!!!!!!** There is a Correction from the May 2011 newsletter. If you suspect abuse you should call the Mayor's Action Center at **327-4622** during regular business hours. If an animal is in need of immediate assistance after regular business hours, the number to call is **327-3811** (police non-emergency) not 327-1397.

### **Whole Foods Market supports our community: Reusing your own bag now helps more than ever!**

The Whole Foods Market campaign, One Dime At A Time, offers 10¢ per bag to customers who reuse their own bags. Customers can direct the cashier to donate the refund to a designated non-profit organization. Our very own Alliance member, F.I.D.O., is one of their chosen recipients from April 1 to June 30, 2011. Every dime makes a difference!

**Locations:**

1300 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St in Nora Plaza  
Indianapolis

14598 Clay Terrace Blvd  
Carmel



### **Don't Forget: Upcoming Editions**

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Our goal is to publish the first week of every month. To get your news included, please send your items to [IAWAcommunication@gmail.com](mailto:IAWAcommunication@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Welcome to our newest IAWA board member, Paws & Think

With a unanimous vote of approval, Paws & Think was elected in May to the Board of the Indianapolis Animal Welfare Alliance (IAWA). For those of you who may not remember our structure, the board was originally made up of the eight founding organizations that created the 10-year vision for Animal Welfare in the City of Indianapolis: Animal Care and Control, Cat's Haven, FIDO, Humane Society of Indianapolis, Indy Pit Crew, IndyFeral, Southside Animal Shelter, and Spay-Neuter Services (one organization = one vote). Planning Plus, LLC, our original facilitators for the strategic plan, came on in December to handle our Communications Committee. To keep us on our toes, in December of last year the board decided to expand the number of board positions and invited Paws & Think. More on them later!

Paws and Think is thrilled to be the newest IAWA partner! Who are we? We are a nonprofit organization incorporated in 2001. We owe everything to our hero and founder Gayle Hutchens, whose passion and tireless work has led to our organization touching the lives of more than 5000 at-risk youths in the greater Indianapolis area, placing 25 dogs with special needs individuals and facilities, and saving the lives of more than 350 dogs.

Our mission is to match the potential of at-risk youths and canines to enhance the lives of children and adults with special needs. Our mutually beneficial animal-assisted intervention programs promote the human/animal bond. The knowledge that the youths acquire to train their dogs transfers to their own life situations. And this training improves sheltered canines' chances of being adopted. Here are our programs:

- **Youth/Canine Programs**
- **Client Programs**
- **Animal Assisted Activity/Therapy**
- **Outreach Program**
- **Annual Conference**

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Paws and Think looks forward to working with all of you in the Alliance. Thank you for welcoming us! If you would like to know more, check us out at [www.pawsandthink.org](http://www.pawsandthink.org) . Our interim executive director is Lynn Wilson, who can be reached at 317-431-1944.

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## “They Love You Unconditionally”

Excerpts from June 3, 2011, edition of The Criterion, written by John Shaughnessy.

“Let’s start with the tale of a dog and a 14-year-old girl who was in a coma in the intensive care unit at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Day after day, Jessica lay unresponsive in the hospital bed as her friends and family members hoped and prayed for her recovery from a respiratory illness that had shut down her lungs. Then a request was made to Darlene Gosnell, coordinator of the hospital’s pet ministry program: please bring one of the dogs to Jessica’s room.

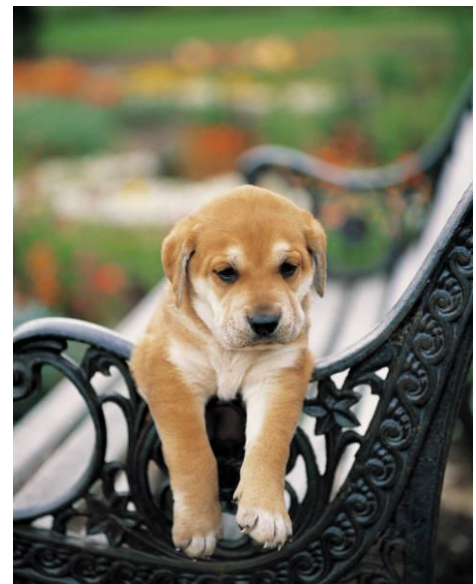
Enter Molly B., who looked right at home as she walked into Jessica’s hospital room. Gosnell lifted the dog to the girl’s bed, whispered a prayer and then said one word to Molly, ‘Stimulate.’ (Molly) started licking her fingertips, went up the arm and licked around her head . . . everybody in the room is watching . . . this young lady turns to the left, opens her left eye, looks at the dog and smiles.

She ended up graduating from Purdue University with honors. She refers to the dogs as angels with paws.

In the ever increasingly sophisticated world of health care, the pet ministry program at St. Vincent Hospital offers another reminder that there’s still an important place for basic interaction that makes a difference. The dogs speak a universal language. They love you unconditionally.

Many of the dogs used in the program have a history of being rescued from difficult situations. The staff has received calls from vets about abused dogs, they’ve rescued dogs that were from puppy mills or that were deformed.

Gosnell says that ‘in our mission goals, it’s not about how many people we see each day. It’s the quality of time we have during our stay with the patients. It’s the quality of time the dogs are giving.



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**The lists are never completely filled, so we will continue these as a reminder:**

**F.I.D.O.:**

- Kennel panels, gates, fasteners, fence posts
- Training crates (metal or plastic)
- Sturdy collars (medium)
- Leashes
- Flea treatment
- Straw
- Financial donations (for spay/neuter, vaccinations, and basic medical)
- Mismatched tops and bottoms from dog houses or large vari-kennels/carriers.

Contact [www.fidoindy.org](http://www.fidoindy.org)

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**IACC:**

- Digital cameras
- Dry cat food
- Canned cat food/dog food
- New or used cat carriers
- New or used dog crates, any size
- Bleach
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Standard white legal envelopes
- Standard letter sized lined paper pads
- Pens
- AA batteries/AAA batteries
- Clip-boards
- New or gently used dog collars
- Cat and dog toys for kennel enrichment volunteers

Contact [Darcie.Kurtz@indy.gov](mailto:Darcie.Kurtz@indy.gov)

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**Indy Pit Crew:**

- Storage unit with adjustable shelves
- 18 gal Rubbermaid bins

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- Paper towels
- Surgical gloves
- Dog treats
- Printer paper
- New or gently used leashes and collars
- Two portable DVD players
- Two syringes and needles

Contact [recycleabull@indy.rr.com](mailto:recycleabull@indy.rr.com)

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### **IndyFeral:**

- Yesterday's News Cat Litter
- 30-gallon trash bags
- Printer paper
- Paper towels
- Distilled water
- Volunteers to help at spay-day clinics or in the field
- Mismatched tops and bottoms from dog houses or large vari-kennel/carriers.
- Cat carriers of any size
  
- The following items for the construction of feral cat shelters:
  - Treated 2x4s (\$2.50 each)
  - Treated 4x8 1/2 exterior plywood (\$30 sheet)
  - KILZ 2R primer paint (\$18)
  - Exterior acrylic latex caulk, white or clear (\$2/tube)
  - 3/4" or 1" wood or drywall screws (\$5/box)
  - 8" metal shelf bracket (\$1 each)
  - 2" metal mending braces (\$1 each)
  - 4 3/4" screen door handle (\$2 each)
  - 10' vinyl drip edge Genova white available only at Lowe's (\$4 each)

If you have any of these items to donate or have questions, please contact Marie Koenig, [Koenigmarie55@gmail.com](mailto:Koenigmarie55@gmail.com). Monetary donations can be sent to: IndyFeral, P.O Box 30054, Indpls IN 46230,

Contact [www.indyferal.org](http://www.indyferal.org)

### **Southside Animal Shelter:**

On our website is a list of things we need: <http://ssasi.org/suppliesweneed.html>

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