



Who's ready for Spring??

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Is anyone else incredibly ready for spring to begin? Or at least warmer weather? I'm sure the animals here at the shelter are ready for the warm days again so they can get some exercise outside!

Shelter events are starting to pop up again and planning is in full swing for another year of busy fundraising and outreach activities. We are planning on having a booth at the Z92.5 Home Show on **March 27 and 28**. We hope to get a lot of volunteer involvement for that weekend. We will have adoptable animals at

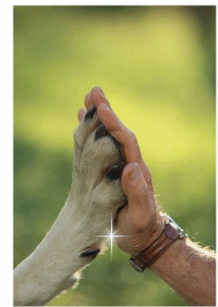


the event and will be highlighting animal health hazards in the house. It's a great opportunity to reach out to the public and put our mission out there. If you'd like to be a part of the event, please contact me.

I'm also looking at hold-

ing a "spring clean-up" day, possibly in April or May. I'd like to organize a couple of groups to do various spring cleaning activities at the shelter.

If you have an ideas or would like to participate, let me know.



Once again, thank you all for everything you do for the shelter!

~Vicki

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Volunteer Tails

Petco Cat Habitats = Success!

Our Petco habitats continue to be a huge success for the shelter! As of today, we have adopted out 54 cats from the Petco store since December 1. Not only are we able to get these cats new homes, we are also making ourselves seen in the community. A handful of our adoptions have been to people that live out of county. We are able to show the community what great animals we have for adoption

as well as help to educate others on animal care and population control.



Currently, we are still needing help most mornings in caring

for the cats. We have a small group of WONDERFUL volunteers who have taken turns caring for the cats. Without their help, we may not have been this successful! If you or someone you know could spare a morning or two, please let me know. It only takes a little time, but you'd be helping to save a life and send a cat to a forever home!

Indiana House Cracks Down on Animal Cruelty

The Humane Society of the United States praised the Indiana House of Representatives for passing a bill that will strengthen the state's animal cruelty laws. H.B. 1258 was introduced by Rep. Linda Lawson, R-Hammond, and will give law enforcement agencies the tools they need to crack down on animal cruelty as follows:



- Requiring pet stores to provide information to customers about the animal's history.
- Requiring shelter that protects horses from the elements.

- Making the promotion of a dogfighting or cockfighting event a predicate offense under the racketeering statute.
- Making it a Class D felony to attend a dogfight or cockfight.

"I am happy that H.B. 1258 passed the house with such strong bipartisan support. We have worked hard to make this bill acceptable by members on both sides of the aisle," Lawson said. "We hope now that the senate will join us in sending the message that Indiana is not a safe haven for those who abuse, mistreat or fight animals."

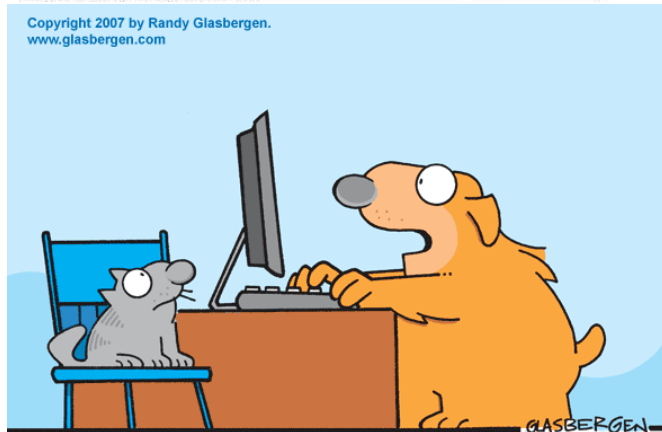
The bill passed in the House by a vote of 71 to 26. The HSUS now urges the Indiana Senate to act swiftly to pass this sensible piece of legislation.

"Last year, The Humane Society of the United States assisted law enforcement with the largest dog fighting raid in Indiana history, in which officials seized 109 dogs from deplorable conditions," said Anne K. Sterling, Indiana state director for The HSUS. "We applaud legislators for taking action to crack down on the entire cast of characters involved in animal fighting, and to protect pets and consumers by ensuring that people have information regarding the origins of puppies in pet stores."

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"I'm setting up a MySpace page, but I can't figure out how to let my friends sniff me over the Internet!"

Another Pet Adoption Weekend at Petco
March 20 & 21
Let me know if you can participate!

"There are two ways of spreading light— to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." ~ Edith Wharton
~In Memory of Phyllis Curry