



Meet the Andrews Family

Every non profit organization is grateful for their volunteers and we are no exception. HELP is fortunate to have caring and dedicated people who make a difference for our shelter and our animals.

The Andrews family consists of Mom and Dad, Chris and Deena and they have two daughters, Casey and Jamie. This family spent a lot of time at the shelter this summer walking and socializing our dogs. They come in the door with a firm plan in place and spend their time taking dog after dog out for exercise and some one on one time. Our dogs love it when the Andrews come to "visit". They even bring in "stray's": family friends or cousins, anyone visiting for the day. These extras are a bonus for us and even more dogs get walked that day.

Casey and Jamie are a wonderful example of young girls who are learning about animal care and the importance of spay/neuter. The more young people we can educate, the more of an impact it will make in the future. We are hopeful this next generation will be able to carry forward a more educated and humane knowledge of animal welfare and will make a difference in the lives of animals.

We recently found out that Chris Andrews is a leukemia survivor. When his youngest daughter Jamie was a baby, Chris was facing a very bleak future. He needed a

bone marrow transplant in order to survive. He was fortunate enough to find a match and today he is healthy man who is determined to give back.

They are a very special family and we appreciate them and their love for HELP. This family has also succumbed to the HELP "curse": they fell in love with one of our dogs, Whisper and have given her a home. Trust me, it happens to many of us but it is SO worth it.

Help's Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

28th Halloween Goes to the Dogs

2:00 —4:-00 p.m.

*Middlefork Reservoir Pet Costume Contest
Parks Dept. Event*

NOVEMBER

10th Fall Vaccination Clinic

1:00 —4:00 p.m.

Wayne County Fairgrounds— Salisbury Road

17th Consultant Extravaganza

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

*At Quaker Hill Conference Center— Waterfall Road
Home party consultants.*

DECEMBER

1st Alternative Gift Fair

10:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.

Morrison-Reeves Library

8th Pet Photo with Santa

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Old Blockbuster Plaza on East Main Street.

15th Light to Remember

6:00 p.m.

HELP Shelter

Lighting of the tree for the lights sold during the month, in memory & honor of loved ones.





Cassie & Pups:

This past summer HELP had been receiving reports of a situation involving three Pit Bulls in a small kennel with no shade. The city's Animal Control Officer became involved and convinced the owner to relinquish the pregnant female (Cassie) to HELP. By then Cassie had given birth to five puppies, out in the blazing sun. The four



puppies that made it to our shelter alive all had fluid in their lungs and would require several weeks of constant monitoring. In spite of our efforts another puppy died at two weeks old and a second at four weeks old

Cassie is only a year old and this was her first (and only as she is now spayed) litter. Not only was motherhood a new experience for her, but it seems that she had had little interaction with people. Our kennel manager worked very diligently with her on trust issues and was able to help her learn to care for her puppies properly. Now the puppies are healthy and happy it is Cassie's turn. She is now playing with the other dogs and learning what fun toys are. Cassie needs someone willing to make her a part of their family – she has so much love to give and now just needs the opportunity. Could yours be the special family she needs to share her life?



Ashley Unchained...

This is Ashley. She lived her entire life on the end of a chain, but is now looking for a loving inside home where she can get the care and love she deserves.

Vinca: the One Eyed Kitten

Living on the street is no picnic! When Veronica and her four tiny kittens were rescued and brought to HELP, they were all skinny and very ill. They had to remain at the shelter for several weeks, receiving medications and attention from our devoted staff. Fortunately for them, the Hurwitz family volunteered to take them all home for further treatment and the socialization they needed. Even so, it became necessary for Vinca to have one eye removed; the remaining eye provides blurry vision, but her outlook on the world remains sunny. She is just as active and playful as the other kittens and has *such* a sweet nature. If you are looking for a cuddle bug, she's your girl.



Although Vinca has only one eye, she can still see the love in your heart!



Please sponsor a shelter dog or cat for HALLOWEEN
Your \$10 donation will provide a tasty treat for a special dog or cat waiting at HELP to find their forever home.

One of the scariest things this Halloween is the economy and how many good people have had to give up the pets they love. These pets are waiting in our shelter, wishing to have a home and a loving family to call their own.

Our animals are dressing up for Halloween and trying to have fun BUT they are always wishing for that certain wonderful person to come and fall in love and give them the forever home they want.

Your donation allows each animal to receive a special treat, it also allows us to continue to offer homes to the many dogs and cats who are losing their homes through no fault of their own.

You will receive a photo of the dogs and cats you have sponsored.

Yes, I would like to sponsor a dog or cat for Halloween!

_____ Dogs # _____ Cats

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Mail to:
HELP the Animals, Inc.
P.O. Box 117
Richmond, IN 47375

Yes, I would like to sponsor a dog or cat as a gift!

_____ Dogs # _____ Cats

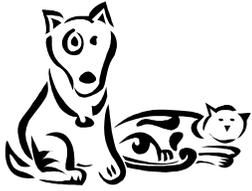
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HELP The Animals
Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic
Saturday, November 10th, 2012
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.



Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds
861 Salisbury Road North



Dogs:

Rabies and Distemper/Parvo----- \$20.00

Cats:

Rabies and Distemper----- \$20.00

Puppies (Distemper/Parvo) & Kittens (Distemper)

Under 3 Months Old ----- \$10.00

Micro Chips available----- \$20.00

Advantage Flea Treatment - - - - - \$8.00-\$16.00 (depending on Pet Size)
 (One month application applied to pet at clinic)

Please make sure your pets are properly restrained at the clinic.



Cash & Checks & Credit Cards Accepted.

Please make checks out to:
HELP the Animals, Inc.



Eagle Scouts

HELP has been so fortunate to be the beneficiary of three Boy Scout Eagle projects within the past year. Eagle Scout projects require that the Scout come up with a project and then carry it through to completion. This includes designing, planning, raising the necessary funds, completing the project and reporting back to National. It is a long, detailed process which leads to the coveted Eagle Scout designation.

The first project was accomplished by Cameron Delucio. He manufactured agility training equipment to be used by staff and volunteers at the shelter, as well as by a local training group. A variety of jumps and other training aids were constructed from different size PVC pipe and wood. If you were at our Pet Walk last summer, you saw some of the pieces Cameron created.



Conner Holthouse actually completed two separate projects. The first involved design and construction of wheeled platforms which allow us to move heavy glass and metal cages in our lobby, as well as crates used for larger dogs. Banks of cat toppers in our Isolation unit are also now on wheeled bases. These units can now be moved readily and safely for cleaning. His second project was to design and erect a shelter in the corner of the main exercise yard which provides shade and protection from inclement weather for staff and volunteers.

The third Eagle Scout project was accomplished by Marshal Bane who designed and erected a fenced puppy/small dog yard on the East side of HELP's lot. Previously, we did not have an appropriate place for potential adopters to interact with smaller dogs or puppies. In the main yard there were often big dogs also being exercised so the smaller dogs/puppies were overwhelmed. Staff and adopters are now enjoying this safer, fenced area.

We are so grateful to these young men for choosing to make life better for our furry residents. Their vision and dedication speaks highly of their character and concern for others.

New Kennels!

Recently, we improved our outside kennels to provide a much better and safer environment for our dogs during their daily outside time. We now have 8 heavy duty kennels in the Play Yard south of the main building.

The concrete pads replaced deteriorated asphalt and allowed us to change the whole layout of the area. They also provide a smooth surface that is much easier to clean. The new heavy duty kennels replace light-weight portable kennels which constantly needed repair. In addition, all the new kennels have metal roofs providing shelter from the elements as well as shade from the sun.



HELP the Animals is grateful to the Wayne County Foundation for funding a major portion of this project. Additionally, the following volunteers assembled the kennels and built the roof structure over a period of several long days: Jeff and Conner Holthouse, Jeff Barbour, David Camp and Sam Hogenauer.

Our dogs and staff say "Thank You!"

Barktoberfest

Thank you to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for inviting us to Barktoberfest.

The church was bursting with the happy sounds of dogs and cats. The service was wonderful and the blessings were everywhere. All of the pets were blessed and after the service dinner was served.

We had the opportunity to speak with the members of the church as well as guests. A very special *Thank You* to Barbara Eastman & Barbara Hameetman, who helped with everything.



4th Street Fair

4th Street Fair was a great day for seeing lots of old friends and



making many new ones.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say "Hi" and buy something.

All money raised goes to keep our shelter doors open and give homes to the homeless animals in our community.



Rebecca stopped by and mentioned how much she misses Wendy.

The Help Quilt

This summer we saw Happy & Sad side by side. We were so happy to see our former Director Deb Force when she came to sign the book she wrote featuring HELP's Animals. At the same time we said Good Bye to Wendy Neale, our tireless and dedicated Board Member, who has moved to Oregon.



This book is still available for purchase at HELP the Animals for \$20.

They will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

How You Can Support HELP the Animals (part 2)

PLANNED GIVING

A planned gift is one made or promised from the donor's assets (typically appreciated assets) or from an estate. It is advisable for the donor to contact their tax advisor for detailed information regarding planned giving, but brief descriptions are provided below.

Bequests

Charitable bequests enable the donor to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. A major advantage to remembering Help the Animals in a donor's will is the reduction of estate taxes while supporting a mission the donor is passionate about.

Life Insurance

The gift of a life insurance policy is another way to make a substantial contribution to Help the Animals. Many people find in later years they do not need as much insurance as they did when they were younger. By changing the policy beneficiary or transferring the ownership of a cash value life insurance policy, the donor can leave a lasting legacy of support for Help the Animals.

Life Income Agreements

Life income agreements are available for donors who want to make an irrevocable gift that will benefit the animals at Help after their death. These agreements allow the donor to retain an income interest during their lifetime or for a term of years.

Appreciated Property

Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds or real estate provide greater tax benefits than cash gifts of equivalent value, particularly if they have a low cost basis. The donor receives a charitable deduction for the full market value.



Recycling Helps Homeless Pets

Thank you to all who bring your aluminum cans and ink cartridges to HELP!

(Please remember we can only sell name brand cartridges)

Your donations add up quickly and will mean thousands of dollars for needy animals this year!

The more cans & cartridges we recycle, the more animals we can help! Keep up the good work and thanks again!!!



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