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New Name—New Project!

With the Commissioners very expensive small minded and short sighted decision on the Animal Shelter the LaGrange County Animal Welfare Association made the decision to change our name.

We want people to know that we are in no way associated with the LaGrange County Animal Shelter, particularly now that we are staging a major fundraising drive.

We will now be the Animal Welfare Association. (AWA) We will continue to work with the Animal Shelter for as long as it exists. Our efforts to help the animals in the LaGrange County Animal Shelter have not changed,

just our name.

We are starting a MAJOR fundraising drive to open a privately run/funded Adoption-Educational Center.

PROJECT C.A.R.E.!

(Companion Animal Resources - Education).

The C.A.R.E. center will be:

- An adoption center, to find adoptive homes and foster homes for animals pulled from the shelter
- Promote spaying and neutering of companion pets to help curb the numbers of animals going into the shelter
- Provide educational programs about responsible pet ownership
- Provide resources and information on behavioral

problems.

In order to accomplish this we will need the support of the citizens of La-Grange County.

We need a donation of land to build the center on, materials, money, labor...

This is a ground-up project and if you have any input, please let us know. If you can donate money/time/property, please do, we need your help to get this project moving and save the lives of many wonderful animals getting the shaft!

If you are willing to help with any of these items, please attend our meetings or notify one of the members listed.

Meeting Schedule

A.W.A. meets 1st Thursday of the month at the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe at 7:00PM

June	5th
July	3rd
August	7th
September	4th
October	2nd
November	6th
December	4th

Contact Us

- Amy Gunther 562-3122
- Lindy Goetz 463-2602
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- Mary Alice Lynch 562-3299
- Debbie Bontrager 463-3406

Welcome to all our New Members!

www.lcawa.org



Web Site

Animal Welfare Association, Inc. has our website up and running. Be sure to visit at www.lcawa.org

Site provided by :




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Shelter Stats



APRIL/MAY 2003		2003 YEAR TO DATE	
	A/M		
Animals Brought in:	39/79	Animals Brought in:	249
Dogs/Puppies	28/50	Dogs/Puppies	190
Cats/Kittens	9/29	Cats/Kittens	57
Animals Adopted:	7/15	Animals Adopted:	54
Dogs/Puppies	7/12	Dogs/Puppies	44
Cats/Kittens	0/3	Cats/Kittens	10
Animals Euthanized:	14/31	Animals Euthanized:	103
Dogs/Puppies	13/17	Dogs/Puppies	88
Cats/Kittens	1/14	Cats/Kittens	25



He's already trained, with no personality surprises for you, and he needs your love. **Adopt a Mature Pet**

Coming Events

Liberty Days	Farmers Market	Adoption Event
July 5, 2003 Courthouse Square 9AM - 3PM LaGrange, IN	July 12, 2003 Howe Park 9AM - 3PM Howe, IN	July 20, 2003 Tractor Supply Store 11AM - 3PM LaPorte, IN

If you would like information on any of the Adoption Events shown above, contact Sarah @ mixedupmutts@yahoo.com or call 219 -326-8887. Adoption Events sponsored by Mixed Up Mutts, Inc.

PLEASE VISIT OUR SPONSORS

Your ad could be here!

Please contact Debbie @ 260-463-3406 for information on how to place your Business Ad in the newsletters.

When in Howe, Stop at the little Red Building behind the TJ's. (yes, they are back!)

We have an ongoing Fund Raiser called

“Old Books &

New Puppies”

We have used books & great Stuff.

Sorry, no set hours, just when volunteers can come in.

We are going to try and be open from 10AM - 6PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

We have used books & great Stuff.

Stop to see if we're open.

If you see something you like, buy it.

You will be helping to support the Animal Welfare Association.

Have some old books to donate? Call us.



A membership to A.W.A. helps benefits the animals and you get a subscription to the newsletter sent to you each month.

Membership:

Individual \$20

Family \$35

Friend \$50

Sponsor \$100

Benefactor \$250

Patron \$500

Call now - Become a Member!





Photo Contest

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A: Nothing. You just need to do a little more work. A dog's prey drive — his instinct to chase and catch — is triggered by movement. Things that quickly move past or away from him like balls, children playing, joggers, bicyclists, speeding cars and running cats, get an immediate reaction from your dog because nature programmed him to chase moving creatures. As long as your cat was sitting still or just going about her business, your dog learned to ignore her. But in motion, she became something completely different and exciting. His ancient instinct to chase called to him and he obeyed without thinking. Just as you taught your dog to sit quietly when the cat is in the room, you can also teach him to ignore the cat when she's running or playing. Once again, get a friend to help you. With the dog on lead and in a sit/stay position, have your friend play with the cat and encourage her to run about. Praise your dog for sitting calmly, correct him if he tries to chase. As your dog becomes more reliable, he may be allowed to investigate the cat's play or even join in the game as long as he remembers his manners and how to respond to your command to "LEAVE IT!" when necessary.

We will be sponsoring a Pet Photo Contest starting at the Liberty Days Festival July 5th, 2003 on the courthouse lawn and ending at Corn School.

The winners will be announced at the Annual "Benefit for the Animals" on October 16th at The Legion.

Come to our table on July 5th, bring your favorite Pet Photo or send your favorite Photo to us by September 30, 2003. Be sure to put your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo (can be taped to back). Send a self addressed stamped envelope if

S.N.A.P.

The Spay/Neuter Aid Program (S.N.A.P.) If you receive any of the following forms of public assistance: Unemployment Disability Medicaid WIC You can participate in S.N.A.P.

you want your photo returned).

Photos will be posted at the Animal Welfare Booth and everyone is invited to come and vote for their favorite.

Each vote is \$. 50.

Be sure to stop at the end of the day to see how your photo is doing. Tell your friends to bring their \$. 50 and vote for your pet!

The categories are:

1. Best Pet Smile.
2. Best Family Picture with Pet.
3. Best Baby Pet.

If you are approved, we will pay half of the cost to have your pet spayed or neutered (up to \$40.00).

You can pick up the S.N.A.P. application at: Council on Aging LaGrange Animal Clinic

4. Best Picture of a Pet with it's kid.

5. Best Pet on Vacation

Winners will receive a Framed print of their photo, their picture in the December/ January newsletter and a year of the AWA Pet News.

Be sure to remember to give your friends your Photo number and tell them to Vote!

Photos will be posted at "The Livery" in Howe when not at Liberty Days or Corn School. Come Vote!

Northside Veterinary Clinic South Milford Veterinary Hospital. Complete the form, mail back to us and if approved for the program, we will contact you, and mail the certificate needed for your vet.



Adoption Options

Bear Hugs are the Best!

Bear was turned in by his owners. A second marriage and the

other dog won out. Bear is housetrained, his foster Mom says he is an excellent dog. He gets along with everyone and is quite the gentleman in the house. If you would

like more information on Bear call Debbie 260-463-3406, email furparent@yahoo.com or visit www.mixedupmutts.petfinder.com for an adoption application

REMEMBER

If your pet is picked up by LaGrange County Animal Control THIS IS HOW MUCH TIME IT HAS BEFORE IT IS PUT TO SLEEP:

If picked up with NO COLLAR it has 3 DAYS

If picked up with a Collar/Tags it has 5 DAYS

If you take your dog to the shelter and surrender IT - CAN BE PUT DOWN THE DAY YOU LEAVE!

If you have to give your pet up, please consider working with a Rescue Group like Mixed Up Mutts or AWA. If you can keep the pet in your home for a little while, we will post it on the internet and try to get a foster home for it. Please try to work with them.

Cute Enough to be A Rock Star!

Ty was a stray, he cleaned up beautifully!

dog. . He is going to make a wonderful companion. He is housetrained, neutered, up to date on shots and on heart-worm preventive. If you'd like more infor-

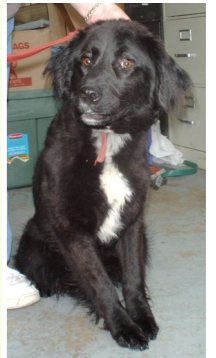
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BEAR



Black Lab/Chow
Size: Medium
Age: Adult
Sex: Male

TY Boy



Black Lab/Aussie Mix
Size: Medium
Age: Young
Sex: Male



SHADOE



Black Lab
Size: large
Age: Young
Sex: Male

Adoption Options

Only the Shadow Knows!

And he's not telling. Shadoe was tied to the door of the shelter. He is about 1 to 2 years old, full of

puppy energy and neutered. He is a great dog, good with kids, other dogs (except at meal time) and would be best in a home without cats. He thinks they are play toys. He is a little rough if unsupervised.

If you would like more information Shadoe please call his foster Mom, Debbie 260 -463-3406 or email furpaent@yahoo.com or visit www.mixedupmutts.petfinder.com for an adoption application.



DUKE



American Bulldog
Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Male

His Highness needs a new home!

Duke looks like an American Bulldog. He was turned in by his owner's Mom after he died. She was not

able to take care of Duke. He loves attention and being with people. Not really good with cats, or small dogs, they look too much like toys. Duke is a big loveable dog!

If you think Duke is for you, please call foster Mom, Debbie 260 -463-3406, email furparent@yahoo.com or visit www.mixedupmutts.petfinder.com for an adoption application.

Spay Day Coloring Contest Winners

The Animal Welfare Association Spay Day Coloring Contest winners for Parkside School are as follows:

Mrs. Bennett's Class
First Place
Alex Byler
Misty's Choice
Melissa Troyer

Mrs Wilson Class
First Place
Hunter Pearson
Misty's Choice
Violet Litke

Mrs. Weaver's Class
First Place
Madison Sonner
Misty's Choice
Avery Logan

Mrs. Mueller's Class
First Place
Nicholas Meek
Misty's Choice
Skyler Booth

Mrs. Lesczynski's Class
First Place
Kaitlyn LeVeck
(There was only one coloring page turned so no Misty's Choice)

We thought all entries were great and it was very hard to choose the best ones.

Please remember to be safe around animals and to spay

or neuter so we don't have any more "throwaway pets".

Thanks again for having us. Lindy & Misty Goetz, Amy Gunther, and Debbie Bontrager of The Animal Welfare Association



The following items are always welcome for our rescue program:

- Crates
- Large Cat Cage
- Cat & Dog Food
- Cat Litter
- Paper Towels
- Nature's Miracle
- Cash Contributions

THANK YOU!



Making peace between dogs and cats

Is coexistence possible?

Q: *I want to adopt a retired racing Greyhound but I've heard they chase cats. I don't want anything to happen to my cat! Can I teach them to get along together?*

A: Yes, most dogs can be taught to tolerate cats if their owners are willing to be patient and consistent. Some dogs take longer to train than others and the difference is usually due to the dog's level of "prey drive".

Nature designed canines to be predators — to chase and catch smaller animals for food. Although dogs have been domesticated for thousands of years, they still act upon the instincts nature gave them. Through generations of selective breeding, people have modified these instincts. By decreasing the effects of some and enhancing the effects of others, we've been able to develop a wide variety of different breeds of dogs, each meant to serve a different purpose or perform a certain function.

A dog's instinct to chase and catch something is called his "prey drive." Throw a stuffed toy for a puppy and watch his prey drive in action as he chases it, catches it, then shakes it to "kill" it. Breeds and individual dogs vary in the intensity of their prey drives. Breeds created specifically for killing other animals — most terriers, for example, were intended to kill rats — have very high prey drives.

In other breeds, the prey drive has been altered to suit an entirely different purpose. In the Border Collie, a herding breed, the instinct to chase and catch

animals has been modified to chase and gather them together. Prey drive can also be modified by training. Drug sniffing and arson detection dogs have high prey drives that have been redirected toward objects - these dogs are taught that illegal drugs and fire accelerants are "prey." Although we think of the Greyhound as a racing dog, it was originally bred for hunting, using its great speed to chase down hares and other fast creatures. Consequently, it has a high prey drive and is inclined to chase cats.

There are several effective ways to train a dog with a high prey drive to live peacefully with cats or other small pets. I prefer to teach these dogs that cats are off limits altogether and are not to be disturbed. Using a friend or family member to help you, set up several short daily training sessions. With the dog wearing a training collar and leash, put him on a sit/stay beside you. Have your friend hold the cat on the other side of the room. Your dog will probably be very curious and even excited at seeing the cat, but insist that he remain in the sit/stay position. Praise your dog for sitting calmly. Have your friend bring the cat a few steps

closer. If your dog continues to stay quietly at your side, wonderful! Praise him for it. If he tries to lunge at the cat, though, give him a stern, fierce-sounding "NO! LEAVE IT!" along with a short, sharp jerk on the lead and put him back in the sit-stay position. As soon as he is sitting calmly again, praise him sincerely. Continue bringing the cat closer, a few feet at a time, repeating the corrections as needed and making sure to praise the dog when he sits quietly and ignores the cat. Have patience — depending on the intensity of your dog, you might only be able to gain a few feet each session.

When your dog is able to sit calmly even when the cat is right next to him, you're ready to proceed to the next step. Release the dog from his sit/stay and let him walk around the room with the cat present. Leave his lead on so you can easily catch him and give the necessary correction if he gives any sign of wanting to chase the cat. Your supervision at this point is critical - to be effective, you must be able to correct the dog each and every time he even thinks about going after the cat. If he's allowed to chase her, even once, he'll want to try it again

and you'll have to start your training over from the beginning. Some dogs learn quickly, others may take weeks to become trustworthy around cats. Until you're sure the dog will remember his training, don't leave them together unsupervised!

A Siberian Husky owner combined a dog crate with the "LEAVE IT!" command to help introduce her cats and dogs. Sometimes the dog was crated with the cat free in the room, at other times, the cat was crated while the dog was free. The dog was allowed to investigate the cat but not to harass or bark at it. Another owner uses a technique that's often practiced to help dogs adjust to a new baby in the household. By giving the dog extra attention and even special treats when the cat (or baby) is in the room, the dog soon learns that having the cat around means very good things are going to happen to him!

Q: *I've been following your advice and it was working pretty well until the other day. Something startled the cat and she took off running. So did the dog — hot on her tail! He wouldn't stop when I told him to. What did I do wrong with my training? Continued Page 10*

Liberty Days

We will have our booth set up at Liberty Days July 4th & 5th on the Court House lawn. Be sure to stop and visit. We will have a great Pet related items. Lots of Home-made Dog Cookies, Bird Houses, Cat Toys and more...

We will also be doing a Raffle for a Cat Bed

And a Dog House (sorry, no picture of the Dog House right now). Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds will go toward the Animal Welfare Association's projects.

Please stop pick up a Pet News and help support the projects for the year.



Our Angels

THANK YOU!

Marianna Riddick

Taper Lok

Sylvia Couch

Harleen & Bob Lewis



Thank YOU!

Our Special Thanks to Mrs. Noll's 4th grade class (pictured here) for their hard work in gathering the Dog Food, Cat Food and Treats. They have been put to good use in our Foster Dog Program.



We also want to Thank Wal-Mart for their donations of Food and Treats for the Foster Dogs!

Thank You to Mary Mecklenburg for her donations of the 2 Dog Houses.

Thanks to Roger & Eric Gunther for delivering them to the foster home for us.



About Fleas



Fleas are a very common problem in dogs and cats, especially during the spring and summer months. In addition to being an annoyance, flea bites can cause a condition known as "flea allergy dermatitis", in which the saliva from the flea acts as an allergen and causes a severe dermatitis, requiring medical therapy. Fleas also act as vectors (carriers) of tapeworms, an intestinal parasite. Flea control is best achieved by having a thorough understanding of the life cycle and formulating a plan to disrupt it.

The flea life cycle

The flea life cycle is made up of the egg, larvae, pupa, and adult stages. The first 3 stages represent 95% of the fleas life. These 3 stages take place primarily in your house and yard. The adult flea represents only 5% of the life span. However, that 5% is spent entirely on the pet. Adult fleas bite your pet and receive a blood meal. The female fleas lay eggs (up to 60 eggs daily). The eggs fall of the pet into the environment and hatch over the

next 2-12 days. The hatchlings (larvae) molt during the next 10-21 days (up to 200 days), to form a cocoon or pupa. The cocoon stage may last more than one year but is usually complete within 16-21 days. The young adult flea that emerges from the cocoon then jumps on the pet where it can live 3-4 months.

When a female receives a blood meal and lays eggs the life cycle is complete. One female flea can lay several hundred to several thousands of eggs in her lifetime!

Flea Control

Flea control has never been easier and more convenient than it is today. As always, prevention of a flea problem is preferable to treatment of an existing flea infestation. Keeping the flea life cycle in mind, flea control must be aimed at two areas : the environment and the pet.

The Environment

Since 95% of each fleas life span is spent off the pet, environmental control is very important. The best method to ensure a flea free environment is to give all your pets (dogs and cats) Program™ once monthly. This tablet is extremely safe and effective. When a female flea ingests a blood meal, the active ingredient in Program passes to her eggs and prevents them from hatching, thus disrupting the life

cycle. Even though the tablet is given to the pets, it is actually great environmental control. Program is most effective when started before a flea problem exists. We recommend year round administration or at least starting several weeks before spring and continuing until winter.

The effectiveness of Program has virtually eliminated the need for other means of environmental control such as the traditional foggers, sprays, powders etc. An exception is an overwhelming flea infestation or a pet with flea allergy dermatitis. These situations will often benefit from a thorough house cleaning and treatment in addition to Program.

The Pet

As with environmental control, flea prevention on the pet is much easier and safer than ever before. Flea sprays, powders, dips, collars and shampoos are no longer the standard for prevention. Technology has produced topical applications, such as Frontline™ Top Spot , Frontline Spray and Advantage™, that are placed on the back once a month, they kill adult fleas (5% of the life cycle) and ticks within 12-24 hours. The active ingredient in these two spot applications do not enter the blood stream, rather they stay in the oily layer of the skin. Since they are mixed with the oil, it cannot be washed off during

bathing or in the rain. They are ideal for all dogs and cats but is especially helpful in pets with a previous flea problem, flea allergy dermatitis and pets who are outside and may roam. The products should be given either year round or early spring until the first killing frost.

Keep these points in mind when treating for fleas..... For every adult flea you see, there are at least 50 others that you don't see.

- 1.) Although fleas prefer dogs & cats, they will bite humans.
- 2.) Many dogs and cats are allergic to the flea's saliva that is injected into the skin when a bite occurs.
- 3.) Many fleas carry tapeworms which are ingested when your dog or cat grooms themselves.
- 4.) Fleas can live on your pet year-round. Even if your pet is outdoors during the winter.
- 5.) One female flea can produce up to 60 eggs per day and can live 3-4 months. That's over 7000 offspring.
- 6.) A severe flea infestation can be life threatening in puppies and kittens.
- 7.) The most effective treatment for fleas is early prevention. Order Advantage Order Frontline Top Spot Order Frontline Spray Order Program Flea products for dogs can be toxic on cats. Please read the labels and be sure you use the right products.

HELP! Project C.A.R.E.



As you know, the commissioners have cancelled plans for the new animal shelter.

According to County Ordinance 1975-7-21 an "unlicensed dog, or dogs found running at large, shall be taken up by the agents of the LaGrange County Animal Control Authority, and impounded in the shelter designated as the LaGrange County Animal Shelter, and there confined in a **humane manner** for a period of not less than three (3) days, and may thereafter be disposed of in a **humane manner** if not claimed by their owners. Dogs and cats not claimed by their owners before the expiration of three (3) days if untagged or six (6) days if tagged, identified and not vicious, shall become the property of the LaGrange County Animal Control Authority and be disposed of at the discretion of the said authority----

It is unfortunate that many adoptable animals are being destroyed because of limited space at the present, unsuitable shelter. It is the hope of the Animal Welfare Association that we can:

1. Provide an adoption center with space for holding so we can work with rescues to place dogs in foster homes or that they can be adopted into good, loving homes.
2. The means to spay and neuter them, so the pets being adopted are not contributing to a continuing pet over population problem.
3. Provide education on animal care/ownership.

By building a private Adoption/Education Center A.W.A. will be providing a positive environment /experience for both county residents wanting to help/adopt companion pets and companion pets needing permanent homes. We will not be providing animal control or building a county animal shelter.

Many animals taken from shelters have been trained as Search and Rescue Dogs, Therapy Dogs, etc. These lives saved helped others, maybe even someone you know.

If you are willing to help with this project through donations of money, land or time, please fill in the bottom of this form and mail to:
AWA, P.O. Box, 575, Howe, In. 46746

Name (printed) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Check any or all of the following:

- I will help with a donation in the amount of _____
- I will help with the donation of an acre or more of land _____
- I will donate my time to help in fund raising _____