

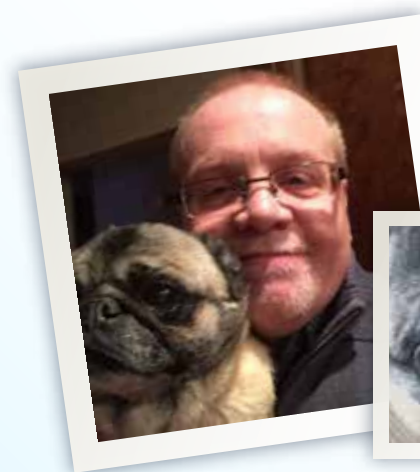
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Newsletter July 2023

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Dear Molly Mae, Our Sweet Rescue Pug,

Thirteen years of grace. Thirteen years of friendship and devotion. You made our hearts sing with joy; your company always made us smile. Your comfort and cuddles got us through many rough days.

As the smallest of the pack, you made your presence known, declaring yourself the boss of our family's pit bulls, especially when it was time to eat. As you aged gracefully, becoming blind and deaf never stopped you from living your most remarkable life and showing us so much love, which heartfelt love we reciprocated tenfold.

At 13 years old, you crossed the Rainbow Bridge. We were very close, and it's never easy to say goodbye to someone you love.

As we gather the words for your memorial brick, we are reminded of many memories. We think of the people who have adopted pets, creating new experiences and memories of their own. We think of the animals at the shelter and clinic, waiting for their chance to create happy memories for a family in need.

With great love,
JoAnn and Brian Fitzpatrick
Adopted Mom and Dad of Molly Mae

NORMAN A.K.A. TIMO!



Earlier this year, Timo struggled against the bitter and frigid winter air as he roamed the streets of 25th and Colfax in Gary, IN, searching for a place to take shelter and keep warm. He didn't have a collar. His fur was long, tangled, and matted. Embedded underneath the hair around his neck was a rubber band, it cut so deep it left a wound that left him in pain. His condition deeply saddened the compassionate Samaritans who discovered him.

Despite the discomfort, he happily ate the food they offered him. It did not take long for them to gather him and get help.

Informed of Timo's condition, in less than 24 hours, Humane Indiana Shelter team members contacted Emergency Veterinary Care Center who removed the deeply embedded rubber band and collar and cleaned the wound. We gave Timo medicine, a much-needed shave, and a warm bath. Things could have been very different without the rescuers and our amazing team members' help, care, and quick thinking. As a 13-year-old senior dog, Timo deserves a warm, loving, and quiet family – not cold, harsh roads.

With no tracking chip on Timo, his original owner was never found. After being medically cleared, Timo was placed up for adoption.

Michele, a supporter of Humane Indiana, saw Timo's Facebook post and with a caring heart, welcomed him into her home with open arms. Now adopted, Timo's new name is Norman. He has a beautiful home and a loving family. He's a happy dog and lives peacefully without fear or stress, enjoying comfort, and plenty of treats!

WILL YOU HELP?

Will you help Humane Indiana care for homeless dogs and cats we see each and every day, who are just like Norman?

Your donation allows the Shelter and Adoption Center to provide care during these medical emergencies—and continue to provide pets in need with routine veterinary care.



Support Humane Indiana Shelter & Adoption Center with a custom brick at the Rainbow Bridge Memorial Garden. Honor your family name or your organization. A custom brick is a great opportunity to mark a major milestone, say thank you, or give as a unique gift.

Learn more at HUMANEINDIANA.ORG/RAINBOWBRIDGE

PAWS in the PARK 30th Anniversary

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9
COMMUNITY PARK
MUNSTER, IN
9am - 2pm

Visit the Oscar Mayer Frankmobile! 9am - 2pm

Join us for a 90's Retro one-mile, pet-friendly walk in honor of local shelter pets.

Walk Registration NOW OPEN

Register at HumaneIndiana.org

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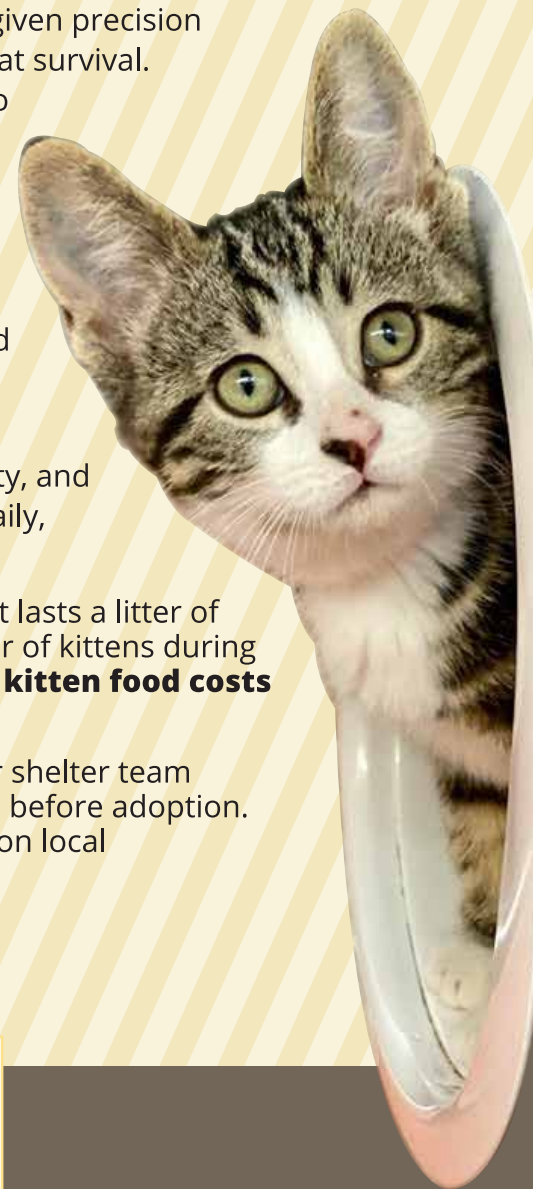
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Did you know that in 2022 our Shelter took in 535 KITTENS?

Every day, especially from April through October, we intake countless kittens, often found abandoned. Abandoned baby kittens must be given precision care to give them the best chance at survival. A litter, usually consisting of four to six kittens, stays in foster care for an average of six weeks. We place them with foster care families before they are old enough to return to the shelter for adoption. All food and items needed for care are provided to our foster caregivers.



Caring for baby kittens is a lot like caring for human babies. They must be bottle-fed with kitten formula, stimulated to go potty, and bathed too! Kittens are bottle-fed by team members, or foster caregivers, several times daily, usually every three to four hours.

One 28-ounce can of kitten formula powder usually costs the shelter approximately \$45. It lasts a litter of kittens for one week of feedings. Typically, the shelter spends about \$275 to feed one litter of kittens during their stay with us. **We average about 100 litters of kittens a year, which means our kitten food costs over \$27,500 annually!**

Additionally, Humane Indiana's system of veterinary care costs about \$100 per kitten. Our shelter team provides veterinary care, like vaccines, deworming, and spaying/neutering for every kitten before adoption. Between our food and veterinary expenses, Humane Indiana spends over \$75,000 yearly on local abandoned kittens.

Will you help us by donating towards the care of our shelter kittens?

Your gift of \$275 will feed one litter of kittens during foster care.

A gift of \$100 will pay for one kitten's pre-adoption veterinary care.

Watch Video: A Litter of Kittens Receiving Our Care
[HumaneIndiana.org/speak/watchkittencare](https://www.humaneindiana.org/speak/watchkittencare)



THE GREAT HORNED OWL RESCUE

Tuesday, January 31, was a cold but calm day until Hidden Lake Park caretakers spotted a Great Horned Owl sitting on the lake. He had been sitting there for over six hours before being found. There was intense urgency for rescuers to get to the owl before it fell through the fragile ice and into freezing water.

The owl was exhausted, frightened, and injured. Caretakers then called Merrillville Animal Control and tried to rescue the bird together, but to no avail. As crows and vultures chased and lured from above, the owl limped away further onto the frozen lake, out of reach of help, making rescue even more challenging and stressful.



As rescue attempts seemed to go nowhere, caretakers called the Merrillville Fire Department; they came to the scene without hesitation. Two firefighters, dressed in ice suits, plunged into the icy lake with their ice rescue sled and approached the owl. They gently guided him to thicker ice until they could walk over and rescue him with a safety net on shore. Rescuers quickly provided the owl with warmth and transported him to the Humane Indiana Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center.

Upon arrival at the Wildlife Center, team members gave the owl medication for his wounds. Gratefully, X-rays found no fractures; however, with six of his primary feathers destroyed and bruising around his radius and ulna on his right wing, the owl was temporarily unable to fly.

With his primary feathers gone, the choices for the owl were to either naturally allow the feathers to molt and be replaced on their own, which could take months, or receive replacement feathers through 'imping.' Imping replaces damaged feathers with healthy feathers from another bird of the same age and gender.

Thankfully, the owl was able to be given the loving care and urgent treatment he needed, while staying warm and protected.

Will you assist critically injured wildlife like this Great Horned Owl?

A gift of \$75 will provide a week of rehabilitation with 56 flight training hours in the Wildlife Center's flight cage.

Or a donation of \$150 will provide medical treatment and rehabilitation for critically injured wildlife.



VIEW THE FULL PHOTO GALLERY of the Great Horned Owl Rescue

[HumaneIndiana.org/speak/owlrescue](https://www.humaneindiana.org/speak/owlrescue)



FROM HOMELESS TO HOMEY

HUMANE INDIANA TAKES IN MORE THAN 1,200 DOGS EVERY YEAR.

Our shelter team transports dogs from under-resourced shelters into our adoption program to help save them from euthanasia, often due to lack of funds, overcrowding, or from simply being a stray. About 70 percent of our dogs come from other shelters, locally and throughout the United States. Once admitted into our care, we start the dog's routine veterinary care, which includes vaccinations, deworming, spaying/neutering, microchipping, and heartworm testing for dogs over six months of age. **It costs the shelter over \$200 per dog for veterinary expenses alone.**

During the program, we work tirelessly to meet the dog's needs, starting enrichment and nutrition planning, preventative veterinary care, daily walks, and training sessions. For many of our dogs, this is their first time having structured training, veterinary care, and a comfortable place to sleep. While the dogs are in our care, we prepare them for a new family, learning more about their characteristics to build a profile and match them with their best mates.

Because of Humane Indiana's rescuing efforts, many dogs are saved from being homeless and abandoned on the street and euthanized. Without those willing to adopt and foster, we cannot continue to rescue these dogs. We need adopters and foster caregivers to help continue the support this life-saving work gives. The more homes we have willing to adopt or foster, the more dogs we can save from abandonment or euthanasia.

Will you help us by adopting or fostering? If you cannot foster or adopt, will you consider donating the cost of caring for foster pets?

A gift of \$200 will pay for one dog's pre-adoption veterinary care.

Or a gift of \$150 will provide a foster home with a Welcome Home Kit for a lucky pet.



Squirrels, Rabbits, Opossums OH MY!

The Humane Indiana Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center cares for various wildlife offspring that come into its doors throughout the year. These include raccoon kits, varied species of squirrels, eastern cottontails, and more. Around the start of each spring season, Wildlife Center team members treat and care for hundreds of orphaned, neonatal wildlife due to extreme weather, harsh temperatures, and other natural events.

The number one reason for admission to the Wildlife Center is orphaning, with displacement from the nest being another common issue. Babies and orphaned wildlife start coming to the center in the spring, usually brought in by volunteers or concerned citizens. After the spring and summer seasons change to fall, the Wildlife Center will see another significant influx of offspring coming in around late August into September. However, babies and orphaned wildlife can emerge anytime during the year.

Severe storms threaten the baby animals with heavy rain and intense winds. Weather events such as these can blow nests and other small animal homes from trees. Within 12 hours, animal intake will increase, especially as mothers run away, scared after the storm or become critically injured.

If found, young wildlife on the ground can usually be reunited with mom if there are no injuries or external parasites. Any offspring found with parasites or cuts/scrapes will need immediate attention for maximum chance of survival.

While at the Wildlife Center, each set of babies receives food and medication while recovering, adjusting to feedings, and adapting to their new but temporary surroundings. Depending on the species in care, orphans can stay at the Wildlife Center for as brief as three weeks or as long as six months. Some wildlife, such as the Eastern Grey squirrel and other squirrel species, remain in Wildlife Center care until 12 weeks old and fully grown.

As wildlife matures, they will live with other like species to learn instincts, interact, and receive much needed snuggle time until they are well-adjusted and ready to return to the world.

Will you support one of the hundreds of litters of baby animals who need care from the Wildlife Center?

Your donation of \$150 will support the costs of medical equipment, food, blankets, storage, and other supplies neonatal babies need to grow.

Or a gift of \$75 will support the costs of formula for two litters of opossums or squirrels or four litters of eastern cottontails.



A three-week-old Eastern Gray Squirrel opened his eyes for the first time on April 8, 2023, at the Humane Indiana Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center; after being blown out of a tree during a storm the week before.