



WEISER RIVER ANIMAL
SHELTER & RESCUE

NEWS

Cat & Dog Tales

Many of you may have been wondering where our organization is regarding the obtaining of property on which to build a cat and dog shelter.

Fortunately, we have made it through all of the known requirements of the city government. The piece of property we are looking at is within the city limits and the City of Weiser has made a change to the wording of the law regarding an Industrial Zone so that an animal shelter can be within our city limits.

The property we are trying to obtain is off Washington Street near the city fishing pond. The property is owned by Union Pacific and we have submitted the paperwork they require for anyone interested in purchasing or leasing any of their land.

It has now been over two months since our initial submission to Union Pacific and though we have had only a little direct contact with them, nothing of any substance was able to be discussed. We were directed to complete their form and wait on their response. For the shelter, we will need to have water, electricity, sewage and the ability to build on the property both due to zoning requirements as well as flood plain requirements. The zoning issue was solved when the city council added new wording to the zoning for Industrial Zones, and fortunately, the piece of property we want is not in the floodplain. Since it is in the city limits, we would be able to have city water and city sewer as well as city electricity. Other properties that we have looked at did not provide these requirements and two of them were also in the floodplain. Basically, one cannot build in the floodplain.

We have followed up with Union Pacific twice now. We have been told by several local people that Union Pacific does not work quickly and we need to be patient. We will remain patient with occasional written requests for their answer.

I hope that this message provides information you'd like to know about what the board of the Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue has been doing about our goal of building an animal shelter. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me, either by phone (208-550-0500) or by email (2aaggttr2@gmail.com

John Aegerter

Good to Know

The following information on the animated movie Flow, struck a chord with some of our members. I have long heard that black cats are harder to place for adoption, so if the information below is true, it is good news for black cats!

Flow, the Academy Award-winning animation, has helped increase the adoption of black cats, who are often victims of discrimination and abandonment due to superstition. May they continue to find the family they deserve!

Take the family to see Flow in cinemas now.



Just a reminder that Idaho Gives starts Monday April 28 at midnight. While there are many worthwhile organizations in our area to donate to, we hope you will consider helping The Weiser River Animal Shelter. Your donations help us continue with the spay and neuter clinics along with continuing to work towards building a brick-and-mortar Animal Shelter here in Washington County. We are also going to start a micro-chip clinic to help reunite lost pets with their owners. Thank you for your continued support!!!



WRAS&R members go to Animal Care Expo 2025

Shelter members John Aegerter, Aleina Cudnofsky, Gina Clark and Jon Holcomb left Weiser to attend a conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Expo featured over one hundred professional development workshops and learning opportunities on a variety of tracks. Leaders and experts in animal welfare provided attendees with insight into trending topics, best practices and tools they can use within their own communities and organizations.

The four people who went had to choose from among 107 presentations. The first day had a number of groups on establishing a shelter, as well as programs on stress and infections in the animals in shelters. The most important thing to do was GET THEM ADOPTED and into homes. Simple, right?

There were also introductions to grant writing, and programs on fundraising, both very important as building a shelter is VERY EXPENSIVE! Many of the materials are specific to shelters so they cost more. Jon Holcomb has slides and recordings of the architectural presentations that he would share with people who wanted to see them.

We will need to get a plan for a basic structure, first building the main part and then having plans for the other sections to be built as we raise the money. This is after we get the property to build it on, of course, something we are still working on. I think everyone came home with much information and the realization that this is still a journey. They were excited by what they learned but also very aware of what it will take to build the shelter we want (and very much need) in this county.

That said, if you want to be part of the journey, you can help by joining us, volunteer for activities, donate Ridley's Advantage points to help our spay/neuter fund, buy a t-shirt or simply spay or neuter your animals.

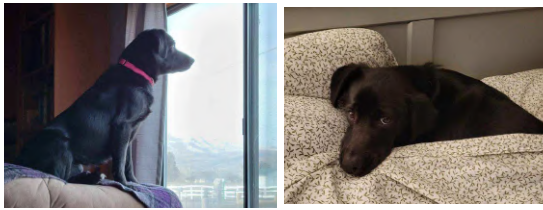


WHICH PLANTS ARE TOXIC TO PETS?

Looking at which plants are toxic to pets, researching the kinds, is something I have done. I used to have a wonderful array of plants on a wide windowsill on the landing of our two-story house. Verdant, lush. Until I got a couple of cats who seemed to think anything green was fair game for grazing. The ASPCA has a site that lets you research which are toxic and which are not. They even have a Pet Poison Helpline (855-764-7661) and a Poison Control Center (808 426-4435). So do your research. The main thing I can tell you is LILIES ARE TOXIC, along with a bazillion other plants that are mildly, moderately and highly toxic. I finally just looked at which plants are NOT TOXIC and gave the rest away. Spider plants are nontoxic, as are orchids, peperoma, prayer plants, African violets, zebra plants, echeveria plants and my favorite, Christmas cactus. Most kinds of palms (except Sago palm) are also safe.



Happy Tails



As many of you know, we adopted Gabby (formerly called Rabbit) from the Weiser Dog and Cat Pound on January 7, 2025 after losing our very beloved lab, Dally, from liver cancer.

Gabby came to us with so much love in her heart, but she also had a few issues that came with her. We found out that she had been released from her previous family due to aggression issues with food and toys, only with other dogs.

She's our only dog, but we babysit our son's border collie Milli, when our son travels for work. Gabby attacked Milli several times when it was feeding time, even when food was not present. She also aggressively went after Milli if she got too close to me.

We worked very lovingly with her and reprimanded her with care. I had to show her that I was the Alpha in the home and she was not. She is so smart and she caught on very quickly that we were not leaving her. This was her forever home and that's what we were working on showing her.

I eventually got to where I could give her a treat right beside Milli with no qualms at all. She and Milli now sleep together in bed, lie on our couch together, eat without any aggression issues, and they play and rough house without fighting.

Gabby has been on multiple car rides and when we leave her at home, she's so happy to greet us at the door when we get home. I believe Gabby knows we love her so very much and she is here permanently in her forever home. (She's such a cuddlebug.)

We are so grateful to have adopted her. Gabby has filled a very empty hole from losing Dally.

Hi! When I left the shelter, my name was Andy, but when my new parents saw me, my name changed fast to Zip, because I am just so fast! My dad and mom are Jim and Dixie Ray. I have a sister named Mya and a cat sister named Sage. They adopted her from this shelter, too.

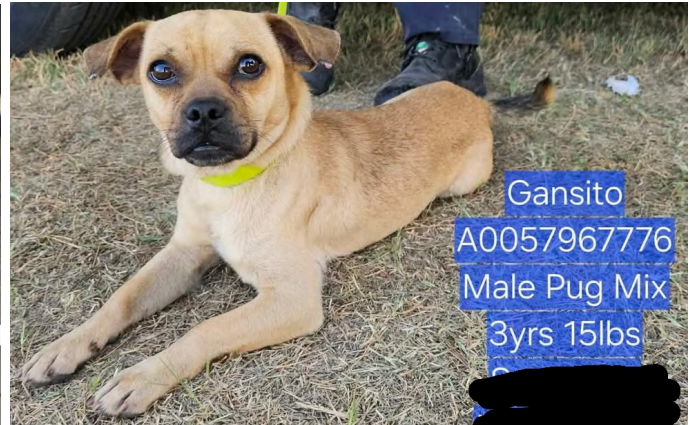
We have so much fun together! When I want to go for a ride, I will let them know by whining at the door. Then I go lie down by the gate outside and when my new mom and dad let me out, I go jump up into the truck and away we go. I love to have my head just a' hanging out the window, just a'waving in the wind. But my dad rolls up the window, and says, "Zip, it's too windy." I get sad and start to whine. When I whine too much and get on Mom and Dad's last nerve, all they have to say is, "Do you want to be put in the box?" I stop whining NOW! I hate that box!

When Dad lets me outside in the morning, I am so excited, I come up and jump on the sofa and stand on my head!! I love to play tug-o-war and to wrestle! Dad thinks I am a clown. I give him a workout! When I want Dad's attention, I will jump up on the couch, and lay my head in his lap. I love to be out in the country because Dad lets me out of the truck and I get to run and run. I know when that truck starts, Dad is ready to go!

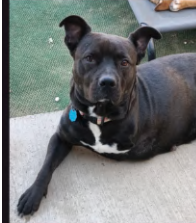
My dad and I are best buddies. We love each other so much! OH, I can't forget Mom; she loves me too, she gives me lots of treats. Gosh, they are yummy! I am spoiled rotten. When I don't get my way I go tattle to Dad and whine until he comes upstairs to see why I'm whining.

I don't know what I would've done if they hadn't come and rescued me when they did. I love them and they love me!





VICKY, a tripod; her leg was removed after she was shot. She is very dog-and-people friendly.



Vicky is also cat friendly.



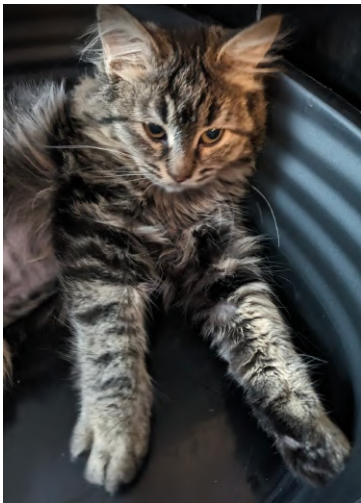
Roscoe is a two year old male who loves to play ball and snuggle!

Zippy is a small, two year old female pitty mix, and Gypsy is a one-and-a-half year old female whippet mix.

. The adoption fee for each of these dogs is \$160, which includes all these cuties being spayed or neutered and up- to-date on all their shots.

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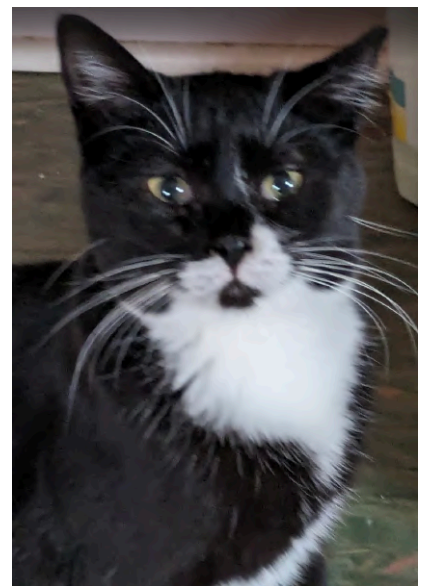
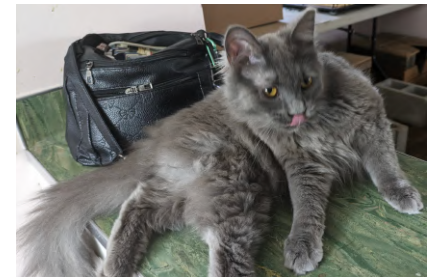
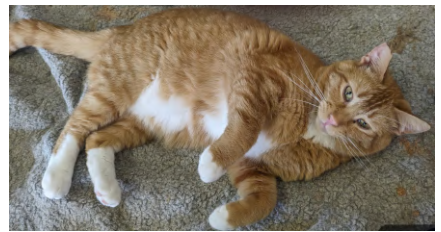


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