



NEWSLETTER

CAT & DOG TALES:

We continue on the road to an animal shelter for cats and dogs in our county. A slow process. In Washington County, Idaho there is very little land that can become an animal shelter, and two governments that control the land one wants to use: City and County. Fortunately, we do not have to satisfy both, just the one in which we want to establish our shelter. Each has slightly different rules for the use of the land they control, but both allow an animal shelter.

The county will not change the zoning for land to use as an animal shelter unless the land cannot produce any crop on it, as Washington County is an agricultural county and wants to stay that way. That is understandable. The city of Weiser has priorities of its own. Dealing with noise, pollution, and service give it a very different approach to land use.

A few months ago, we asked the city council to make land zoned D to allow for an animal shelter. Zone D is for industrial business use and before the city council added wording to allow for an animal shelter in zone D, there had been no mention of an animal shelter within the city limits.

The city added the necessary wording to allow for an animal shelter within the city limits and that is where we have been focusing our efforts to locate such a piece of land.

We were amazed to find that there is more land zoned D as we work to find the one piece of land that will satisfy our needs of size and placement. We want the shelter to be available to the public so use of it will be easy.

As news of our efforts is available, we will post in this newsletter how things are coming along. We have been at this task now for over 3 years. There was a lot to learn and several mistakes we made slowed the process. But the group that has stuck with this cause is still working on it.

We hope to have good news soon but we know this process can be very slow. Thank you for your interest!

John Aegerter

POUND DOG "BILL"

Bill has been at the pound far too long. He is a total sweetie with other dogs, though not with cats. He loves people and would benefit from a home with people who love him.



UPDATE ON IDEAS:

We are still working on getting the property on which to build our permanent animal shelter. As we move forward on negotiations on the property we would like to build on, we are also exploring other options. The ideal place would be close enough to hold adoption events, with an exercise yard to let the dogs play, a room where people could meet a dog, rooms for cats instead of cages, so prospective owners could sit with the cats and get to know them. We haven't given up on our pursuit of a real boards and brick building. But in the meantime, our members foster cats and walk and clean up after pound dogs, we take them to the dog park, partner with Pampered Pooch, who have generously washed more than a few stinky pound pups, and we trap cats to get them spayed and neutered. We also help people with funds for spaying and neutering dogs & cats.

TNR

TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE

It is kitten season again and the shelters and pounds are overflowing! Our city has a program for doing TNR, which means they either trap or lend you a trap to catch a feral cat, and then they pay for neutering and then release the animal back in the neighborhood where it came from. This works for ferals, as it stops them from adding to the endless cycle of more and more kittens. Feral colonies also often discourage newcomers, so though they are still in the neighborhood, they are not growing in number.

Another program that helps with feral cats is the Pet Friendly grant which Weiser River Animal Shelter has applied for and received for the third year.

Pet Friendly GRANTS FOR SPAYS AND NEUTERS

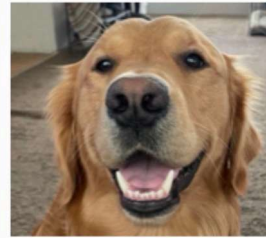


The Pet-Friendly License Plate has provided \$516,727 to recipients over five years to provide low-cost spaying/neutering across Idaho. We are proud to report that a total of 7,404 alterations have been completed. ~August, 2026 Reporting

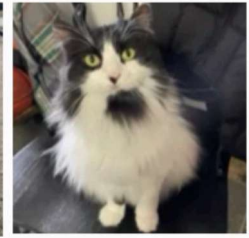
People who need help with spays and neuters can fill out an application for this, or for the funds we collect from the Ridley's Advantage Points program (which can be used for pets as well) as we work together to solve the problem of overpopulation.

WHISKERS & WAGS

This advice column is written by two of our hard-working staff members:



Douglas Fur



Miss Kitty

Dear Mr. Fur and Miss Kitty,

I am a four-year old tabby cat, born from a long line of wild tabby cats. The humans in my house think they own me and can tell me what to do. How do I convince them that I should be able to do whatever I WANT to, whether it is clawing the couch or climbing on the curtains or smacking the smelly and disrespectful puppy when he bowls me over?

Feral and proud of it!

Rowdy

Dear Rowdy,

We think perhaps your human parents should've chosen your name more carefully. That said, you might try to convince them to buy you a good scratching post, one of the tall ones that are made of a sisal material. All the kitties love this one because not only do you get a good stretch when you use it, but you can climb on top and play King or Queen of the Hill with the puppy. It lets you be a tiger and saves the furniture (and the humans' uncalled-for disapproval) Our staff got ours at Chewy and this is what it looks like.

Anti-scratching tape for items like couches or wicker is also a great idea. You won't like the way it feels and will not want to get on shelves or anywhere the tape is placed.

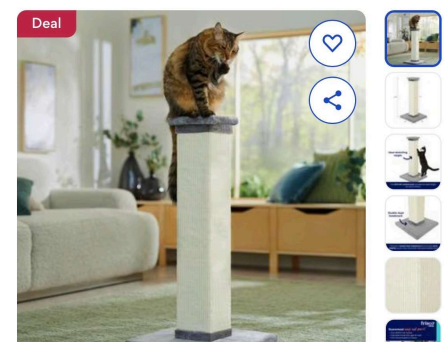
Be a good cat.
Change your name to Mellow.

Sincerely,
Douglas Fur &
Miss Kitty.

Frisco 33-in Heavy Duty Sisal Cat Scratching Post, Gray

By Frisco

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HAPPY TAILS: WILLOW

Willow and her siblings were originally featured as the newly adoptable “tire kittens” in our Weiser River Animal Shelter newsletter. In case you missed it, the “tire kittens” were found inside a tire on the bed of a farm truck after having traveled from New Plymouth to a tire company in Ontario. The workers had no idea what to do with them, so they put the kittens in a box and someone started making calls. It was getting late and the workers needed to go home. A friend and fellow rescuer kept them warm and fed overnight. The next morning Gina picked up the 5 1 ½- 2-week-olds and brought them back to Weiser where she bottle fed them and all the other things a foster does. She even took notes on all of their behaviors- As a young kitten Willow loved to jump on, over, and into everything. She jumped higher than the others and was the first to jump in the sink. At the time she didn’t seem interested in the faucet.

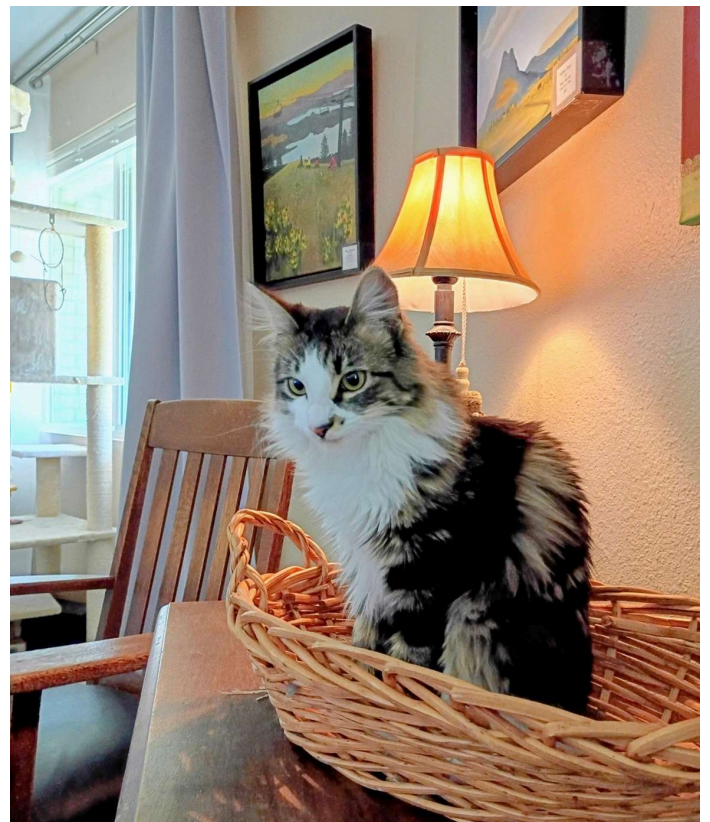
When the kittens were ready for their forever homes, Willow’s future cat parents came over to look at a different kitten, but Willow jumped right up in her new dad’s lap and that was it. Willow went to her forever home that day and is the quintessential lap cat- even trying to assist her mom in typing up her bio.

Willow’s parents are happy to share what she has been up to as a growing kitten.

Every morning Willow’s dad has a yogurt. “She will suddenly appear in the kitchen when she hears him open the refrigerator and get a yogurt. She will then sit on his lap waiting, as she is always rewarded with being able to lick that last bite of yogurt off his spoon.”

When Dad heads toward the bathroom, “she will be right behind his heels or will race ahead of him and jump up onto the sink. He turns on the water for her and allows her to drink. She views every sink as a watering hole! She has learned that if she stands behind the faucet to drink, the water won’t run into her nose.”

Willow is quite athletic and is an excellent hunter; her preferred prey being bugs. She will catch flies in her mouth and bring them inside to play with or jump high onto any windowsill to catch them.



An interesting quirk about Willow is that she doesn’t knead or “make biscuits” like many other cats. There are many different possibilities, but I think Willow just has an easy-going personality and feels secure in her family.

While it was so hard to give her up, fostering Willow and her siblings was such a rewarding experience. Her parents send me updates and pictures of Willow which are priceless-Willow found her loving forever home!

July 19, 2026



POUND KITTY CHRONICLES

Odysseus and Penelope (Odie and Penny) came home with me July 21, 2025. They were not litter mates but they came to think they were. Both fit into a little nest that I knitted for them - Penny the big "sister" and Odie the little "brother". One year later - Odie still acts like the little brother though he is now much bigger than Penny - and they each need their own nest! These two are a delight - thank you Liz, the Weiser City Pound and Weiser River Animal Shelter!!



THIRD ANNUAL DUCK RACE

This race will be held on September 19th, 2026, beginning at the Galloway Ditch bridge on W. 7th (on the way to WHS) and ending at the bridge over the ditch on Jenkins Creek Road. The event begins at high noon, and there are great prizes, with the first three fastest ducks earning \$300, \$200 and \$100 for the win. Tickets are on sale at Ridley's each Saturday from 8 am-4 pm, at the Farmers' Market at City Park on Thursdays from 5-7 pm and online at Weiser River Animal shelter.org. There are also posters around town with a QR code taking you to the site to buy one duck at \$5, or 5 ducks for \$20.

FIDDLER'S FESTIVAL PARADE

Our theme for our parade float was the "Wizard of Paws" with the sentiment that there is "no place like a forever home." Volunteers dressed as the characters from Oz, even including a small, golden Cowardly Lion (tailless, as he was a Corgi), along with a large inflated dog and cat (who rode the whole parade route without a fight), Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Wizard, and the Scarecrow.



The DUCK RACE along the Galloway Ditch



Happy Tails

Shilo

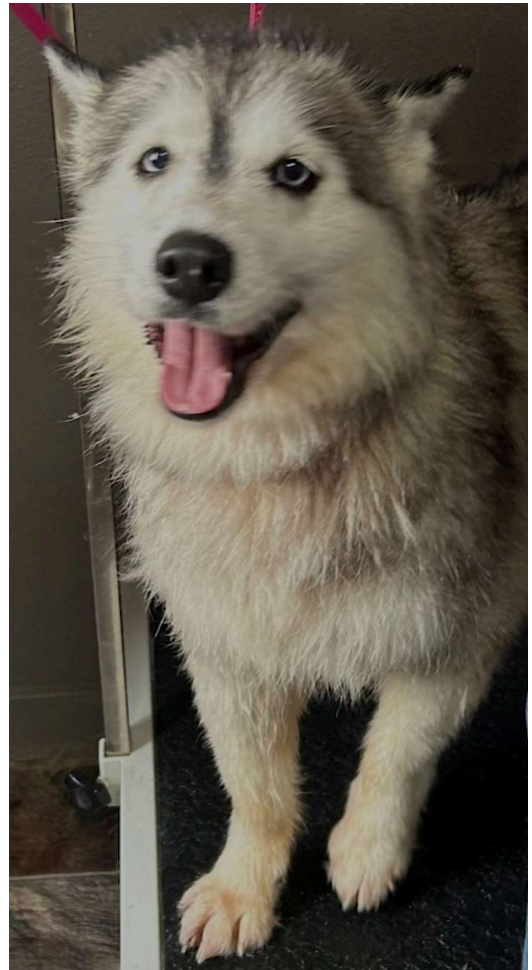
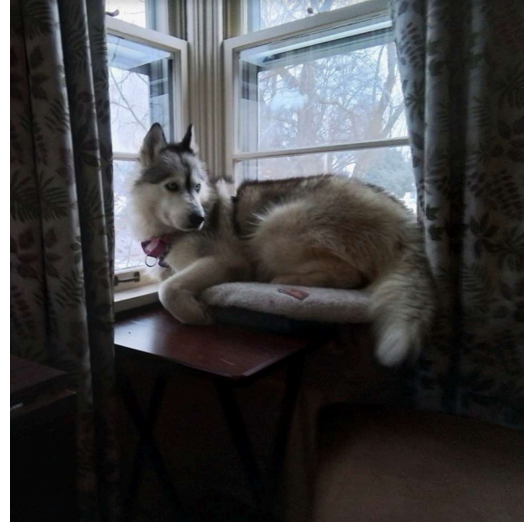
318 DAYS- That's how long I was locked-up, through no fault of my own. My name is Shilo and here is my story. Sure, I might have gone on an adventure without my dog tags and maybe, just maybe, I didn't tell my owner where I was going, but for them not to come looking for me is unconscionable. Weiser Police Officer Kori Rex and her volunteers from WRAS did the best that they could to make me comfortable at the Weiser dog pound. But as days turned into weeks and then weeks into months, my hope vanished.

My only real friend in all that time was a cute boy named Whiskey. He was a big handsome Malamute. I had to show him who the boss was, but once that was made clear, we were best friends. Whiskey was there almost as long as me but then in November he got lucky and found a home in Boise.

Some days were okay at the pound, but most were hard. Being in the dark most of the time, having the other poor dogs barking every time a car drove by and only having visitors a couple hours a day. The worst was the night of New Year's Eve when fireworks were set off and the noise scared me. I tried to escape but all I managed to do was cut up my paws. I wasn't hurt too bad, but there were bloody paw prints all around my kennel. The nice volunteers felt so sad for me being there for so long and hurting myself, that they took me to get a bath at Pampered Pooch. The nice people there gave me a spa treatment for free! After a long warm shower, the first in almost a year, one of the volunteers took me to his house to dry off. Well, I just batted my baby blues for the boss of the house and that was all it took. She instantly fell in love with me and now I'm happy in my new forever home!

I get to go to the Happy Tails Dog Park on most days and patrol the park. I play with my new sisters and brother, Count, Binx and Peggy Sue. They are three cats that live here with me. We're becoming pretty good friends. They even showed me how to look like a cat so I can blend in. Here I am on the window perch looking like a big kitty!

Now my life is great!!! Remember to adopt, not shop. Give a rescue pet a chance. We will make your life complete!



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Chikis



Disability: None
Birth Date: 10/22/22
Breed: Weenie Mix
Gender: Female
Weight: 19 lbs
Color: Black / White

Marie



Disability: None
Birth Date: 4/22/23
Breed: Terrier Mix
Gender: Female
Weight: 18 lbs
Color: Tan

Nails



Disability: None
Birth Date: 10/14/24
Breed: Golden Retriever Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 40 lbs
Color: Black / Brown

Pepe



Disability: None
Birth Date: 12/9/24
Breed: Lab Husky Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 67 lbs
Color: Black / White

Butterball



Disability: None
Birth Date: 1/1/24
Breed: Terrier Chihuahua Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 10 1/2 lbs
Color: White / Cream

Fiona



Disability: None
Birth Date: 1/1/24
Breed: Chihuahua Mix
Gender: Female
Weight: 9 1/2 lbs
Color: White / Tan

Pinto



Disability: None
Birth Date: 9/1/25
Breed: Chihuahua Pomeranian Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 8 1/2 lbs

Blackie



Disability: None
Birth Date: 9/1/25
Breed: Chihuahua Pomeranian
Gender: Male
Weight: 6 1/2 lbs
Color: Black

Jet



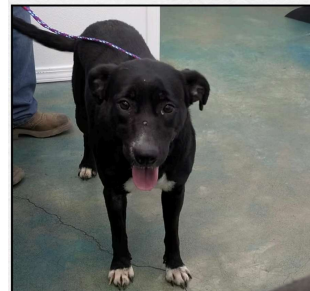
Disability: None
Birth Date: 4/12/25
Breed: German Shephard Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 60 lbs
Color: Pynese

Dobby



Disability: None
Birth Date: 5/25/25
Breed: Lab Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 45 lbs
Color: brown

Carlee



Disability: None
Birth Date: 6/8/22
Breed: Lab Mix
Gender: Female
Weight: 44 lbs
Color: Black / White

Banks



Disability: None
Birth Date: 1/5/25
Breed: Bulldog Mix
Gender: Male
Weight: 40 lbs
Color: Tan / White