

# Unleash the Possibilities



**Capital Campaign Prospectus**





The Lemmon family of Indiana adopted Che from the Indiana County Humane Society. This sweet, loving Boxer was originally brought to the shelter as a stray dog. ICHS cares for thousands of animals a year, helping them become happy, healthy companions for loving families like the Lemmons.

# Unleash the Potential to Ensure Continuing Vitality

In 1958, a small group of people concerned about the quality of life and animal welfare issues in Indiana county formed the Indiana County Humane Society. These volunteers addressed the problem of homeless animals by taking stray animals into their homes and attempted to find permanent placement for these pets. In 1970, ICHS began to expand its impact from rescuing pets to also addressing the problems of animal abuse. With no funds, the society found a willing volunteer with an interest in enforcing animal cruelty laws. This Humane Officer investigated complaints phoned in by the public.

Concurrently, in the early 1970's, a local individual and avid animal lover, Lucy Donnelly, could see a need for a facility to house homeless animals. A joint venture was formed between the county, White Township, and Indiana Borough to undertake this project. Lucy Donnelly's homeless animal shelter idea, personal generosity and successful fundraising campaign became not only the catalyst, but also the backbone for completing Indiana County's first Animal Shelter. The property and barn are located on Rose Street Extension.

On December 1, 1997, ICHS became the new manager of the county animal shelter. A volunteer board of directors, consisting of 10 to 15 people, governs the work of the ICHS. The society utilizes paid personnel to run the day to day operations of the shelter as well as employs the county Humane Officer.

The Indiana County Humane Society provides high quality, cost effective care and programs for over two thousand animals and thousands of people annually. Services include:

## **Adoption Placement**

Each year ICHS finds permanent, loving homes for over 2,500 animals. ICHS provides comprehensive adoption services to the community, including sterilization of all adopted animals.

## **Medical Intervention**

At-risk and homeless animals require expert attention. ICHS's safety net provides medical intervention, socialization and compassionate care for all shelter animals, giving them a second chance at life and an opportunity for a new home.

## **Municipal Animal Control**

ICHS currently provides animal control services to Indiana County, including stray animal pick-up, reuniting lost animals with their families, and public health related quarantines. ICHS continues to work with local municipalities to care for these vulnerable animals.

## **Community Outreach**

Rabies clinics, a low cost spay/neuter program for low income families, behavioral training advice, boarding services for Alice Paul House residents, cremation services, promotion of dog license sales, and humane trap rental, are some of the services we offer to Indiana County residents.



At the Cause for Paws event September 19th 2009, two contestants from the Owner/Pet Look Alike contest take a break to strike a pose. ICBS volunteers and staff members annually participate in many community events that highlight all the great things happening at the shelter.

# Unleash the Potential for the Future of our Community

The Indiana County Humane Society Animal Shelter is the only open door shelter in Indiana County. We welcome and care for all stray cats and dogs brought to our facility. All are given humane treatment. Critical to realizing a compassionate future for all animals in our community is a new home for the animal shelter. The Humane Society Animal Shelter was originally the ground floor of the county storage barn, and despite renovations to extend its life, a new shelter is necessary to provide proper housing, veterinary care, and socialization for animals. The current shelter is seriously outdated, in disrepair and must be replaced.

A new shelter is necessary to meet the needs of animals in our community. This new shelter will be designed to solve the most critical animal-related issues in our community, including pet overpopulation, animal abuse and neglect. The new facility will lead to a higher adoption rate, more volunteers and community involvement.

To achieve its ambitious, yet attainable objectives, ICHS is constructing a new, state-of-the-art facility on Airport Road. The new shelter will include an adoption center, spay/neuter surgical room, and an education/meeting room. The total project costs for the new building and furnishings will be nearly \$2 million.

A group of dedicated individuals and the Board of Directors of ICHS are working to ensure that the campaign is successful. Residents from Indiana County, along with local businesses, corporations, and foundations with a demonstrated interest in animal welfare, are being asked to help fund the campaign.

## COMPARISON CHART

### CURRENT SHELTER

- Outdated facility in poor condition
- Limited parking
- Overcrowded, especially summer
- Outdated equipment
- No private acquaintance areas
- No pet access to the outside
- One isolation area for dogs and cats
- No designated puppy room
- Admission through front door only
- No training or meeting space
- No room to grow or expand
- No drop off area for strays
- Inadequate ventilation and climate control
- Overcrowded, especially in Summer

### NEW FACILITY

- Designed for future needs
- Spacious parking area
- Better suited for today's animal population
- Updated technology that fosters good health
- Two get acquainted suites
- Separate entrance for admission of stray & relinquished pets
- Two separate isolations each for dogs and cats
- A puppy room with a play area
- Separate entrance for admission of pets
- Community room for education, training, etc.
- Plans include 10 year possible expansion
- Fenced, secure area for Humane Officer and Dog Warden
- State-of-the-art HVAC system to promo animal health



New Shelter—Indiana County Humane Society





**BEFORE**

ICHS officer received a 911 call concerning a sick dog. Murphy was found in a cat carrier filled with feces, her hip bones and ribs were showing along with being severely dehydrated. Murphy's eyes were ulcerated and infected leaving her eyesight questionable.



**AFTER**

Thankfully, Murphy has a happy ending! She was adopted into a safe home where she has playmates and is finally able to sleep in a comfortable, cozy bed. Her eyesight has improved greatly since her rescue. If it weren't for ICHS, poor Murphy would never have seen the day when she won this award.

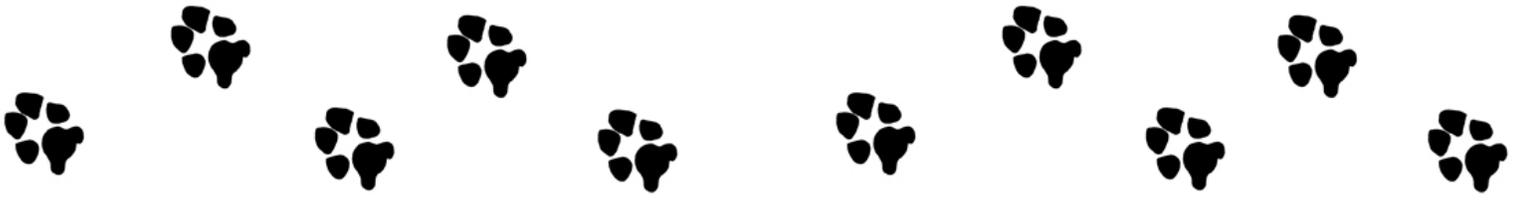
# **Unleash the Potential to Prevent Suffering and Abuse**

Animal suffering is too common in our community. Each year the Indiana County Humane Society's Humane Officer responds to hundreds of reports of animal abuse or neglect. Our Humane Officer and staff compassionately respond with care and love for the hundreds of animals who have been the victims of violence, neglect and abuse.

Terrible on its own, animal cruelty is often an early warning sign of violent tendencies in children and young adults that will eventually be acted out against people. Research into the roots of violence supports this theory and has proven that a link does exist between animal abuse and other forms of violence.

ICHS is not satisfied to just stand on the receiving end of a stream of abused animals. Our Humane Officer can issue warnings or citations and remove the abused pets from their horrible environment, transferring them to our shelter. Legal charges can be filed, when warranted, and a hearing or trial may ensue, as was the case of the widely publicized incident of violence and abuse against a dog named Karma. This loving dog once more has faith in humanity because of her loving, new owners.

ICHS is dedicated to stopping animal abuse before it occurs. In addition to providing homeless animals with needed care in the new facility, ICHS will serve as an important educational resource to our community. ICHS will expand its existing outreach programs and develop new initiatives to reach more kids and adults. Relationships with schools, scout groups, outreach services, and workshops will also be strengthened. The new ICHS facility will have a meeting space so that educational programs will be available to children and organizations of Indiana County.



The Fryling family adopted Karma in Spring 2005. Karma's former owner abused her for having an accident in the house. Karma endured two broken legs and a puncture wound to her neck. The Fryling family provided Karma with a chance to live a normal, happy life with a loving family.

# **Unleash the Potential to Ensure a New Open Admission Shelter**

As long as the Indiana County Humane Society exists, no stray cat or dog ever lacks a temporary home. We welcome all lost, abandoned and abused pets. We are an animal welfare organization that embraces the philosophy that people have a responsibility to care for and protect animals, especially domesticated animals. We believe that their quality of life should be maintained without suffering. Animal welfare groups such as ICHS have compassion for both animal and human suffering.

## **Our Mission**

The Indiana County Humane Society is a non-profit, county, tax deductible animal welfare organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty and suffering to animals. We operate an open admission shelter and provide safe haven and compassionate care for any animal brought to our door. We endeavor to place these unwanted animals in permanent, responsible homes, or try to find owners of lost pets. We enforce the animal protection laws, and with our Humane Officer, we investigate and prosecute cases of animal cruelty. Our mission is to promote humane principles and responsible pet ownership, and take a leadership role in reducing companion animal overpopulation.

## **Open Admission Versus Limited Admissions Facilities**

Limited admission groups generally handle a much smaller volume of companion animals, turn animals away when they become limited on space, and only accept animals that are readily adoptable. Because they can close their admissions when they are full, they are able to be “no kill shelters.” Limited Admission shelters compliment, but never substitute for an Open Admission shelter. Open Admission shelters such as ICHS welcome all animals in need and handle a much larger volume of animals. All animals are admitted, examined, vaccinated, and given proper medical care when needed. Most of our animals are adopted, fostered, rescued, or returned to their owner. Severely ill or injured, aggressive, or dangerous animals are humanely euthanized. Very few pets are euthanized because of lack of space.

## **A New Shelter, A New Safe Haven, Increased Loving Homes Found!**

It is a proven fact that a new, state-of-the art shelter with its friendly environment will increase its exposure to the community, be a more inviting environment for residents and volunteers and therefore increase our adoption rates.



Calamity Jane, Jake, Scotch, Tara, and Mark were lucky to find their way to ICHS. Many cats who take shelter here find safe, clean, and happy homes where they live the life they all deserve.

## **Unleash the Potential to Engage the Whole Community**

Animals are an integral part of our lives. Many people report that their relationship with their companion animal is one of the most valued in their lives. ICHS works to support these relationships and to ensure that the quality of life for all animals is caring, dignified and free from pain.

You have the ability to unleash the potential of the  
Indiana County Humane Society!

Your gift to the Indiana County Humane Society will help provide a new home for unwanted, homeless animals, and a new educational center for the community. We need your help to take this historic step and to truly build a community where people value animals and treat them with respect and kindness.



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