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# Indiana Petite Paws Rescue

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## Rescue Milestone is Celebration of Lives Saved!

Dear Friends of Rescue,

April 2007 marked the three year birthday of IPPRA. I founded this Rescue on a wing, lots of prayers and \$300.00 in my pocket. From the day IPPRA took in our very first rescues, I knew we were going to achieve great things! I could feel it in my heart. Since our inception, we have rescued over 350 dogs. Although there have been some rough times, we have managed to stay afloat financially thanks to our generous supporters.

I cannot begin to thank all the people who got us where we are today, our unselfish members, our generous contributors and all the loving forever families who opened their hearts and their homes to one of our unwanted and abandoned foster kids.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued support with our efforts to make a difference.

Warmly,

Barb Beck  
Executive Director

## Summer Safety for your Pets

Summer is great fun for us but can be potentially fatal to a dog under the wrong conditions! Here are a few things to keep in mind when you're out with your pet this summer.

- Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle, temperatures can easily go over 100 degrees in a hot car.
- Heatstroke is imminent when dogs are left outdoors for extended periods of time. Keep your pet indoors as much as possible and make sure water is available when they are out.
- Mosquitoes can transfer heartworm. Be sure your pet is on the appropriate heartworm preventative medication.
- Limit fertilizers and insecticides to area where your pets do not frequent.
- Always keep a collar and tags on your pets at all times.
- Travel with ample water and an emergency kit.
- Don't take dogs to fireworks or have them outside while neighbors are setting off fireworks. Pets may run or become overly frightened due to the loud noises. Turn on a TV or radio to block some of the noise.
- Watch pets closely around pools.
- Exercise pets in early morning or evening when it's cooler.

With a little precaution, you and your pet can have a safe and enjoyable summer!



**Digger is ready  
for those  
Dog Days  
of Summer!"**

## Volunteer Spotlight by Susan Rettig



When I asked our members who they would like to see featured as volunteer of the quarter, they overwhelmingly nominated Susanne Steltenpohl. A member since 2/2006, Suzanne has performed many roles including her present position of Executive Secretary.

Here are a few of their reasons why:

"She does so much, always there to answer questions, gave me advice on how to get events started here; and always has been a sympathetic ear when things weren't going well." "She does enumerable tasks for the group, including, but in no way minimizing, fostering countless furbabies. She accepted my foster that was experiencing problems when she would have preferred to have another." "She is amazing with all the dogs she has. She took in my foster when he was too much for me to handle. She broke her foot but that didn't seem to keep her down for long. She was one of the first people to tell me I was doing a good job." "There is never a time that she doesn't take time to answer questions, listen to suggestions, lend an ear for whining, and/or whatever else anyone of us needs. She also has a houseful of furbabies and didn't even ask for help while she was on crutches.

Thanks Suzanne for your dedication to IPPRA!



Do you have room in your heart and home for a dog who needs **YOU** more than you might ever know?

We are in need of foster homes across the state of Indiana, and in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A HOMELESS DOG'S LIFE TODAY...!**

## Animal Safe Weed Killer



4 cups (1 Liter) of white vinegar  
1/4 cup (50 ml) of table salt  
2 tsp (10 ml) of your favorite liquid dish soap

Put this mixture into a spray bottle and spray it on your weeds when it is hot out.

For 1 gallon of mixture multiply by 4

Remember, this formula really works and is only recommended for driveways, sidewalks and the like. If you spray it onto the weeds in your lawn, you're going to kill the grass too and create a big ugly brown spot.

Mix can be effectively applied to larger areas using a 1 or 2 gallon pressure sprayer.

## The MEN of I.P.P.R.A!



One might think they are just relaxing, but Tom Pierson and David Ranger had already put in a day's work unloading and setting up tables/display and erecting a tent for an IPPRA event!

Thanks Tom and David for always being there when we need a few extra hands to get the job done!

## Uniting Senior Citizens with Senior Pets

As we seem to live longer these days, many seniors find themselves experiencing loneliness, whether a spouse has passed on or there are no family members nearby. At the rescue we see many dogs in their senior years - sadly discarded by an owner or worse, have suffered their whole life in a cage, subject to abuse and over breeding by a puppy mill, only to be tossed out when they have outlived their usefulness.

Companion animals have long been the subject of many studies concerning their health benefits on seniors. Caring for an animal can greatly improve quality of life, and provide protection, exercise, and socialization. And you can say "goodbye" to those puppy issues like chewing, potty training, interrupted sleep, etc. Senior dogs have a lot of love and life in them and only want their journey to end with a forever home.

At IPPRA we want to do our part to make these matches possible by offering a discounted adoption fee to senior citizens adopting senior dogs (9 & over.) You can read more information on this program and our senior pets for adoption at our website. [www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org)

## Pet Food Profits go to Indiana Petite Paws Rescue

VALPARAISO | Indiana Petite Paws Rescue, Inc. has found a way to ensure that folks can buy bags of pet food that are safe. An added plus is the organization gets a financial donation every time someone buys food through the link on its Website.

Indiana Petite Paws is part of the Safe and Healthy Pet Food program offered by HealthyPetNet. The Web site offers natural pet foods, pet treats and pet supplements. Orders are handled by the company, and product is shipped directly from warehouses in California and Florida. All Petite Paws Rescue has to do is add the Web site links to its newsletters and other promotional materials, send thank you notes, answer occasional questions and deposit checks twice a month.

It's a fundraiser that works for organizations such as Indiana Petite Paws Rescue, which often gets donations in the form of bagged pet food. Recent pet food recalls have hit animal charities hard because many of the groups had to throw out donated food because it was deemed unsafe.

Barb Beck, executive director for Petite Paws Rescue, said she is optimistic that the program will be a hit for the organization. "I'm excited," Beck said. "I didn't want to commit until I could see how our dogs liked the food, but even the finicky eaters really like it. I have one little senior Yorkie who we couldn't get to eat anything, and he is just attacking the bowl of kibbles, and he has no teeth."

Petite Paws provides all of its foster homes with the new food. The program also generates an ongoing, month-by-month income in a way that doesn't demand much time and effort. The organization welcomes 501(c)(3) charities to sign up at its site to become field representatives to help raise funds for their charities.

Visit the Web site at [www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org) and click on Dog Food Recommendations. Proceeds from purchases go to support Indiana Petite Paws Rescue, Inc., of Valparaiso. Contributors also can make donations to the dog food fund through the Web site.

Nonprofit groups wishing to participate can contact Beck at [barb@petitepaws.org](mailto:barb@petitepaws.org). **Indiana Petite Paws Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. Donations are tax-deductible.**

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**Make room in your schedule for the first annual**

**Indiana Petite Paws Rescue Yard Sale!**

All Proceeds support rescue! 17304 Mount Street, Lowell, IN

***This quarter we're featuring photos of some of the pets adopted over the last three months. Unfortunately not all the photos will fit, but we hope you enjoy our "happy endings" and all the smiling faces!***



## THANK YOU

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## Come visit with us at:

### Festivals:

- 7/28 Farmers Market, Winfield IN**  
Government Center/ Randolph St.  
**Also 8/4 & 9/1 8:30 – 12:30**
- 8/11-12 Steel Wheels Craft Show**  
Woodland Park, Portage IN  
10-5
- 9/8 IPPRA Yard Sale to Support  
Rescue efforts**  
Lowell, IN 9-4
- 9/15 LaPorte Sunflower Fair**  
Downtown LaPorte, IN  
8-4
- 9/29-30 ICS Yard Sale**  
US 6 & County Line Road  
Westville, IN

### Ongoing Adoption Events:

- Ft Wayne** Petsmart – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
- Highland** Petco – every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- Hobart** Petsmart – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
- Lafayette** Petsmart – every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday
- Valparaiso** Pet Supplies Plus – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.

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