

# Mewsletter

For the friends of the Independent Cat Society, a no-kill cat shelter

Winter 2014 #140

## ICS Sweethearts Campaign 2014

Please vote for the cat you feel is sweetest by donating in any amount in their name. You can vote via Paypal, by mail, or by dropping it off at the shelter. Voting will continue through the month of February and the winner will be announced the first week in March on the website, Facebook, and in the shelter, and will appear in the next Mewsletter. The glamourpuss who raises the most money will receive a bag of catnip and a new toy, so be a sweetie and vote for your favorite fabulous feline today!



*Pavarotti*

Just look into the eyes of this handsome and hunky fellow and you will hear music. Vote for Pavarotti and he'll sing for joy!



*Garfield*

Garfield is a burly beefcake that will just melt your heart! He'd love a snack, but your vote would do just fine



*Guillermo*

Husky Guillermo is a cuddly lapful of love who purrs on all cylinders. Let's get out the vote for Guillermo and give him something to purr about!



*Bubba Gump*

One look at the rugged profile of this strapping guy and you can see why Bubba Gump's fans all said: Run Bubba, run!



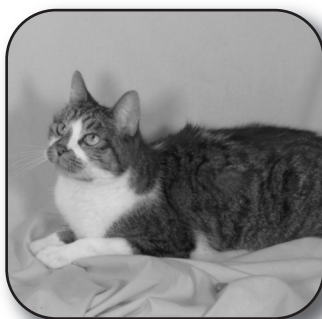
*Aggie*

Such a precious face! Petite Aggie always enjoys a good conversation, but more than anything else would appreciate your support.



*Smudgie*

We think that Smudgie is strikingly good-looking, just like he was painted by the loving hand of an artist. Express your artistic side and vote for Smudgie!



*Chino*

Endearing, quirky, and overall a totally cool cat, Chino is famous around the shelter for literally begging for his favorite treats. Don't make him beg for your vote!



*Junco*

This lovely lass volunteered for the photo shoot and truly gave it her all. Show her you appreciate her initiative and her beauty and give Junco your vote and your heart!

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**Adoptable Cats, Upcoming Events, and more inside!**





## Newsletter

Published for the friends of the  
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The **Independent Cat Society, Inc.**, founded in 1977, is a non-profit, no-kill cat shelter on US Rt 6 at the Porter/LaPorte County Line Road in Westville, Indiana.

Our mission is to promote the welfare of all animals, especially cats, by reducing pet overpopulation, educating the public, preventing cruelties to animals, promoting responsible pet ownership, and working for more humane legislation.

**Adoption hours:**  
 Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 Others by appointment.  
 Please call (219) 785-4936.

**About our Adoption Fees**  
 Include: Spay/neuter, vet exam, feline leukemia and FIV test; age-appropriate vaccinations; parasite treatment; tattoo ID/microchip; 30 Day No-Cost Pet Insurance; Hills Science Diet coupon; and free post-adoption participating vet visit.

Please check our website or shelter for monthly adoption specials!

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# Calendar of Events

## February

**Annual Sweetheart Contest!**  
**Starting in January and going on through March 1**

Check our website and Facebook for the latest news, and events!

**Sweetheart Day**  
**February 22, 10am - 4pm**

American Legion Hall, 798 Wabash, Chesterton, IN

Enjoy a gourmet boxed lunch, support the "candidates," win raffles, and more!

## March

**Pussycat Pizza Party**  
**March 18, 5-9pm**

Aurelio's 2330 N. Highway 35 in LaPorte, IN

## April

**Earth Day**  
**April 19**

At the Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN

## May

**Aunt Kitty's Trash and Treasure Sale**

**May 17, 10am - 4pm**

**May 18, 10am - 3pm**

Join us for food, fun, bargains and more!

All proceeds go directly to the support of our kitties

Drop off items on Friday, May 16 from 12pm - 5pm

(no clothing or large furniture items please)

**Black Cat Strut**

**May 31, 2014, Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve**

178 Sidewalk Rd. Chesterton, IN

5k Walk/Run and 1 mile Dog Walk

Learn more and register at <http://thtiming.com>

and our website

## June

**Summer Open House**

**June 14 & 15, 10am - 4pm**

At the ICS Shelter - come visit the kittens and enjoy refreshments, friends, and some time in the Rainbow Bridge Garden



# President's Message

*I think one reason we admire cats . . . is their proficiency in one-upmanship. They always seem to come out on top no matter what they are doing . . . maybe we secretly envy them.*

- Barbara Webster

Welcome to 2014! Last year was a year full of fun and successes, so much so that it has inspired a new "blog" - or online diary - put together by our very own Orphan Annie (with a little help from some two-legged volunteers!). Some of the most interesting, inspiring, and up-to-the-minute news can be found there, including our ICS year-end report for all of our volunteers and supporters to review. Not in the know yet? Be sure to check in on Annie's latest articles at <http://www.zelda23publishing.com/indcatsociety>.

Of course, you can always continue to stay in contact with us in many other ways as well:

**On the web:** <http://www.catsociety.org>

**On Facebook:**  
<http://www.facebook.com/indcatsociety>

**On Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/indcatsociety>

**By email:** [shelter@catsociety.org](mailto:shelter@catsociety.org) (you can sign up for our email notifications on our website as well)

As we continue to find new ways to help all cats in our community, we will strive to get our communications out there in a variety of efficient and cost-effective ways. Please help us by spreading the word about our different electronic venues to your friends and family - our kitties thank you!

As always, we appreciate your continued support as we continue to try to find forever homes for our many wonderful cats and kitties. Perhaps there is a new family member waiting for you? Please stop by during our weekend hours (Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4) or by appointment and visit the kitties. They cannot wait to share the joy of the season with you and yours - they have much love to give!

Sincerely,  
Staci Trekles,  
ICS Board President



*Orphan Annie finally has her own online venue for all of her "catty comments" - visit her at <http://www.zelda23publishing.com/indcatsociety>*

Look for us at our

**eBay Store**

[http://myworld.ebay.com/independent\\*cat\\*society/](http://myworld.ebay.com/independent*cat*society/)

## Wish List

**Please note:** We do not use litter pan liners, newspapers, or pine cleaners like Pine Sol. Thank you!

### Office Supplies

Stamps  
Various Colored **2-pocket folders** with Business Card Slots  
Letter-Size Manila File Folders

### Cleaning Supplies

Bleach  
Laundry Soap (prefer unscented)  
Dryer Sheets  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Dish Soap  
Paper Plates  
Paper Towels  
30-gallon Trash Bags  
Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags  
Spic and Span Cleaner  
Shaklee Basic G Concentrate

### Medical Supplies

Microwaveable Heating Discs  
Science Diet AD, ID  
Wellness Grain-Free Food

### Building and Grounds

20 x 25 x 5 Aire Bear Furnace filters  
Water Softener Pellets  
16 x 20 x 1 Fiberglass Furnace Filters  
Replacement Filters for Hunter Air Purifier Model #30930  
Side Door and Help with Install

### Other

Dry Cat Food, kitten and adult, Prefer *Hills Science Diet* but use other brands for donations to those in need  
Ground flavors of Fancy Feast and grain-free foods  
Kuranda Plastic Cleanable Cat Trees  
Scoopable and Clay Litters  
Gift Cards to Lowe's, Menard's, Home Depot, etc.  
**Safeguard SG-36D** Humane Traps  
Turbo-Tracks Replacement Scratchers  
Extra Large Litter Scoops  
Small Blankets, Rugs, Towels

### Special Services

Carpenters, Plumbers, Painters

The cats thank you! Ask us for a receipt for tax-deductible donations.





# Boogie-Grams

## Special notes of love from our supporters during November's Black Cat Boogie Fundraising Dinner

Thank you to ICS and the many people who have sent love, blessings, and encouragement our way.



Love,  
Angel, Parsley, & Spanky



May the paws be with you this new year.  
Meisha Albrecht

In loving memory of my cats Dolly, Huey & Sebastian and ICS cats Alfredo, Azreal, Fleasha, Love, Noodles, Richie, and Valle.

Diana Foster

Eternal love to my loyal Little Feather, Happy, Sweets, Kit Kat, Angel, Baby Girl "3", One, & Baby. Pure Love to All! Special gratitude to the volunteers. God bless independent Cat Society and all shepherds that care for all animals.

Sincerely,  
Angel A. Stark



You guys in Scruffy's are all doing so great! I love all of you!



ICS has the most amazing cats and kittens we know because we have six of them. They are all very special and they make every day special and full of surprises. We love them all.

Jim and Vicki Napiwoki

As an animal lover I am grateful for all the wonderful people who work in shelters and rescue groups. They are our earth angels!

Joan Wachowski

In Loving Memory of our wonderful cats: Lucky, Charms, and Tippy.

Sherry Loving

In Loving Memory of Kadence Loving.

Kathy Kwell



Thank you ICS for your many works, and the way you love and care for the cats. You are truly a blessing.

Mary A. Brown

To the kitties of Nursery: Your room mommy loves you!



Almost as much as orange cats.

Leonidas Amador

Black cats rock!

Jet Amador





# ICS Board of Directors Elections

Thank you to all who participated in November's voting! We are pleased to welcome the following members to our board in January:

Vice-President  
Judy Lindmark

Corresponding Secretary  
Carol Albrecht

Member at large  
Diana Foster

Member at large  
Jennifer Stall



*Garfield thanks all of our members for their support!*

Please also take a moment to review our revised bylaws, which were also voted in at the November election meeting. The revisions help ensure that our organization can run more smoothly and efficiently, and you can review the changes for yourself at <http://www.catsociety.org/about-ics/board-of-directors>.

Questions? Ideas for the Board? Send them our way or join us at our next Board meeting! Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at Purdue University North Central, 1401 S. US 421, Westville, IN. Meetings are held in the Library-Student-Faculty (LSF) Building in Room 60, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All ICS members are welcome to sit in on a meeting at any time.

## Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Options

**ICS Vouchers** are available at the ICS shelter on Saturdays from 10 AM-4PM and Sundays from 1-4 PM. (Others hours may be available by appointment only). There are two different levels of Voucher. *Payment by cash/money order only.*

- **Basic Level:** includes spay or neuter, first distemper vaccine, rabies vaccines, worming, ear mite treatment, and identification tattoo/microchip
- **Comprehensive Level:** includes everything in the Basic level plus flea treatment, FELV and FIV testing, and the first Feline leukemia vaccine.

After purchasing a voucher, call one of the veterinary clinics listed below to schedule an appointment. ICS Spay/Neuter vouchers are only accepted at the following veterinary clinics:

- **McAfee Animal Hospital:** 219-462-5901 651 Eastport Centre Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Basic - \$65  
Comprehensive - \$90
- **Westchester Animal Clinic** 219-926-1194 55E US Highway 20 Porter, IN 46304-1397  
Basic level only - \$73

ICS has also recently been awarded generous grants which can help with the cost of spay and neuter procedures. Please contact us by phone, by email, or on Facebook for more information.

**Dr. Anderson's Feline Reduction Center** has a clinic on Saturdays in Beverly Shores. The cost for the surgery is \$50. The Rabies and distemper vaccines incur an extra charge, while ear cleaning, a pain shot, and a shot of penicillin are included. The scheduling number is 219-861-9006. Call and leave a message that you want to schedule your cat for a particular Saturday and clinic staff will call you back with drop-off/pick-up details.

#### Other local options:

- **Neuter Scooter** [www.neuterscooter.com](http://www.neuterscooter.com)
- **Pet Neutering and Adoption** [www.petneutering.com](http://www.petneutering.com) (DeMotte, Indiana)
- **The Estelle Marcus Animal Clinic:** [www.hscalumet.org](http://www.hscalumet.org) or (219) 924-7140 (Munster, Indiana)

**The Estelle Marcus Animal Clinic offers low-cost spays, neuters, and vaccinations for the following groups:**

- Low-income pet owners on government assistance (such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Unemployment or Disability)
- Owners of pit bulls and pit bull mixes
- Residents of Gary, Indiana
- Feral cat caretakers (call 219-924-7140 for information on humane trap rental)
- Animal shelters, animal controls, and rescue groups

They also have two special programs:

- 1 **Low-Income Senior Program:** Seniors over the age of 65 and on government assistance (other than Social Security) can get their pet spayed, neutered and vaccinated for free!
- 2 **Spay Your Momma Program:** Low-income owners of a dog or cat with a litter can get the mom and her litter spayed, neutered, and vaccinated for rabies for free! Owners must be on government assistance or Social Security. Call Calumet SNAP at 877-819-3300 for more information.



#### Chicago options:

- **NAWS:** [www.nawsus.org](http://www.nawsus.org) or (708) 478-5102 (Mokena, Illinois)
- **PAWS Chicago:** The Lurie Spay/Neuter Clinic or mobile unit, [www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org) or (773) 521-7729 (Chicago, Illinois)
- **Anti-Cruelty Society:** [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org) or (312) 644-8338 (Chicago, Illinois)

*For help with spaying neutering of free-roaming cats, please email us at: [icstnr@comcast.net](mailto:icstnr@comcast.net)*



# Memorials & Tributes... October - December 2013

**In memory of Bubbles, a beautiful and sweet cat,** from Aunt Wilma and Satchel

**In memory of Mitch, my friend Nancy's cat,** from Ruth Claus-Wilke

**In memory of Felix, who passed away a year ago in September,** from Eugene and Elaine Bruszewski

**In memory of Vera, Sharon Lloyd's sister,** from Kathy Pavlick

**In memory of Buster Brown, Princess I & II, Angel, and Mr. Misty,** from Donald and Rosemary Fanning

**In memory of Gerhard J. Gaiser,** from Karl Gaiser, Kenneth Clark, and Janice and Thomas Malinowski

**In memory of our daughter and son-in-law's cat Haley Bob,** from Louise Vale

**In memory of our son Matt's tortie cat, Claire,** from Louise Vale

**In memory of my cat Sugar, 21 years old,** from Loretta Saponaro

**In memory of Edward J. Michalski (1935-2012), my uncle, who had a love and heart for all animals,** from Thomas and Evelyn Jarnowski

**In memory of our daughter Amy L. Patisas,** from the Patisas family

**In memory of "Toby" Kuehn,** from Tom and Nancy Kleckner

**In memory of and tribute to Carole Kinzie** – *"If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain." Carole's kind and generous spirit continues in care and love for all.* From the Portage High School English Department

**In memory of Carole Kinzie,** from Carol Albrecht, Cate Amador, Beth Ann Dakin, Judy Dean, Diana Foster, Gail Frieden, Paulette Gonzalez, Judy Lindmark, Patrick Moody, Beverly Overmeyer, Dorothy Ripperdan, Marti Rukavina, Tina Sleppy, Staci Trekles, and Bonnie Zosso

**In loving memory of sweet kitty Murphy and her heartbroken owner, Barbara Mathews,** from Irene Bowers

**In honor of Audrey Halsey,** from Laura Halsey

**In loving memory of Melvin D. Novak of Michigan City,** from Robert Applegate, Lee and Diana Bunton, James and Betty Fisher, Norman and Sharon Foltz, Arlene Hudgens, Barbara Miller, Joy Pawlak, and Michiana Mechanical, Inc.

**In memory of Norman K. Duerr,** from Steve and Sue Duerr, and Scott and Wendy Schultz

**In honor of my brother Larry Gillham,** from Patricia Gillham

**In honor of Mrs. Yvette Noe,** from Holly McCain

**In honor of Hannah Barton,** from Rachel Barton Pine

**In memory of Roxanne Yagelski,** from Luelle Ensign and Christopher Yagelski

**Loving memories of Molly and Sabrina,** from Roxanne Myers

**In memory of Kedzie, the cat of Deborah Blennerhassett,** from Rebecca Huss

**In memory of Lena and Ron Wyller,** from Jeffery and Mary Williams

**In memory of Baby,** from Bradley and Kathleen Sweet

**In memory of Nicole, our feisty little Maltese. RIP and we'll see you on the other side,** from Wayne and Carol Albrecht

**In honor of Peggy Anderson, a true cat lover,** from Jody Nelson

**In honor of Dorothy Miller,** from Diane Thalmann

**In loving memory of Briana Ardelean,** from all of her friends and co-workers at TP Orthodontics

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please write, email, or call us so we can include them in the next newsletter.



ICS lost several good friends in 2013, including (from left) "Grandma" Lily, Parsley, Bonnie, and Alfredo. We love you all, and we look forward to the day when we see you again at the Rainbow Bridge.



## Corporate Sponsorships

We would like to take a moment to recognize some of our valuable corporate sponsors. We hope that you will support their businesses as they have supported ICS. For a full list of all of our supporters, updated all the time, please visit <http://www.catsociety.org>

**AJ Canopy Rental and Sales**  
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**Unity Foundation of LaPorte County**  
**Vale Park Animal Hospital**



# Sponsor-A-Cat!

*from your Spokescat, Corky*

Hi, I'm Corky, the ICS Sponsor Spokescat!

It seems like just yesterday I was watching my room mom take down the Halloween decorations from our door in the Disco Room, and then not long after that, the Christmas decorations. Everything has gone from lovely green grass and flowers to nothing but a big field of WHITE! I thought maybe I was dreaming, that winter wasn't here and that it wasn't already January. But alas, I soon realized it was time to review my New Year's Resolution, and see how I did.

Last January, when 2014 seemed so far away, I thought I could find a sponsor for every cat in the shelter. I wrote columns that I thought would convince all of our cat lover friends to sponsor a cat here at the shelter, emphasizing the advantages of having a special cat in their lives without the disadvantages of food, litter, and vet costs.

But, although more of our kitties have sponsors than ever before, there are still some fantastic felines waiting for a person of their own.

Then, I remembered a day right before Christmas when I heard voices in the hall

outside our door. Sometimes, I think it's good to just sit and listen, so I sat quietly and heard this conversation:

"Oh look, there's Buddy. He was Amy's favorite cat. I miss her volunteering here since she moved away. I bet she'd like to know how he's doing."

"Let's take a picture of him there in the sun and send it to her!"

"I've got an even better idea. Let's sponsor



Corky, your Spokescat

Buddy for a year for Amy and her family. She'll get an adorable picture to keep in her wallet or frame for her desk."

"Great idea! Let's do it now. There's a Mewsletter on the counter that has a cut-out slip on it. We can fill that out and leave it with the adoption counselor with our check for the first month, along with a note that it's a gift that will keep giving all year long!"

Wouldn't you like to give a gift that will do so much good, and make people feel good? If you'd like to help ICS by sponsoring one of our adorable cats or kittens, please fill out the slip below and mail it to the shelter, or stop by and choose your special cat in person. We can also pick a cat for you, if you'd rather. Just tell us what kind of cat you'd like to sponsor.

Once you've made your choice, you (or your gift recipient) will get a beautiful 4x6 photo of your sponsored cat and a story telling all about how that kitty came to the shelter.

Won't you sponsor a cat and brighten someone's day?



## Gilligan

is young, playful, and a little silly, just like his pop culture namesake, but he is all grace and charm! You will want this great guy to join you on your next expedition!



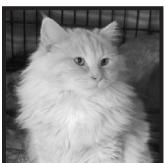
## Mary Ann

is Gilligan's sister and has all of the girl-next-door beauty of TV's favorite island castaway. But don't leave Mary Ann stranded - come see her today!



## Holly

is a delightful young tortie who would just love to snuggle up with you. Come visit her and you will know what true tortie beauty is all about!



## Hugo

sure is a handsome fella, and as lovable as can be. This fluffy young chap would love nothing better than to spend time with a nice warm, cozy, quiet family.



## Pippa

came to the shelter with a litter of kittens, and while they are all gone to their forever homes, Pippa still waits for hers. Won't you come visit this royally lovely young mom?



## Spice

might sound like she could be a little sassy, but this is just because of her unique calico coat. She's really as sweet as can be! Come see her in Kitty Korner, and she will be your friend forever!

**Yes!**

## I want to Sponsor-A-Cat from the Independent Cat Society

I have enclosed a check for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$180 for one year of Sponsor-A-Cat

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 for the first month of Sponsor-A-Cat. I pledge to send \$10 each month to Sponsor-A-Cat

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to send the amount that fits my budget and feels "right" to Sponsor-A-Cat each month

*Please mark "SAC" on your envelope and check memo.* The sponsor will receive a photo and biography of his or her Sponsor-A-Cat.

Name of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Month of sponsor's birthday \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

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### Don't miss these events!

- **Sweetheart Contest**  
Last votes on March 1
- **Sweetheart Day**  
February 22, American Legion Hall, Chesterton, IN
- **Dunes Cat Fanciers**  
March 8 & 9, Woodland Park, Portage, IN
- **Pussycat Pizza Party**  
March 18, Aurelio's Pizza in LaPorte, IN
- **Be Kind to Animals**  
April 26, Porter County Expo Center
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June 1, watch catsociety.org for location and more!



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let us know at [shelter@catsociety.org](mailto:shelter@catsociety.org).



## Can you help the Independent Cat Society cats?



### Become a Member!

#### Annual Dues:

- \$1000 Corporation
- \$500 Life
- \$100 Gold Star
- \$50 Family
- \$25 Individual
- \$10 Student
- \$10 Senior

### Donate or Volunteer!

- I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the care of the cats and kittens.
- I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the building fund.
- I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the TNR/Assisted Spay & Neuter Fund.
- I will help groom cats at the shelter.
- I will help give cats their medications.
- I will help at fundraising events.
- I will be a foster parent.
- I will donate my cat-themed artwork or crafts for fundraising events.
- I will bake for fundraising events.
- I will make adoption follow-up telephone calls.
- I will help cats get good homes by becoming an adoption counselor.
- I will help take care of the grounds and maintain the shelter.
- I will distribute flyers for fundraisers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

This is a new address.  Do not send a "thank you" note. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and send to:

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