

# Indiana-PAW At-A-Glance

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**Mission:** To use education and advocacy to reduce the number of animals who are euthanized in Indiana.

## Overarching Method To Accomplish Mission:

1. Increase the number of Indiana animals who are sterilized and prevented from having unwanted litters that are often euthanized due to a lack of homes;
2. Promote adoptions from area shelters and rescue groups as the most desirable way to obtain a pet;
3. Reduce the number of owners who surrender their pets to shelters by facilitating positive alternatives; and
4. Facilitate collaborations between citizens and Indiana animal welfare groups (e.g., shelters, rescue groups, education groups, spay/neuter groups, TNR groups, etc.) to increase the number of animals these agencies can save.

## Specific Activities IPAW Performs To Accomplish Mission:

### Reach Citizens

1. Encourage citizens to foster animals for local shelters and rescue groups, spay/neuter their pets, and adopt pets from shelters and rescue groups rather than purchasing them.
2. Through our website, provide citizens with easy access to resources that will save lives, including low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics, pet emergency resources and poison hotlines, animal abuse hotlines, pet loss resources, pit bull information, etc.
3. Drive citizen traffic to shelters and rescue groups via our "Super Database" of 380+ Indiana shelters and rescue groups, and our "Super Calendar" of animal events.
4. Answer citizen concerns about pet care and behavior issues via our E-Bulletin Boards to reduce the number of animals who are surrendered to animal shelters.
5. Provide educational pamphlets ("Points To PAWnder") that citizens can download at our website.
6. Speak at schools and adult service clubs on animal welfare education topics.
7. Appear at community outreach events to educate citizens.
8. Publicize animal welfare topics (i.e. summer safety tips, etc.)

### Support Area Shelters / Rescue Groups / Animal Welfare Groups

1. Locate citizen foster families for shelters and rescue groups.
2. Feature adoptable "Pets of the Week" for shelters and rescues to raise their visibility.
3. Resources for animal welfare groups, including animal transport help, freebies for foster families, and our Ask Our Fundraising Director service.
4. Collect Purina Weight Circles so we can help care for and feed shelter animals.
5. Serve as "Information Hub" for animal welfare community to network and share ideas via: (a) E-Bulletin Boards at our website; (b) our "Super Calendar" of animal welfare events, and (c) our database of 380+ Indiana shelters and rescue groups.