Friends of Humane Indiana,

As Humane Indiana continues to strive to keep each other safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, we have pivoted our plans for our future events. Our goal remains focused on helping homeless pets find forever homes through our Shelter & Clinic in Munster, and rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife at our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Valparaiso. During this time, your health and safety, and the safety of our team is of utmost importance as we venture into uncharted waters and move forward.

IT’S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR FOR EVERYONE
As you may be aware, our biggest fundraising event "Gaia 2020," scheduled for last March, was canceled, and our 3rd Annual Festival of Owls scheduled for October has also been canceled. In addition, we have also canceled our education camps and animal ambassador talks until further notice. As a result, Humane Indiana has been greatly impacted, as these events and sources of revenue contributed to the work we do for the animals. We understand life has changed in many ways for everyone during this time, and we especially thank those who have continued to support our mission and efforts at Humane Indiana. We ask that you kindly continue to join us in helping the animals.

The goal that we do together must continue as homeless pets throughout our community need us now more than ever. This September, we will host one of our only fundraising event of 2020, Paws in the Park “Celebrating health” a virtual walk for the animals. The event will take on a much different look this year by honoring pets together but separately through our first ever virtual walk ever.

HOW DOES A VIRTUAL WALK WORK?
Paws in the Park “Spirit Week” which will take place September 19-26, 2020.

- Simply pick a time and place during “Spirit Week” and walk with your pet.
- Walk safely at home, in your backyard, or in your neighborhood with your friends, family, or co-workers.
- We encourage you to tag us in your participation photos on social media #PIP2020.

Help us reach our goal.

35% 65% to go!

$50,000 GOAL

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THE GOOD THAT WE DO TOGETHER
Today friends, we ask for your support of our Paws in the Park goal of $50,000, by making a gift of $50. Your donation is directly reflected through our care of dogs and cats that have found themselves suddenly homeless, and the dozens of helpless kittens and puppies abandoned by their moms for reasons unknown to us. Your help matters to ALL OUR SHELTER PETS.

During these past several months, many of us have learned first-hand just how important our pets are to our health and our family’s health and wellness. Our fur babies have proven to help us by decreasing stress and anxiety as we sheltered in place and were unable to visit with family or friends for months. As those challenges continue today throughout our community, we honor all pets that offer us comfort and hope through these difficult times. Please consider joining our efforts as we remain committed to the animals. You are their HEROES and together WE ARE THEIR CARETAKERS.

With your $50 gift, you will receive an official Paws in the Park t-shirt, which can be mailed or picked up at our Main Office in Highland. You also receive online access to event bibs, pet enrichment tips, animal-themed music playlist, and deals and discounts for local businesses offered by our wonderful community partners.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a remittance envelope, however, our team is happy to help you by phone, if you prefer to call in your donation. Simply mention: Paws in the Park.

I thank you kindly on behalf of Humane Indiana and the animals you help through your gift. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lisa

Lisa Carpenter, Chief Development Officer
Our annual celebration of Paws in the Park event will pivot to a virtual format. Due to the recommended crowd guidelines issued by the CDC and our local government, to avoid spread of Covid-19, we have revised and revamped our event. Our Paws in the Park Virtual Walk “Celebrating Health” will be a fun-filled opportunity for our all ages pet community. Going virtual allows us to celebrate safely from home or the location of your choice. Our week-long event offers you the chance to support our homeless shelter pets in a way that promotes health and safety for you and your pets.

**WHEN IS THE EVENT?**
Paws in the Park Spirit Week will take place from September 19 - 26. That's right! We're offering a week of fun activities for you and your pet. Don't have a pet? No problem. This is an all-inclusive event that celebrates health for all while supporting our homeless shelter pets.

**WHAT IS A VIRTUAL WALK?**
Our Paws in the Park Virtual Walk means we will not gather in person for this event. A virtual walk allows you the opportunity to walk on your own time, with family and friends, and location of your choice in honor of homeless shelter pets.

**SHARE YOUR PARTICIPATION PHOTOS AND VIDEOS WITH US:**
Share the GOOD THAT WE DO TOGETHER in this event by sharing your activity participation through photos and videos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

**Receive an official Paws in the Park t-shirt with your $50 donation!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

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