



**southside
animal shelter**
— people saving pets —

It is the mission of Southside Animal Shelter to rescue healthy and treatable dogs and cats at risk of euthanasia, while nurturing and restoring them to happy, healthy lives in loving homes.





Rosie Ellis, who began by taking strays into her home in 1987, founded the Shelter. Southside Animal Shelter obtained its status as a charitable 501(c)(3) organization in 1995. In 2005, Southside Animal Shelter partnered with other local animal welfare organizations to establish the Circle City Animal Allies, a collaborative effort of local agencies passionately working toward the day when no healthy or treatable Indianapolis dog or cat is euthanized solely because he or she does not have a home.

Southside Animal Shelter is a limited admission, adoption-guarantee organization. We focus our efforts on transferring animals to our Shelter that are at risk of euthanasia. To that end, all dogs and cats in our care remain with us until they are adopted into loving forever homes, and there is no limit to the amount of time an animal may stay in our care.

Once the Shelter and foster homes are full, however, no new animals can be accepted. We provide routine and special veterinary care, spaying/neutering, food and shelter during the duration of an animal's stay with us. We work diligently to provide a nurturing environment for all companion animals in our care. We rescue and care for an average of 2000 dogs and cats per year.

A photograph of a brown dog walking on a sidewalk. The dog is in the foreground, looking down. The background is blurred, showing a street scene with a person in an orange vest. In the top right corner, there is a dark purple rounded rectangle containing the word "Adopt." in white, italicized font.

Adopt.

When you adopt a companion animal from Southside Animal Shelter, you are not only providing that particular animal with a forever home, you are in turn providing a space at the Shelter for us to rescue another dog or cat.

Your adoption fee allows us to provide much-needed care and a safe place for another animal to stay, recuperate and find their forever home. The adoption fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a free visit at your choice of a number of local vets, and 30 days of ShelterCare pet health insurance.

Animals are available for adoption 7 days a week at the Shelter, located at 1614 W. Edgewood Avenue in Indianapolis. Dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from Southside Animal Shelter may also be adopted from various venues throughout the city.

Please see www.ssasi.org for information about our locations, adoption hours and for a current list of our adoptable animals seeking their forever families.



Donate.

Southside Animal Shelter is a private, independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors dedicated to animal welfare. We receive no government funding and currently have no large corporate sponsors. Donations made to national animal welfare groups do not benefit our companion animals locally. Our funding derives from private sources such as donations, memorials, bequests, special events and fundraisers, adoption fees and in-kind donations from professionals.

Dogs and cats requiring specialized care are also in need of personal sponsors to help defray the high costs of veterinary bills. Donations to Southside Animal Shelter are tax-deductible. An updated wish list of items needed at the Shelter is available at www.ssasi.org, where you can also donate on-line.

Please contact donations@ssasi.org for information about how you or your company can best help our animals in need. It is only through your support that we are able to continue rescuing homeless animals and placing them in loving homes!

Southside Animal Shelter is currently seeking caring foster families for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. These animals may need extra recovery from medical care (such as adult dogs being treated for heartworm), or they may need extra love and socialization (as in a litter of kittens).

Foster families are responsible for transporting their foster animal(s) to the vet and to adoption venues as needed, and have the opportunity to screen potential adopters if they so choose, although screening is not required. All veterinary bills, food and supplies are provided at no cost to the foster family.

Foster families provide a loving, home environment for those animals unable to obtain the attention they require at the Shelter, and they also allow us to utilize space at the Shelter to care for another companion animal in need of our help.



Foster.

Volunteer.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with numerous varied tasks, including staffing our shelter and adoption centers, assisting at events, aiding in fundraising efforts and a plethora of special projects.

Any help is appreciated, especially by our four-legged Shelter residents! Southside Animal Shelter needs volunteers with a wide variety of talents and interests. Please contact the Shelter to find out how you can help make a difference in the lives of needy animals!



- I am interested in donating items.
- I am interested in making a one-time monetary donation in the amount of:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$___

- I am interested in making a monthly contribution in the amount of :

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$___

- I am interested in sponsoring one or more animals' medical care and receiving progress updates.

Contact Info

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Southside Animal Shelter is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Your support of the Shelter by adopting or sponsoring one of our dogs or cats is invaluable, and your donations are tax-deductible. It is only through your support that we are able to continue to rescue companion animals that are in need of our help.

Adoptions are down and our medical costs are at an all time high. Your contributions will go directly to pay for the medical costs and care of the many homeless dogs and cats that you can meet at www.ssasi.org. Southside Animal Shelter rescues and cares for an average of 2000 animals per year.

Our Wish List (and Needs)

Cat litter pans (different colors and sizes), food dishes (various colors and sizes), cat litter, blankets, towels, cat and dog beds, cat scratching boxes, dog leashes & collars, cat and dog toys, gas cards, canned dog and cat food, dog and cat treats, laundry detergent (liquid only), bleach, paper towels, 6 inch paper plates (not Styrofoam), cotton balls & cotton swabs, litter scoops, newspapers, gently used or new laptop computers, printers, paper, office supplies, and signage for the shelter.