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## **Just One Day no-kill event becomes a record five no-kill days in Indianapolis**

Not one healthy adoptable animal was killed for space at Indianapolis Animal Care & Control between June 7 and June 11. That is a milestone for animal welfare in Indianapolis.

Just One Day, a nationwide initiative to stop the killing of adoptable animals in shelters, took place on June 11. Some 1,200 shelters and rescues across the country took part, with approximately 10,000 animals being adopted.

Sponsored in Indianapolis by **move to ACT** and IACC, the event was marked by reduced-fee adoptions, prize drawings for adopters and rescue groups, and a concerted effort by local rescue organizations to pull as many animals as possible out of the shelter during the 5-day period.

Between adoptions and rescue transfers, 175 animals left IACC alive during the 5-day event. "The number of animals going to rescue during this time was much higher than on a normal week," said IACC Administrator Dan Shackle, who was enthusiastic about the results.

Twenty-five dogs and cats were adopted from IACC between June 7 and 11.

In addition to the reduced adoption fee, subsidized by the Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care & Control Foundation, pet adopters received Pet Supplies Plus gift cards and gourmet pet treats provided by Mrs. B's Gourmet Biscuits and Bones. A drawing was held among adopters for a \$100 gift card to Pet Supplies Plus, won by Brianna Collins. Collins is delighted with her adopted dog Little Bit, and reports that he's bigger already.

Sixteen no-kill rescue groups took part, competing for prize money in four categories. Southside Animal Shelter was awarded \$500 for pulling the most cats from IACC. Indy Claw received \$500 for pulling the most exotic animals.

Drawings were held for other cash prizes based on the total number of animals pulled to rescue. Winners were Love of Labs Indy (\$500) and IndyFeral (\$1,000).

“This was accomplished by local grassroots organizations working together and using their resources efficiently,” said Warren Patitz of **move to ACT**. “We can build on this success by staying focused on what works.

“Leadership in animal welfare resides in the heart. From those who clean cages to those who raise funds, everyone is important to this effort.”

Participating organizations were:

Every Dog Counts  
German Shepherd Rescue Indy  
All About Dogs  
Indy Claw  
ARPO  
Southside Animal Shelter  
Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue  
Rescue Farm  
Mended Hearts Rescue  
Love of Labs  
2X2 Rescue  
Indiana House Rabbit Society  
Heart for Dog  
Virginia Siamese Rescue  
FACE Spay Neuter  
IndyFeral

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