

## Indiana Ghost Trackers- Terre Haute Chapter

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# Ghostly Notes

December 2005

## Nominations Are In

On November 12th we had our monthly meeting for elections. Twenty members out of approximately thirty were in attendance. We also gave out awards to those that weren't in attendance at the annual banquet last month in Zionsville. Awards were given to:

Matt Greenwell: Best EVP

Lloyd Morgan: House Key award, Most Contributing, Best Hunt.

Carolyn Morgan: Best Video

Stacey Ulaszek: Best Picture

Jill Ferguson: Conan Award

Krystal Harney: Barney Fife award and Most funniest

Terre Haute also received Best Media Event State-wide.



**A few of us at one of our favorite haunts.**

Then it was on to elections. After about an hour of debate, results were in as follows for the upcoming year:

Director: Misty Weeks

Secretary: Carolyn Morgan

Treasurer: Tracey Beverly

PR Director: Matt Greenwell

Chapter Trainer: Jenny Whitlow

Asst Director: Matt Greenwell

Asst Secretary: Jill Ferguson

Asst Treasurer: Stacey Ulaszek

## Haunted Cemeteries and Attics

Last month's hunt was very eventful. We had lots of new faces. The first place we went to was a cemetery in Brazil—100 Steps. Local legend has it that there is a family of witches buried in the back of the cemetery. Even though it was a very windy night we managed to get a few good EVPs and

some moving orbs. Then on to one of our investigators houses where he and his roommates had been having some creepy feelings about the attic. Upon further investigation it was found to be pretty active indeed. We definitely got at least two different entities that inhabit the attic. Much more re-

search and some more looking around is in order for this place.

Next month on December 17th will be the next meeting at the Fortune Chinese Buffet followed by our Chapter Christmas party.

## Member Bio



**Tracey on  
a hunt at  
100 Steps  
in Brazil  
IN**

This month's member bio is on our newly elected Treasurer, Tracey Beverly. Tracey has been a member of IGT since April 2005. She was born in Fairbanks Alaska on August 13, 1968. Her father was a Drill Sergeant in the military before he retired in 1979 and moved his family back to Indiana after living at several military posts. Tracey graduated from Rockville High School in 1986 and from Ivy Tech in 1994 with a degree in Computer Management and Accounting. She also has a certificate in Medical Transcription and Unit Clerk. Tracey has worked several jobs in the area but currently works as an Administrative Assistant for Parsons at the Newport Chemical Depot. She has worked there since July 2001. Tracey is married and has one son, Matthew, who is 16 years old. When she is not working or spending time with her family, she enjoys puzzles, working on her computer, travel and many other hobbies including ghost hunting. Tracey is looking forward to a very good IGT year and is very happy to be a member.



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## Monthly Recipe

### Quick and Easy Pumpkin Dump Cake

29 Oz Canned Pumpkin  
12 Oz Evaporated Milk  
1 Cup Granulated Sugar  
1 1/2 tsp Cinnamon or Pumpkin Pie Spice  
1/2 tsp ginger  
3 Eggs beaten  
1 (18 Oz ) box French Vanilla Cake Mix or Spice Cake Mix  
3/4 Cup Butter, Melted

Grease Bottom of 9x13 inch pan.

Combine 1st 6 ingredients.

Pour into Pan.

Sprinkle, then pack cake mix over top evenly.

Drizzle Butter over entire cake.

Bake at 350 F for approx 50-60 minutes (test for doneness).

For extra elegance top with slices of whipped cream sprinkled with the spices used in cake

16 servings

1 hour 20 minutes –20 minute prep time.

# The Forgotten Victims of Hurricane Katrina

## By Tracey Beverly

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans, Possibly resulting in the largest hurricane of its strength ever recorded. The already deteriorated levee system that protected New Orleans from Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River was breached in the storm subsequently flooding the city. Thousands were killed as a direct result of the storm and several others died from the flooding and toxic water. The damage is estimated to be from \$100 to \$200 billion, at least double from previously most expensive Hurricane Andrew making Katrina the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. History. Over a Million people were displaced— a humanitarian crisis on a scale unseen in the U.S. since the Great Depression.

Local people have known for years , for generations , that one day , sooner or later, the levees will be breached and the city will be a disaster area— a 500 year old flood scenario. Whatever plans and preparations the city, state, and federal authorities have made for this are about to be tested. What became abundantly clear is that no considerations had been made concerning the fate of the family pet. Nobody expected what followed— the flooding of a whole city— a government in chaos— tens of thousands of animals abandoned— rescuers stopped from entering the city to do their job— a lake of toxic chemicals and sewage— dogs and cats stranded on the roofs of cars and porches, or left locked up in homes, for weeks on end.

Within 24 hours after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, Best Friends' director of operations< Paul Berry, was on the scene in New Orleans to assess the damage there and determine what kind of help could be offered through the Best Friends Network of members and volunteers. Berry set up the Best Friends' hurricane relief center outside Tylertown at the St. Francis Animal Sanctuary and organized Best Friends rescue operations there for the first three weeks. He then spent a few days in San Antonio, assessing the needs of the animals during the evacuation of Houston as Hurricane Rita was approaching the Texas coast.

"There were really two disasters", Paul later recalled. "First, the natural disaster. And second, the response from the authorities, which was even more catastrophic." For animals all across the city, a terrible drama is now about to unfold. Tens of thousands of animals have already been left behind. Tens of thousands more are about to be abandoned as people are instructed by the authorities to evacuate without them. They are all going to be trapped or stranded for what may be days or weeks or months. And for those who have been trusting the government and following their instructions, it's been heartbreaking. These folks have lost every-

thing— their homes, their possessions, their jobs— and now, as they board buses at pickup points along the freeway to be taken out of town, they're being told to leave Fido or Fluffy at the side of the road. So the last they see of New Orleans, as they looks back out of the bus window, is their beloved pet gazing helplessly at them or chasing the bus until they collapse, exhausted on the highway.

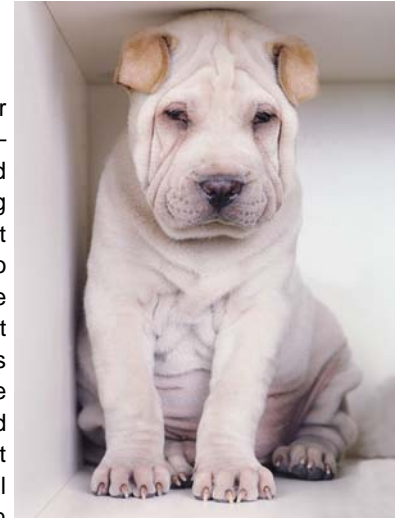
We cannot allow a situation to again. On September 22, Reps. Tom Lantos (D-Calif) and Christopher Shays (R-Conn ) introduced the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act into Congress. The PETS bill would require the government to include animals in the future emergency evacuation plans.

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What is even more heartbreaking about situations like this is that these dogs and cat survivors have fought off starvation and dehydration for weeks on end. Their will to live is part of what has inspired totally exhausted volunteer rescuers to keep going back for more, day after day. Paddling or wading to a house, Risking serious injury and braving toxic waters that could latterly burst into flames at any given moment, to bring in these animals who are clinging to life by a thread only to have the animal put on the list for "euthanizing" when their owner cannot be contacted.

The devastating of Hurricane Katrina has been horrifying, but the loss of all the pets could have been avoided. Please do not forget the forgotten victims of this terrible tragedy. Several organizations are accepting donations and volunteers to reunite these pets with their owners. Lets do what we can to save the remaining animals and fix this appalling oversight of the government to consider the pets we love so dearly.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, in Utah, is the nations largest for abused and abandoned animals, home on any given day to about 1,500 homeless dogs, cats, and other animals that come from shelters all over the country. Portions of this article were referenced from the November 2005 magazine's special report on Hurricane Katrina. You can download and read the entire article at <http://www.bestfriends.com/allthegoodnews/magazine.index.cfm>





## Indiana Ghost Trackers- Terre Haute Chapter

Indiana Ghost Trackers, Inc., is a statewide not-for-profit organization with Chapters in Indiana and Chicago. We investigate paranormal activity using photography, voice recording, video and other technology that aids in the detection of unexplained phenomena. We provide no cost home and business investigations while maintaining privacy to all those requesting our help.

### Vision

Indiana Ghost Trackers is the leader and unsurpassed advocate for advancing awareness and education of the paranormal investigation profession for the benefit of its members and the general public.

### Mission Statement

Indiana Ghost Trackers, the largest community of paranormal investigation professionals in the world, advances its members and advances its profession by:

- Empowering current and future paranormal investigator professionals to realize their full potential
- Building a community of leaders to serve the profession and society
- Developing a universal understanding of paranormal investigation, while adhering to the highest standards of ethics and excellence

### Indiana Ghost Trackers, Inc. Goals

1. Advance the paranormal investigation profession
2. Advance the professional
3. Advance community awareness of paranormal investigation

# Statewide Training—Vincennes

On Saturday December 10th, we were honored to have a Statewide Training event offered in Vincennes. Mike McDowell, Shannon Simpson, Dan and Val Wilburn, and Mary Ellen Hammack were our knowledgeable instructors and the following classes were offered:

\*101 Ghost Hunting is required to do investigations. Part of the BASIC building blocks of conducting a paranormal investigation.

\*102 Equipment is required to do investigations. Part of the BASIC building blocks of conducting a paranormal investigation. Teaches basic equipment usage.

\*103 Live investigations is an application of the knowledge learned in the 101 & 102 classes. This is required for all those who have just taken a training class.

\*115 The Etheric body - The Etheric body and EMF field are among the topics we look at here as we examine what a ghost is made up of and how the equipment we use detects them.

\*130 Psychic Protection - An essential class which teaches members how to deal with overwhelming conditions of negative ghosts and other entities.

\*135 Dowsing and Pendulums discusses how to use dowsing rods and pendulums during an investigation. Hands on training will be used.

\*140 EVP Training is a class on learning how to capture and analyze the sounds captured.

\*150 Advanced Photography "In search of dust orbs" deals with the harsh realities of photography as it relates to paranormal investigations.

\*201 Advanced Training deals with deeper topics that paranormal investigators should know. This class helps define you as an investigator and helps fill in the gaps on information that you may need on doing investigations. If you have been a long time member you may know a great deal of this material already.

\*205 Interviewing Techniques covers basic facts about conducting investigative interviews.

\*210 Public Relations is a basic look at IGT promotion ideas and campaigns. We'll look at advertising and talk about dealing with the media. This class is encouraged for anyone thinking of helping with PR in the Indiana Ghost Trackers.

\*215 Management training discusses ideas on how to effectively lead people without BURNOUT. This is a great class for team leaders and other officers in IGT.

\*230 Psychic Ghost Hunting - Learning to use your natural abilities to investigate the paranormal. Tuning and procedure as to how to do an investigation as a sensitive or psychic are covered.