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Spring 2024



To Spay or Not To Spay

Gary McIntyre Executive Director

Spring has arrived! We are at the time of year when the trees regain their leaves, flowers begin to peek through the soil, signs of new life are all around. This is also a great time to talk about spay and neuter of your companion pets. While there are many different answers to the question about when you should spay or neuter your pet-the one sure thing is that you should do it as early as possible, based on discussions with your veterinarian.

The most important reason to spay/neuter your animal as soon as possible is to prevent unwanted and unplanned litters of puppies/kittens. There are so many dogs and cats in animal shelters that are anxious to meet their new family. Shelters nationwide are setting census records and many are experiencing greater intake volumes-resulting in longer lengths of stay.

Spaying or neutering your pet may also reduce the chances of certain health conditions. For example, a female can experience a uterine infection called pyometra or develop mammary tumors at a much higher rate than a spayed female. Males that are not neutered can experience testicular cancer or prostate issues at a much higher rate than a neutered counterpart.

Responsible spay/neuter can also improve animal behavior. Males that have been neutered are less likely to roam, wander off, and are generally less destructive. Neutering has also been successful in lessening aggressive behavior for some breeds.

Animals adopted from Humane Society of Parkersburg are spayed or neutered at the time of adoption in compliance with West Virginia code. The only exception is cases where the spay/neuter would be unsafe for the animal.



Use this QR code to access our adoption application.





Meet Aruba - he's "aruba-solutely adorable! His bright eyes and infectious smile is sure to keep you warm on the coldest of December days. Aruba is a 3-year old pit bull/boxer mix who is smart and curious! He's already familiar with the commands "sit and "stay and he's eager to learn new tricks. He loves his treats (which will be helpful with training him) and he always takes his treats like a perfect gentleman.



Meet Hemi-He was found in an engine block so he's literally racing to get to your heart and home. He's 2yrs old and absolutely loves to cuddle. He has the most amazing purr and can make biscuits like a boss!! Hemi also loves to talk, he'll tell you all about his day and listen to you talk about yours. Hemi is neutered so with an approved application he can go home with you.

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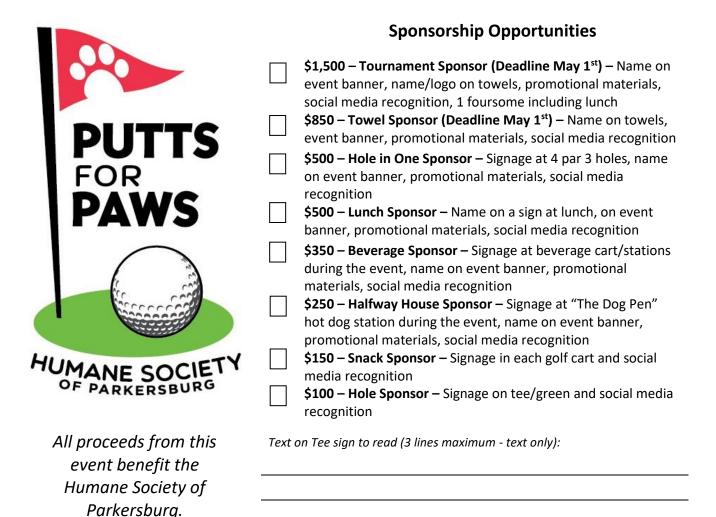
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Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 2024 WHERE: Worthington Golf Club





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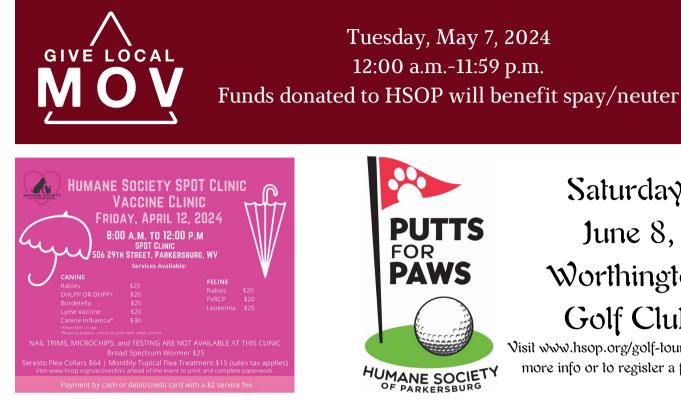






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Upcoming Events





Tuesday, May 7, 2024

12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m.

Saturday, June 8, Worthington Golf Club

Visit www.hsop.org/golf-tournament for more info or to register a foursome

Camp Ruffin' It 2024

Limited slots are available for both sessions: June 10-14, 2024 July 8-12, 2024





Saturday, August 24 5:00 p.m. **Dils Riverfront Park** Tickets available mid-summer



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Phone: 304-422-5541 Fax: 304-485-4261 Emergency: 860-674-5080

Shelter Hours Monday - Friday: 10:30 to 5:00 Saturday: 10:30 to 4:00 **SPOT Clinic**

Mailing & Physical Address: 506 29th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

SPOT Clinic Hours have changed-The Clinic is open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday for wellness visits and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for surgery by appointment.

Phone: 304-917-4275 Fax: 304-917-4279

WV Tax Credits Still Available

If you are interested in donating to our lowincome spay/neuter fund at the SPOT Clinic, we have WV Tax Credits available for any donation over \$500. Call 304-422-5541 x 304 for more information!