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Fall 2022

Reunited and it feels so good. . .



Gary McIntyre
Executive Director

Who would think something as small as a grain of rice could save both you and your pet much unnecessary worry? That is exactly what a microchip in your pet can do. The microchip is small, and the pet will have minimal discomfort from the insertion.

Every one of us has the absolute best intentions of not letting our dog or cat get out of our sight, but no matter how careful we are-it sometimes happens. Microchips are just one way of being reunited with your lost pet.

Most microchips that are implanted into animals are inexpensive, but most of us would pay any cost to be able to be reunited with our furry family members. The microchips provided by the shelter are not GPS enabled, but simply allow you to store your personal data with the microchip vendor and any animal facility that scans your lost animal will not only be able to find your information easily, in most cases, you will get an email, text message or telephone call with the information on where your pet is located or was scanned.

There are other alternative methods utilized to locate the animal's original owner-for example, if you have a Wood County dog license, we can reach out to the Assessor's office to find who the owner of the dogs is. The same is true of a current rabies tag. Those tags show where the dog was vaccinated, a telephone call to that office will often provide a way to pair the dog up with its original owner so that a successful reunion can take place.

Humane Society of Parkersburg automatically microchips all dogs adopted from the shelter and offers a low-cost \$5 microchip for cats. The most important thing to remember about the microchip is that you must take the initiative to register the microchip to your information (and update the record, should you move or change your phone number). Often, we receive communications back from our microchip vendor that show the microchip is registered only to HSOP.

During 2021 over 2,700 animals arrived at the shelter. Fortunately, we were able to reunite nearly 15% of these animals with their original families-often made possible because of a microchip. Hopefully, if your pet gets away from you, he/she will be reunited with you quickly. In any case, please make the shelter one of the first places you call. It is amazing how many individuals will pick up a stray pet and bring them to us. If we do not have your animal when you call, we can still file a lost report that will allow us to watch for your pet so that you can be reunited.



Meet Ruby!

This lovable girl will do zoomies around you. She may be a little shy at her first meeting, but given some time, she will love you unconditionally.

She loves to run but is not a fan of livestock, so farm life is not for her.

Ruby is a 3-year-old shepherd mix that has been with us since May. She is good with other dogs. She is looking for her special someone to spoil her with treats, belly rubs, and enough room for her zoomies.

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Meet Itty Bit!

This little lady will hypnotize you with her big bright eyes. She has been with us since June.

She is a little over a year old and enjoys her peace and quiet. She is great mix of sweet and sassy.

She enjoys head scratches and loves to play. She will do best in a quieter household.

MOUNTAINEER
TAIL-WAGGIN' TAILGATE PARTY
2022



AUGUST 27, 2022

DILS' RIVERFRONT PARK

Tickets available at HSOP or from SPOT Committee members. Cost is \$125 and admits two to the event and one entry into the reverse drawing.

**Food, Beverages, Silent Auction,
Live Auction and Reverse Drawing**

Putts for Paws



Thanks so much to all of those who sponsored, participated, or volunteered in our Putts for Paws on June 25. The weather was beautiful and more than \$24,000 was raised for HSOP. Thanks to the winners who donated their winnings back to the organization.



Camp Ruffin' It 2022



Successful Camp Ruffin' It
For the first time since 2019, we were able to hold Camp Ruffin' It.

With a total of more than 40 campers and eight sets of counselors and other volunteers, this week was a success.

Campers learned about animal care and each team performed a skit on Friday for parents and shelter staff.

The teams taught their dog a variety of tricks and brought out some of the best characteristics.



Bark N' Roll Sock Hop



On July 9, 2022, we turned back time at the Parkersburg City Park to the 1950's for our 29th Annual Elinor K Ross Walk Your Paws. Elvis even made an appearance. This event raised more than \$20,000 for shelter operations.





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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 only.

Phone: 304-917-4275
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November 19, 2022
Parkersburg Art
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