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Spring 2023



Gary McIntyre
Executive Director

2,072,514

Two million, seventy-two thousand, five hundred fourteen is a staggering number.

Whether it represents cash on hand, numbers of friends, or the number of minutes in close to four years. Unfortunately, this is, theoretically, the total number of cats that just one non-spayed female cat and her partner and their offspring could have in the span of eight years with just two litters per year and 2.8 kittens per litter based on information from North Shore Animal League.

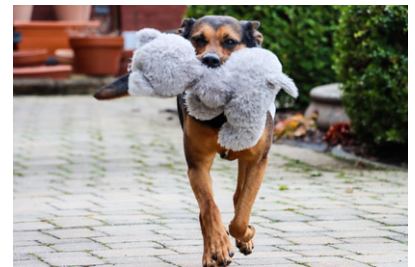
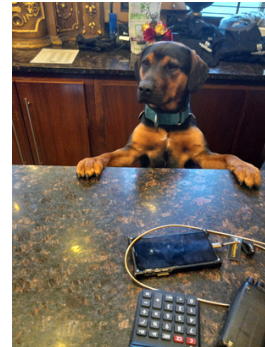
As the weather begins gets warmer, we will enter "kitten season." This is the time of year when those unaltered cats begin to roam more freely and mate, resulting in unneeded litters of kittens that continue to compound the problem of pet overpopulation faced in our community. Individuals often complain about the problems in their neighborhoods created by cats, but we need to face the fact that this is not an issue only in one neighborhood, one city, one county, one state-it is a nationwide concern. Fortunately, while this concern cannot be eliminated overnight, the impact of pet overpopulation can be favorably impacted through timely spay or neutering of your companion pets.

Spay and neuter procedures can help to improve the overall health in most animals by reducing pet-related diseases and some cancers. These procedures can improve certain behaviors, such as roaming, aggression, and barking and at the same time can help to increase the animal's life expectancy. Altered dogs can live up to three years longer than their non-altered counterparts and in the case of cats the increased life expectancy can be as much as five years.

After surgery, it is important to keep the animal calm and prevent jumping and playing roughly for at least 10 days. It is also important to ensure that the animal does not lick the wound which may cause infection,

As you are reading this, please think about how failing to alter just one animal causes a ripple effect that lasts forever. Spay or neuter your pets.

An historic partnership



In January HSOP formed a partnership with The Blennerhassett Hotel to house an adoptable dog at the hotel. Pictured above is "Precious" the most recent dog adopted from the historic hotel. As you can see, the dog pretty much has the run of the front desk and is able to interact with staff and guests alike. In fact, a couple of the dogs were adopted by hotel guests.

Hotel staff and guests alike enjoy walking and playing with the dog.

Lee Rector and Wayne Waldeck, the hotel's owners, approached HSOP officials in December to form this partnership after a recent stay at a hotel in Charlotte where they had a similar program.

To date five dogs have been adopted from the hotel; some have been there as short as one day and the longest was just over one week. Mr. Waldeck commented, the only downside is when the staff has to say goodbye to the dogs they have come to love.

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"Roxy means "dawn," "star," and "bright," a fortuitous meaning that signals the beginning of new and exciting adventures."

There has never been a name that fit a dog more. Roxy came to us on February 23rd after her owner sadly passed away and now she is looking for the start of her new adventure.

Roxy is a 3 year old, spayed, American Pit Bull Terrier mix that weighs 57 lbs.

If you're looking for a dog that will bring you lots of activity, entertainment, and love - Roxy is your girl. Let's help her find the start to her bright new future!

If you would like to adopt Roxy, please fill out an application for her at hsop.org



Use this QR code to access our adoption application.

St Christopher (pictured at left)

Omgosh....this little guy has the softest fur! You will want to pet him all the time!

He is sweet and friendly, and has been around small children. He loves playing with all toys, especially a stick toy, and playing with his siblings. He is around two months old. If you are interested in adopting St. Christopher, please apply online at hsop.org.

Please indicate St. Christopher/Foster Dearien on the application.



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April 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
November 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

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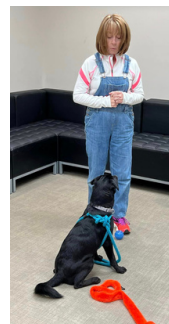
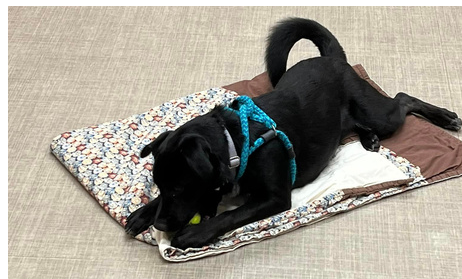


July 10-14, 2023
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



June 10, 2023

Worthington Golf Club



Shelter dog Stevie (pictured at right) has become quite the star. He recently made his on-stage debut in the Actors Guild of Parkersburg's *The Curious Incident of Dog in the Night-Time*. As you can see, he takes a short rest in the green room before heading out onto the stage to lots of "oohs and awws" from the audience. Special thank you to his handlers, volunteers Kathi and Margie for coaching him to success.



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530 29th Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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

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