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Winter 2022



Thank you for a great 2.02.2.1

Gary McIntyre
Executive Director

Humane Society of Parkersburg (HSOP) is a private not for profit 501(c)3 corporation that contracts with local governmental authorities to provide services mandated under the law.

As a privately owned and operated shelter, Humane Society of Parkersburg has no affiliation with The Humane Society of the United States and is independently operated by an Executive Director who reports to the Board of Directors. While both the local and national organizations have similar goals and missions, HSOP, and all local shelters, set their own policies and procedures.

Humane Society of Parkersburg operates as an open admission shelter, taking both stray animals and owner relinquished animals. In some cases, for safety reasons, HSOP will not admit animals with a history of aggression or biting. In our ongoing effort to manage shelter population and ensure space to house the animals, we do schedule appointments for owner relinquished animals.

Upon intake into the shelter, all animals are vaccinated and given a medical evaluation to determine any medical conditions that may need treatment or further review.

Our goal is to be able to find the animals who come into the shelter a new forever home, regardless of the circumstances that caused their arrival. Shelter staff is careful to be sure we are not adopting an animal that may cause injury or harm in its new home and works to modify behaviors that will make the animal more readily adoptable.

Because we do accept all animals, there are times when we have more animals than we have space. This is minimized by scheduling owner surrenders; however, if this situation happens, we then need to find a way to make space for new intakes. HSOP has been fortunate in its recent past and has been able to avoid euthanasia for space by partnering with other animal shelters and rescues throughout the region.

There has been a national concern that shelters are averaging 7.3% more animals coming into than are leaving. HSOP is slightly ahead of the average at 5.2% more animals coming into the shelter than leaving. We have been blessed to have new foster parents and adopters step up to help create space for new animals and avoid the need to euthanize for space, this will continue to be an ongoing challenge during this unprecedented influx of new animals.

Of course, adoptions are also key to providing space and we are grateful for those in the community that have made a shelter animal part of your family. During 2021 we had 2,765 animals enter the shelter and 2,417 animals found their forever family, either at HSOP, or one of our rescue partners. July 2022 was a record month for us with 205 adoptions taking place. We are thankful for the support we receive from our community. As I searched for a way to express my gratitude and thank you for your support, I have to say that I believe Coretta Scott King may have said it best, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Humane Society of Parkersburg is so blessed to have such tremendous community support.



Meet Kobe. He has been at the shelter since January 2022. He is roughly 1 1/2 years old and is a playgroup superstar when paired with other high energy dogs.

He would do best in a home with no small children. Kobe has recently attended Boxer's Brat Pack for additional training.





Virginia arrived at the end of August 2022. She is sweet and cuddly and has known love before in her life.

She would prefer a quieter home where she can be the apple of her family's eye, and we know that's out there for her somewhere.

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Program tax credits for the current year. If you are interested in donating \$500 or more toward our low-income spay/neuter program, you will receive West Virginia tax credits equal to 50% of your donation (up to \$10,000) as long as the credits are available. Please reach out to Garv at (304) 422-5541 x 304 for more information.



Our Wishlist



Saturday, October 22, 2022, was the date of our FREE vaccine clinic made possible through funding from ASPCA, SUBARU Loves Pets, Louis Thomas Subaru and Humane Society of Parkersburg.

We were able to provide one or more services to **306** animals. Vaccines and microchips were available and a total of **887** services were provided.

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Upcoming Events: Photos w. Santa-November 19-20 Fundraising Bingo-November 19

THANK YOU!

We appreciate
everyone who participated
in our 12th Annual
Tail-Waggin' Tailgate

Funds raised from this event benefit HSOP for many years

















Staff Highlight

Justina Morris, Shelter Manager

Justina returned to HSOP as the Shelter Manager in mid-October. She previously worked at HSOP until 2018. She has served as adoption counselor, intake receptionist, kennel technician and clinic manager. During her time away from HSOP Justina worked on her Associates degree and served as a records assistant at WVU-P in the Center for Student Services.

Justina has served as a foster for many animals since 2017 and currently has eight cats and four dogs of her own. She has two children and lives in Mineral Wells.









Volunteer Spotlight-Joan Coffey

Joan is a long-time HSOP volunteer. She started her volunteer career back in the 1950's (HSOP was officially formed in 1956). The shelter was located inside the Vienna city limits at that time. She has volunteered to help the animals for more than 65 years. She is always so willing to come in, whether during the day or during walk hours in the evening and help take care of the dogs and just do general tasks like laundry and trash. During the evening walks she is always willing to help clean up after the dogs and help any of her fellow volunteers. Joan is very dedicated and all of the volunteers and staff just love her ready smile and helping hand.





Humane Society of Parkersburg

Mailing Address: PO Box 392, Parkersburg, WV 26102

Physical Address: 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 only.

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

HOLIDAY HOURS:

The Shelter & SPOT Clinic will be closed on the following dates: Thursday, November 24, 2022 Monday, December 26, 2022 Monday, January 2, 2023