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Gary McIntyre
Executive Director

Trap-Neuter-Return 101

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), also known as Trap-Neuter-Release or Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release is a process utilized to manage cat population. In most cases the process involves live-trapping feral or community cats, having them altered (spayed/neutered), vaccinated against rabies and given an FVRCP vaccine-this is a combination vaccine that protects against **F**eline **V**iral **R**hinotracheitis, feline **C**alcivirus, and feline **P**anleukopenia, having the tip of their ear removed to allow for easy identification of their spay/neuter status, and returning or releasing them to the location where they were originally trapped .

Scientific studies have shown that TNR programs are the most effective, if not the only effective manner, for dealing with community cat problems and preventing the cycle of new litters of kittens being born. Once cats have been spayed/neutered there may be improvement in their behavior, they are no longer mating and reproducing which often results in better relationships with the people in their immediate vicinity.

According to many experts, some of the benefits of TNR are:

- TNR ends the breeding cycles and stabilizes populations of community cats;
- TNR reduces and eventually eliminates cat colonies over time;
- TNR eliminates, or minimizes, nuisance behaviors such as roaming, spraying/markings, fighting and yowling;
- TNR helps to stop the spread of infectious disease among cats; and,
- TNR allows spayed/neutered cats to be less stressed and healthier, and they coexist more peacefully with humans and one another.

TNR is not only about saving today's cats, but about helping to change the direction of animal sheltering programs across the country. More shelters are adopting TNR practices to help improve their communities while saving the lives of thousands of cats.

If you have healthy adult cats in your neighborhood that are not yet altered and you are willing to trap them and bring into HSOP and are willing to return/release them back to the same location, call our office during normal business hours and discuss your desire with our intake staff.

"The solution to the feral cats that already exist is the one no one wants to hear: accepting the fact that feral cats will live among us, and taking responsibility for controlling their numbers by trapping, neutering, and returning them to their outdoor territories."

-Denise Flaim



Meet MJ!

This sweetie is dog friendly and a cuddler who gives awesome doggy kisses! She has done very well meeting new dogs on a leash and in free play, where she loves to jump and wrestle with the big boys. This girl does have some energy, but is sweet, affectionate and playful. MJ was one of our Camp Ruffin' It dogs, where a team of kids helped teach her a few tricks and helped her tackle an obstacle course. MJ is a 1.5-year old boxer mix, weighing in around a petite 40 lb.

Her foster mom reports that MJ loves to hang out near her, and has the cutest zoomies with her foster siblings. She has done well with crate training and house training too!

If you are interested in MJ, you can fill out an application online at <https://www.hsop.org>.



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- Cat Toys
- Blankets
- Towels without holes or frays
- Miracle Nipples
- Hot Dogs
- Rabbit Food
- Hamster & Guinea Pig Food
- Timothy Hay

Meet Prince!

Prince demands you heed his one desire-helping him find a forever home! Prince is a 5-year-old Russian Blue mix, he is neutered, microchipped and vaccinated, and has been with us since August! He, staff and volunteers are perplexed as to why he hasn't been scooped up yet! Prince is an easy-going cat, that will sit and watch football with you, let you dress him in goofy hats and provide countless hours of cuddles and playtime.

Prince is FIV positive but don't let that deter you from adding him to your family. FIV can only be transmitted by repetitive deep bite wounds (blood transmission) or reproduction. It can't be transmitted to dogs or people. Prince will need to be an indoor only cat. You will fall in love with this handsome fellow! Apply online at www.hsop.org or in person to be the lucky family to take him home.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Mary Wheeler!

For over five years, she's been a shining light at HSOP, devoting her time every day to evening walks with our dogs. From off-site events to regular visits to nursing homes,

Mary's dedication knows no bounds. Her heart of gold makes her a cherished volunteer!

Thank you, Mary, for your invaluable support!

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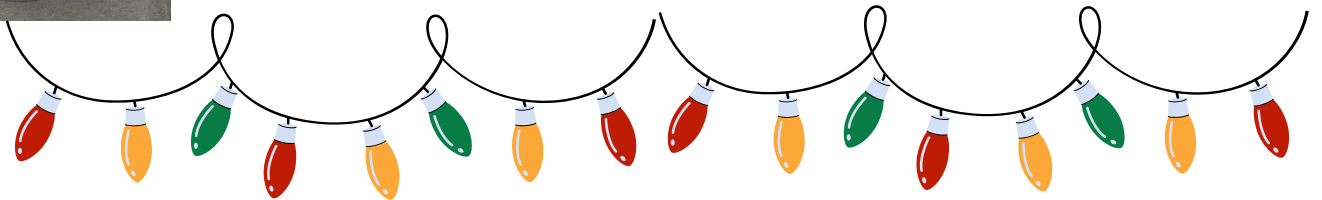


Goldfield

New Shelter Manager Hired



Alison Cayton joined the staff as Shelter Manager in mid-August. She served in the military for eight years and travelled to many different locations during her time in the service. She served as a truck driver and a military police officer with the US Army. She left the service and ventured into the world of veterinary medicine in 2002. She has an associate degree in Animal Science and has worked with everything from small to large and exotic animals as well as emergency care. Alison is ALS and BLS certified and is excited by her role on the shelter side of things. She currently has a small farm and enjoys spending time with her critters.



FAMILY FUN DAY



SPOT Clinic Celebrates 10th Anniversary



The Humane Society of Parkersburg celebrated the 10th Anniversary of its SPOT Clinic during October. The organization opened the SPOT Clinic in October 2013 with the goal of helping to support their mission to stop pet overpopulation. The name of the facility is an acronym-**S**topping **P**et **O**verpopulation **T**ogether and more than 47,000 spay/neuter surgeries have been performed at the clinic since its opening.

The celebration included the first Fall Family Fun Day on October 14, no cost spay/neuter services on October 16 and 18, and culminated with a FREE vaccine clinic on October 21.

During the clinic the team, led by Dr. Andrew Padden, was able to provide a total of 983 services to 311 animals.

Funding for the clinic was provided by Parkersburg Area Community Foundation in celebration of their 60th Anniversary, through funding from the Mary M. Welch Donor Advised Fund and the Humane Society of Parkersburg.



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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

Fax: 304-917-4279

WV Tax Credits Available

If you are interested in donating to our low-income 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!