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Fall 2025



## Safe for the Holidays

Gary McIntyre  
Executive Director

The holidays are fast approaching, and while these days are a time of warmth, celebration, and togetherness for humans, they can be dangerous times for our furry friends.

Our homes fill with so many decorations, special foods, as well as family and friends; however, these changes can also represent hidden dangers for our pets. Dogs and cats are naturally curious, which can lead to accidents if we are not responsible pet parents.

The holiday decorations may seem magical, but cats are notorious for batting ornaments and trying to climb Christmas trees, which can lead to broken glass, toppled trees, and a lot of frustration. It is a good idea to make sure your tree is secured to the wall or ceiling and to avoid items such as garland or tinsel that can cause gastrointestinal issues if swallowed. Be sure, if you use candles, to keep them out of reach and do not leave them unattended.

Keep in mind that chocolate, raisins, grapes, onions, garlic, and foods containing xylitol can be toxic to dogs and cats. Certain bones can be extremely dangerous for pets and should also be avoided. You may want to consider keeping some pet-safe treats available to ensure your pets are able to participate in the festivities safely.

The hustle and bustle of the holidays can be overwhelming for your pets. Consider providing a cozy retreat in a room away from the activity for your pets, where they can relax and enjoy food, water, or some time with a comfortable toy or two.

One final suggestion is to use this time to get your pet microchipped and ensure the information attached to the microchip is current and updated.

### Meet Salsa

This adorable, 5-month-old kitten is a little ball of fluff. She is looking for a loving family so that she can spice up their life. Salsa is playful and enjoys affection. She does well with the other adult cats in the community room at the shelter.



Salsa



### Meet Juliet

Juliet is approximately two years old, she is a Pit Bull Terrier mix, and weighs 52 lbs. You will find this girl entertaining herself with a ball, splashing in the water or perched on an available lap.



**If you are interested in supporting HSOP after you are gone, Legacy and Planned Giving opportunities are available, contact the shelter for more information.**

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## Meet Tracy Love



Tracy began volunteering in September 2020 during the COVID shutdowns. With her job on pause, she heard dogs needed to be walked at the Humane Society. It felt like the perfect way to get out, do something she loved, and make a difference. Though her work schedule keeps her busy, she dedicates every Monday evening to spending time at the shelter.

Her first foster experience was in January 2023. Later that year, she took in a little girl named MJ, who became a foster fail just two months later. Most recently, Tracy fostered a shy girl named Nelly. When she brought Nelly home, she quickly bonded with MJ, and the two became best friends. So, no surprise, Nelly also became a foster fail! Today, MJ and Nelly are living their best lives alongside their two fur brothers, Duke and Buster.

When asked what she enjoys most about volunteering, Tracy shared:

*"The dogs themselves... They need love. They need nurturing. They need reassurance. Some of them have never known something as simple as a kiss! Some of them have never touched grass before. Or ridden in a car. So just being able to love on them and help them find their furever homes is the best! What I love most about volunteering is being part of that journey."*

For more information on volunteering at the Humane Society of Parkersburg, please visit our volunteer page on our website at <https://www.hsop.org/volunteer>.

## Pet Photos with Santa

Humane Society of Parkersburg  
530 29th Street  
Parkersburg WV 26101

\$20 – One 5x7 & Two 4x6's  
\$30 – 20 Christmas Cards  
\$45 for both



Sat. Nov 22, 2025 from 10-5  
Sun. Nov 23, 2025 from 12-4

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## 2025 Putts for Paws

The 4th Annual Putts for Paws Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! A fantastic turnout of 36 enthusiastic teams came ready to tee off, enjoy the day, and rally behind HSOP's mission. We're incredibly grateful to all the players, sponsors, and volunteers whose energy and support made this event unforgettable. Congratulations to the winning foursome: Ricky Drain, Keith Hawes, Rick Drain & Mark Young.



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## 2025 Mountaineer Tail-Waggin' Tailgate Party

This year marked the 15th anniversary of our biggest fundraiser of the year. The evening was filled with good food, drinks, live and silent auctions & a reverse drawing. Tailgate was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, donors, ticket holders and volunteers.

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## Putts for Paws Women's Edition

The Humane Society of Parkersburg held its inaugural Putts for Paws Women's Edition golf scramble this fall. Fourteen teams of eager and enthusiastic ladies showed up ready to have some while supporting the HSOP. We would like to thank our sponsors, donors, players & volunteers for making the day a success. We are already planning next year's tournament!

Congratulations to the championship team: Sara Camacho, Courtney Ahlborn, Mary Anne Pioli Hooper and Betsy Schramm.



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### **Mailing & Physical Address:**

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### **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.**

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