

HAPPY TAILS

The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

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The HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic’s mission is to end overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals through high quality, low-cost spay and neuter, education, and community involvement. Our vision is to elevate Kentucky to the top ten best states in which to be a dog or cat by lending our knowledge and experience to assist other organizations and by providing high quality, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries to everyone. HOPE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Recognizing Petco Love’s Support for Pit Bulls

We support the organizations who have the biggest hearts and save the most lives. And in doing so, we're creating a new future for animals and the people who love them.

—from the website of Petco Love

HOPE has provided free spay and neuter surgeries for pit bulls and pit bull mixes for most of 2023 through the generosity of a \$6,000 grant from Petco Love. Petco Love is the foundation associated with Petco stores. Since its inception 24 years ago, Petco has awarded over \$300 million in grants for organizations dedicated to animal welfare.

The grant provided to HOPE was dedicated to our For Pitties’ Sake fund. This fund was created to help control the overpopulation of pit bulls and pit bulls mixes, the dog breed most likely to be found in shelters. Through the grant, HOPE has provided surgeries, vaccinations, and e-collars for 80 pits and pit mixes. In the process, our veterinarian staff and volunteers have had the opportunity to meet and help some wonderful dogs and their families. We are happy to feature a few of them here.

Guantes, a gray and white male pit bull mix from Lexington, had his surgery at HOPE in September. His family loves him dearly in spite of his tendency to chew up dog beds and other items. Guantes distinguishes himself from other dogs by being bilingual, recognizing commands in both English and Spanish.



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HOPE continues to make a difference

We have now performed over **25,250** surgeries on animals from 86 of Kentucky’s 120 counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

Volunteer Spotlight on Beth Hunter



Ever wish your pet could talk? At HOPE, Beth Hunter makes it happen!

Beth is the human behind the thank you notes HOPE donors receive from our four-legged clients. No doubt, if you've donated to

HOPE, you have received a note not only from our office staff, but also from Luna, Zeus, Oreo or any of the other sweet faces that adorn Beth's messages.

Beth has plenty of experience with pet-talk. She and her husband, Lonnie, are the proud

owners of four rescue pups: Finn, Grace, Haley and—our most recent HOPE client from the Hunter household—Gigi. A passionate supporter of spay and neuter, Beth came to HOPE over five years ago after learning about our mission.

Though she stays busy working with the American Occupational Therapy Association (did we mention she has a Ph.D. in Gerontology?), Beth makes time to send HOPE donors a personal thank you from a dog or cat who has been to our clinic. On weekends, Beth and Lonnie often make time to go kayaking on a nearby lake.

Thank you, Beth, for your sweet thank you notes and for your ongoing commitment to HOPE. You truly are a voice for these precious animals.

Cice Bowers, 1949-2023

HOPE volunteers are mourning the July passing of Cice Bowers, a dedicated volunteer for our Trap-Neuter-Return clinics. Cice was the woman with the friendly face who greeted caretakers when they arrived at HOPE with one—or maybe twenty—free-roaming cats bound for spay or neuter surgeries later that day. She would still be smiling hours later when caretakers returned in the afternoon to pick up their cats. In addition to leading TNR registration and discharge, Cice assisted with post-surgery recovery, arranged lunch setup, handled communications with caretakers, kept records of procedures, and took care of any other needs that might have popped up during the bustling clinic day.

Outside of HOPE, Cice was an avid equestrian and foxhunter. She assisted property owners with trapping feral cats and took responsibility for feeding a colony herself. She volunteered with the Woodford Humane Society, the Hound Welfare Fund, Toast to a Cure, and numerous other organizations. She rescued all her pets from dire situations and loved them fiercely.



HOPE is honored to have been one of the benefactors of Cice's love and commitment to help better the lives of animals in central Kentucky. We miss Cice terribly and have lost an important member of our team.

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Precious, a two year old pit mix, came to HOPE for surgery in July. She had been rescued from a backyard breeder who found her no longer useful due to a vaginal prolapse that impeded her ability to become pregnant. During surgery, our veterinarian was able to adjust Precious’s prolapse, although she will need continuing care for the issue. She now lives inside a home with a loving family that expects nothing more than companionship from her.

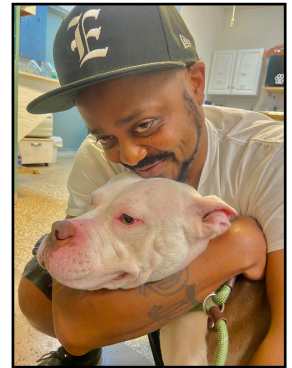
Siblings, Lila and Tyson, from Lexington were five months old when they came to HOPE in September. They charmed everyone who met them. It was no surprise that their “mother” told us they were “the bestest dogs ever” when she arrived to pick them up.



Willow and Hela are twin pit bull sisters from Versailles who received their surgeries in June. They were perfect sweeties while at HOPE but eager to leave when their “mother,” Heather, picked them up.



Two-year-old Kane from Lawrenceburg had his neuter surgery at HOPE in September. His “father,” Eric, received Kane as a birthday present from his daughter, a gift that made him so happy that he cried. HOPE volunteers noted that this loving dog has a distinct heart shape on his side and also that the fur on his head feels like velvet.



HOPE deeply appreciates Petco Love’s support, and we will continue to seek grants for our For Pitties’ Sake fund. Of the three specific funds we maintain, For Pitties’ Sake is the least likely to be designated by individual donors. If you would like to donate to the fund, please know that \$20 dollars will cover rabies and DAPP vaccinations, \$65 will cover neutering for a male pit bull, and \$75 will cover spaying for a female pit bull.

Supplies Are Needed!

- 70% Alcohol
- Distilled Water
- Paper Towels
- Earth Breeze Laundry Detergent Eco Sheets
- Bleach
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Disposable Underpads
- Postage Stamps
- Copy Paper
- Gently Used Cat Carriers

Bring your donations to HOPE any Friday!

GOODGIVING
CHALLENGE


KEENELAND

Mark your calendars for the 13th annual Good Giving Challenge.

A four day online fundraiser with matches to increase your donation!
November 28 -- December 1, 2023

Thank you Keeneland for once again partnering with us!
<https://www.bggives.org/hopespayneuter>



Helping Over Population End

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY

7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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Lewiston and Skippy from Virgie

He may have had the most famous words spoken at the end of a television program: "Bob Barker here, reminding you to help control the pet population. Have your pet spayed or neutered. Goodbye, everybody!"

HOPE honors and celebrates the life of Bob Barker, host of *The Price Is Right* for 28 years, who died earlier this year at the age of 99.

Goodbye, Bob Barker!

Memorial and Celebration Donations

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