

Happy Tails



HOPE
Spay Neuter Clinic

HOPE: Helping OverPopulation End

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The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

Fall—Winter 2017

We Love Pitties!

At shelters across Kentucky, many of the dogs looking for new homes are either pit bulls or pit bull mixes, like sweet Molly pictured here.

Negative stereotypes of this breed are improving, but the adoption process is typically a long, difficult one, requiring the patience and commitment of shelter staff across the state. Pit bulls who don't make it to shelters are often left to fend for themselves and reproduce over and over again, compounding the suffering.

Join us in helping these misunderstood dogs and consider a donation to HOPE's **For Pitties' Sake Fund**.



4 month old Pit Bull mix Molly benefits from HOPE's special For Pitties' Sake Fund and will not contribute to our homeless pet overpopulation crisis!



For Pitties' Sake recipient Lola from Lexington

The Fund covers the full cost of spay and neuter surgeries for pit bulls and pit bull mixes. From January to September this year alone, we have spayed or neutered 126 pitties. The fund covered the full \$60 cost for each female and \$50 for each male, a total of \$6,980 so far this year. To see pictures of our pit bull clients, visit the For Pitties' Sake tab on our website.



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HOPE continues to make a difference!

We have now performed over 14,000 surgeries on animals from 68 Kentucky counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

HOPE is a 501c3 non-profit organization

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.

A Helping Hand

One thing we have learned since opening HOPE in 2010 is that there is an overwhelming need for low cost spay and neuter services in all parts of the state. To meet the demand, HOPE would have to open more than once a week, but, as a volunteer run organization, that just isn't possible.

Not long ago the wait time for an appointment was an appalling 11-12 weeks. In December 2015, Buffalo Trace Veterinary Services came to the rescue! They were willing to accept HOPE referrals and match our pricing. As a result, from December 2015

through October 2017, 1635 additional dogs and cats are no longer reproducing! With gratitude, HOPE wishes to acknowledge Dr. Detra Bryant, Geneva Smith



Geneva Smith and Dr. Detra Bryant
Buffalo Trace Veterinary Services

and the entire staff of Buffalo Trace Veterinary Services. To learn more about them, visit buffalotracevet.com.

Supplies Needed

70% Alcohol
Distilled Water
Paper Towels
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Hydrogen Peroxide
Toilet Paper
Pet Pee Pads
Postage Stamps
Copy Paper
Gently Used Cat Carriers

Items can be dropped off
at our clinic any Tuesday!

A Word From Our Veterinarian

Canine Influenza Virus



Dogs can be affected by two different strains of Influenza, a highly contagious respiratory infection that causes bronchitis & tracheitis. The H3N8 emerged in dogs in the US from 1999 – 2004; while H3N2 most recently emerged in the US dog population in May 2017. Both strains infect the respiratory tract to cause influenza like illness (fever, cough, lethargy, sneezing, eye & nasal discharge). Some dogs show no obvious signs while others have severe pneumonia which can include complications due to a secondary bacterial invasion.

Dogs can transmit the virus before the onset of clinical signs & continue to transmit for 7–24 days, depending on the strain. Transmission generally

requires direct contact with an contagious dog's fresh saliva or nasal secretions. Areas with increased risk are high dog population areas: kennels, shelters, dog parks, groomers, veterinary hospitals, pet stores, dog shows, etc. The influenza virus does not persist in the environment very long outside the dog (48 hours). Definitive diagnosis requires viral detection in samples submitted to a laboratory. There is no specific treatment for Canine Influenza Virus. More seriously infected dogs may require supportive care (IV fluids & Oxygen) and antibiotics to control secondary infections.

The best way to prevent Canine Influenza is to limit or prevent exposure. The dog's lifestyle plays a major role in their risk of getting the virus. Dogs that spend most of their time at home or rarely come into contact with other dogs have a lower risk. If your dog lives a lifestyle that includes frequent contact with other dogs, the Canine Influenza Vaccine is highly recommended. However, make sure the vaccine your dog receives is a Bivalent vaccine, meaning

the vaccine includes BOTH strains of influenza. The initial vaccination must be followed by a booster 2–4 weeks later, then yearly vaccination thereafter. No known transmission from animal to human has occurred. Transmission of the first strain of virus has been diagnosed in cats but produced few or no clinical signs.

What's the Take Home...

Don't cheat your dog; if the lifestyle matches the risk then vaccinate.

- Vaccinate with a Bivalent vaccine
- Prevention is a big key to this disease
- If you think your dog may have Influenza, call your vet immediately.
- When scheduling the appointment, inform the receptionist of the symptoms. They may have you enter through a separate door, or remain outside until you can be seen right away.

Detra Bryant, DVM
Buffalo Trace Veterinary Services



Thank you Keeneland for once again partnering with us for the
GoodGiving Challenge (11/29-12/31).
Visit bggives.org/hopespayneuterclinic to see our portrait.

TNR Saves Lives

“TNR” stands for Trap-Neuter-Return. It is an effective and humane spay and neuter program used to reduce the massive numbers of homeless feral and free-roaming cats, estimated to range between 25 to 75 million in the U.S. alone. TNR is the only proven method that initially stabilizes cat colonies, and then eventually reduces colony numbers to zero as cats naturally die off. In the past seven years, almost 3000 feral cats have been spayed or neutered through HOPE’s TNR program.



Mia from Lexington

In standard TNR practice, cats are trapped humanely. They are then spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, are ear tipped (to identify to others that the cat has been sterilized), then returned to their community. In addition to this standard practice, HOPE includes an FVRCP vaccine, pain medication, a dose of antibiotic, and Revolution (a medication that eradicates fleas, ear mites, hook and round worms). After surgery, trained volunteers closely monitor the cats to make certain they are breathing well and waking properly. Ears are thoroughly cleaned and coats are brushed to remove fleas and matted fur. The cats are then further examined and treated for any additional problems as needed. Once awake, the cats are returned to clean traps where they continue to recover until the next morning.

Help support HOPE’s TNR efforts! A \$15 donation earmarked to our special **Wildcat Fund** will alter one feral cat! Contribute that amount monthly and help us alter twelve cats! To volunteer, call (859) 873-HOPE.



Kittens from Nicholasville benefit from HOPE’s Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Program!

The final part of TNR is the most fun! The cats are released back to their original homes where they continue to be fed and cared for by kind-hearted humans. The cats’ caregivers can rest assured that their felines will live out the rest of their lives healthier and much happier than before---and of course, without having to tend to the burden of caring for additional litters of kittens.

At HOPE, we do everything in our power to help caregivers get their feral and free-roaming cats spayed or neutered. We provide humane traps and teach individuals how to use them successfully. Caregivers who are physically unable to trap cats are given assistance from volunteers. HOPE charges \$15 per feral (on TNR day), and \$35 on a regular clinic day. For those who can’t afford services even at these low rates, we have funding options to help.

HOPE is able to provide these services through the funding of private donations, grants, clinic fees, and with the help of many fabulous individuals who volunteer countless hours to make this program successful. At HOPE, we’re changing the world for the better, one cat at a time!



Pixel from Lancaster



Helping Over Population End

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

(859) 873-HOPE(4673)

FEE SCHEDULE

DOGS

Spay \$60

Neuter \$50

Pit Bull / Pit Mixes FREE!

CATS

Spay/Neuter \$30

Feral Cat Package \$35

Feral Cat Package includes:

- Spay or Neuter
- Rabies Vaccination
- FVRCP Vaccination
- Dose of Revolution
- Ear Tip



Memorial & Celebration Donations

In Memory of

Buddy Howard Coleman ♀ by *Thelma (T.T.) Wilson*

Lexie Frankel ♀ by *Judy R. Stoops*

Ethel Coleman by *Paul and Terry Stahler, Duncan and DeeDee Lloyd, Ben and Gail Prewitt, Dave and Marie Preston, Ron and Mindy Fiala, Michael and Carolyn Short*

Jackie Seltam by *Duncan and DeeDee Lloyd, Paul and Terry Stahler, Dave and Marie Preston, Ron and Mindy Fiala, Harold and Liese Coleman, Jacquie Nielsen*

Exxon Stahler ♀ by *Paul and Terry Stahler, Ron and Mindy Fiala, Reva Grantham, Dave and Marie Preston*

Do One Dance "Francis" Stahler ♂ by *Terry and Paul Stahler*

Molly McAllister ♀ by *Dave and Marie Preston*

Cat Perkins ♀ by *Becca Lang*
Come On Flip "Flip" Stahler ♂ by *Paul and Terry Stahler*

Roko Stoops ♀ by *Ron and Mindy Fiala, Dick and Judy Stoops*

Janice Gilchrist by *Harold and Liese Coleman*

YoYo Coleman ♀ by *Harold and Liese Coleman*

Copper and Lillie Pants Davis ♀ by *Sandy Davis and Harriette Swart*

In Honor of

Chewbacca Foley ♀ by *Barbara Foley*

Liese and Harold Coleman by *Ron and Mindy Fiala*

Liese Coleman by *Gae Broadwater, Mada Barnes*

Carolyn Short by *Ben and Gail Prewitt*



Riley from Frankfort



Any time is a great time to donate to HOPE so we can continue our mission to end overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals.

Don't forget!

Contribute before December 31st to benefit when filing your 2017 taxes.



How To Make Your Tax-Deductible Donation:

- **MAIL** your check to:
HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic, PO Box 23, Versailles, KY 40383
- **ONLINE** at hopespayneuter.org
- **CALL** (859) 873-HOPE(4673). We'll return your call personally!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



CELEBRATE THE LIFE of a beloved pet or person. Both you and your honoree will be listed in our newsletter and your honoree will receive a card noting your donation to help prevent pet overpopulation.

MEMORIAL GIFTS Make a donation in the memory of a special person or pet. Your memorial gift will be listed in our newsletter and a card noting your donation will be sent to either a designated individual or family at your request.

TNR DAY SPONSOR Support the Spay/Neuter of a feral colony at \$15 per cat. Colonies range from 2 to 40 cats. There's a cat colony to fit any budget!



Hope Spay Neuter Clinic is proudly supported by the Petco Foundation.



Abbott & Costello from Lawrenceburg



Help us thank local restaurants Addie's at The Woodford Inn, Napa Prime, Bojangles, and Mi Pueblito for providing lunches for HOPE volunteers on Tuesdays!