



Helping Over Population End

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM (859) 873-HOPE(4673)



FEE SCHEDULE

DOGS Spay \$65 Neuter \$55 Pit Bull / Pit Mixes FREE!

CATS Spay/Neuter \$35 Feral Cat Package \$35

Feral Cat Package includes: Spay or Neuter Rabies Vaccination FVRCP Vaccination Dose of Revolution Ear Tip



Odie and Reese from Lexington at HOPE

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Ellie from Lawrenceburg

It's easy for you to make a difference. Support HOPE's important spay and neuter programs.

The "For Pitties' Sake" Fund provides free spay and neuter surgeries for pit bulls and pit bull mixes.

The Oliver Rugby Fund helps those who can't afford our low spay and neuter surgery fees.

The Wildcat Fund provides services for feral and free-roaming cats with our TNR (Trap Neuter Return) program.

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)

Learn more at hopespayneuter.org.

MORE 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 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 and 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!

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The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

Spring—Summer 2019

For Pitties' Sake!



Among the usual patient arrivals every Tuesday morning at HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic are three to five pit bulls or pit mixes. Just like all the cats and the other dogs with appointments to be spayed or neutered that day, the pitties are brought to the clinic by "parents" who don't want their "babies" to contribute to pet overpopulation.

On the first Tuesday of March this year, it was business as usual when HOPE welcomed a total of four pitties to the clinic: Bentley from Georgetown, Diesel from Nicholasville, Kaine from Lawrenceburg, and Kiki from Carlisle.

All of the pits and pix mixes brought to HOPE are beneficiaries of the For Pitties' Sake fund, which provides free spay and neuter services for individually owned pit-type dogs. The For Pitties' Sake fund began in 2013 with a generous gift from an anonymous donor and has subsequently been supported primarily by individual donations.

Why does HOPE provide free surgeries for this one particular type of dog? There are reasons that are both simple and complex. The simplest explanations come from numbers. Pit bulls, like other larger dogs, typically have larger litters, with ten puppies in one litter not being unusual. If we suppose that just three pit females in a single county produced litters during a particular spring, there conceivably could be 30 puppies



Woodford County High School Senior Morgan Murray volunteers at HOPE every Tuesday helping animals like Pit Bull Kaine from Lawrenceburg. Kaine is a recipient of HOPE's For Pitties' Sake Fund.

vying for adoptions that may never come. In that one county. During that one spring. From only three females.

Sadly, many of these puppies would end up in animal shelters. Nationally, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, pit bulls and pit mixes are more prevalent in shelters than any other breed or mix, and pit-type dogs account for an estimated 40% of shelter euthanizations.

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HOPE continues to make a difference!

We have now performed over 16,600 surgeries on animals from 71 Kentucky counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

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 neuter surgeries to everyone.

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Volunteer Spotlight on Glenda Conway

No two Tuesdays are alike at HOPE. Volunteers learn to expect the unexpected, be it a puppy's nervous bladder; a cat's soiled crate; or sleepless owners who, even at check-in, aren't totally convinced they want to leave their sweet pet for even a few hours.

Glenda Conway can handle it all. She came to us after retiring from the University of Montevallo in Alabama, where she was on the English faculty. From the classroom to the clinic, Glenda is amazingly flexible. She has a wonderful way of connecting with both the pets and the owners who come to HOPE. You'll

rarely find her without a dog in her lap and, if you do, she's probably in the lobby explaining the details of post-surgical care to owners at check-out.

Of course, at her core, Glenda is an amazing writer. She has researched and written many of our newsletter articles and grants. She tells us she gains inspiration from the pets each week, always attributing tender thoughts and words to our four-legged clients that make it into our thank you notes. For all we know, Glenda really does talk to the animals.

Thank you, Glenda, for your versatility and your big heart.



HOPE Volunteer Glenda Conway nurses a sweet pup waking up after surgery.

Want to help HOPE?
Call (859) 873-HOPE (4673) and learn how you can volunteer.

A Word from Our Veterinarian

Itch, Itch, Itch, Scratch, Scratch, Scratch

By Lorie Fuller, DVM

If your pet is experiencing these symptoms, there could be many different causes. Ectoparasites and fungal dermatitis are two potential causes discussed below.

Common ectoparasites affecting your pet's skin include ticks and fleas. Ticks are not only a nuisance for your pet in terms of itching, but also may carry harmful diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever and Ehrlichia, just to name a few. Ticks also pose a health threat to humans as these diseases and others can be transmitted to humans through tick bites. Flea bites are not only annoying for your pet, but, if they are allergic, the bites may also cause a flea dermatitis which can cause itching, biting, and hair loss. Ingestion of fleas is also the main source of tapeworms. Both ticks and fleas

are easily preventable with a once monthly treatment.

Another common skin condition causing itching is fungal dermatitis. Ringworm is a type of fungus that typically causes hair loss in a ring like pattern with some crusting and scaling. Also, ringworm is contagious to humans. The lesions can appear in one or multiple locations and can cause a "moth eaten" type of appearance. If you suspect your animal may have ringworm, it is best to take them to your veterinarian for testing and proper treatment.

Yeast dermatitis is another type of fungal infection that can be localized or widely spread. It can cause severe itchiness and has a distinct smell. If your animal suffers from yeast dermatitis, you may try an anti-fungal shampoo. If it is severe, your pet may need systemic therapy. It is common for yeast dermatitis to affect the inside of the ears as well, which requires



Lorie Fuller, DVM

topical treatment with anti-fungal ear medication. Once the infection is cleared, you can use an ear cleaner once daily for healthy ear maintenance. An easy at home solution of 1 part vinegar to 1 part water can be used to maintain clean ears. If your pet has recurring ear infections, allergies are a likely cause, and it is best to see your veterinarian for further diagnosis.

Cover Story—Continued

There is no avoiding the fact that dogs with the pit bull designation are stigmatized—whether by local ordinances, insurance companies, stereotypes, or actual individual incidents. Some shelters across the United States have begun to avoid using the term "pit bull" when describing their adoptable dogs, opting instead for terms such as "boxer mix" or Staffordshire Terrier. Many shelters do not offer pit bulls for adoption at all. According to the pit bull advocacy group, Save-a-Bull Rescue, 75% of all the country's municipal shelters euthanize pit-type dogs immediately upon intake.

Meanwhile, all over Kentucky and all over the United States, pittie dogs such as Bentley, Diesel, Kaine, and Kiki live in homes where they are revered for their soulful and loving natures—and cared for responsibly by owners who

have them vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

HOPE's For Pitties' Sake fund exists to make responsible care accessible and financially unstressful for pittie families, with the ultimate goal being the lowering of pit bull intakes at shelters.

During their time at HOPE, Bentley, Diesel, Kaine, and Kiki received nail trims, ear cleanings, and lots of tender loving care from volunteers as they recovered from their surgeries. They went home later that afternoon with their families and, after quick recuperations, are all indulging in the comfort of their litter-free futures.

If you would like to support HOPE's For Pitties' Sake fund, please specify that preference when you donate.



Bentley from Georgetown



Kiki from Carlisle



Diesel from Nicholasville



HOPE: The Next Generation

7 year old animal lover and artist Reagan Long plans to be HOPE's vet when she grows up. Her artwork (left) shows the HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic, volunteers and animals who will no longer contribute to the pet overpopulation crisis. We look forward to Reagan's future!



Bob from Lawrenceburg

SUPPLIES NEEDED AT HOPE

- 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

Bring your donation to HOPE any Tuesday!



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Callie's Homestyle Restaurant
Mi Pueblito
Subway
Sweet LiLu's

for providing Tuesday lunches for HOPE volunteers!

If you'd like to learn how you can donate a much needed Tuesday lunch for HOPE volunteers, please email us at hopespayneuterclinic@gmail.com.

