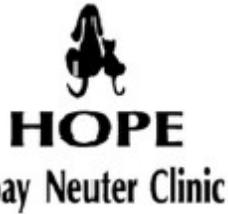


# Happy Tails



**HOPE: Helping Over Population End**

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The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

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## Feral Explosion!



A few years ago, HOPE received a call from Lori and Tim, who live near Carrollton, KY. Lori told us she and her husband had moved onto a 150 acre farm about ten years prior. Soon after, they noticed a cat hanging around their barns. Being the huge animal lovers they are, they wanted to care for it, but the kitty wanted nothing to do with them. Although they could feed her, they couldn't touch her, and in no time, a litter of newborn kittens appeared. Low and behold, a second litter

appeared soon after, as did a big tomcat who was certainly their Daddy. Both adult cats, however, were feral and would not allow human contact.

In just a few years, this kind couple became overwhelmed with cats. In their search for help, they happened upon information that Carroll County, which was close to their home, had secured a grant to be used for the purpose of spaying or neutering feral cats. An appointment was made, and the grant covered costs to have 17 of their cats altered. The couple also had several cats fixed at their country vet clinic, but the cost was prohibitive for getting the rest of their cats altered.



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### Board of Directors

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**22,314**

### HOPE continues to make a difference!

We have now performed over **22,314** surgeries on animals from 80 of Kentucky's 120 counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

The HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic's mission is to end over population 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.

*HOPE is a 501c3 non-profit organization.*

### Volunteer Spotlight on Jim and Mary Nuckols

HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic is so fortunate to have Jim and Mary Nuckols on board each week. Jim's enthusiastic commitment to helping dogs during their big day at HOPE has been so important to our little clinic. And we couldn't do without Mary's quiet dedication as she makes sure clients for the next week's clinic receive all the information they need for a successful visit.

Pets and their people are naturally drawn to the Nuckols --- a special quality that comes in handy at HOPE. Jim has a special way with the dogs who are often unsure what is going on after their owners leave. He has a wonderful way of reassuring and calming even the most scared.



The light of their lives, though, is their spaniel, Tucker. As they walk Tuck around town, they're greeted enthusiastically by neighbors, and their pets, who enjoy talking farming and gardening with these two experts.



Thank you, Jim and Mary, for sharing your love and kindness with all those who make their way to HOPE .

### A Word about our Veterinarian



**Zach Logan, DVM**

Hope Spay and Neuter Clinic would like to introduce the newest member of our staff, Dr. Zach Logan. Dr. Logan is originally from Lexington, Ohio but has resided in Kentucky for many years. Coming from a large farm family, it's not surprising that Dr. Logan earned his degree in Veterinary medicine from Ohio State University in 2008.

He is currently the veterinarian for the Paris Animal Welfare Society in Paris, KY. Dr. Logan also assists at three other low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the central Kentucky area. He started his career in Lexington working for a local horse related clinic, and now continues his work with horses assisting with foaling on several horse farms in the area.

He is a father of three; two sons and a daughter. His children will occasionally assist him in the field and love going to see mares foal. We hope his love of animals continues with his children as they grow and choose a future career.

Dr. Logan is quiet and unassuming, with not only great taste in music but a quick wit that will leave you in stitches! He's willing to explain procedures, illnesses, and anatomy to our volunteers, which provides a better understanding of veterinary medicine and the care that must be given to animals. Of course, he has a menagerie of pets at home which include not only dogs and cats, but a parrot and reptiles as well!

The volunteers of Hope Spay and Neuter Clinic are excited to continue to work with Dr. Logan in our fight to improve the overpopulation issue in Kentucky. Let's give him a big welcome!



**Jasper from Livingston**

## Feral Explosion! (...continued from cover)



While they attempted to control the cat population they already had, other cats were being dumped on their property. The cat numbers, the expense, and the inability to catch the most rapidly proliferating felines became a huge problem. There were now about 150 cats (by the way, all named) roaming about their property, and the couple, hating to see any living thing suffer, made sure the cats were well fed...thanks to the \$800-\$1000.00 per month they spent (and still spend) on cat food!

When the couple tried to get more cats into the spay/neuter program in Carroll County, they were told that all of the grant money had been spent. Fortunately, the program personnel informed them about HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic.

HOPE's TNR coordinator made an appointment for the couple to bring in ten cats to the clinic. Each month the

couple brought in ten more. Then two of HOPE's expert volunteer trappers went to the farm to assist with trapping the more difficult cats, succeeding in bringing twenty cats at a time to the clinic instead of ten. Within two years, HOPE has altered nearly 100 of these cats. There are still a few felines on the couple's property that have yet to be snipped, but with patience, we expect to get the entire colony fixed by this summer. Once the task is complete, numbers will decline—naturally and humanely, and this wonderful couple might be able to live a more normal life.



The take-away message to this little story is this:

One unneutered male and one unspayed female and their offspring can potentially produce up to 2000 cats in eight years!

### Supplies are needed!

- 70% Alcohol
- Distilled Water
- Paper Towels
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Toilet Paper
- Pee Pads
- Postage Stamps
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The **Oliver Rugby** Fund helps those who can't afford our low spay and neuter surgery fees.

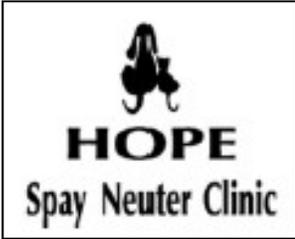
The **Wildcat** Fund provides services for feral and free-roaming cats with our TNR (Trap Neuter Return) program.

### To Make Your Tax-Deductible Donation:

⇒ **MAIL** your check to HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic, PO Box 23, Versailles, KY 40383

⇒ **ONLINE** at [hopespayneuter.org](http://hopespayneuter.org)

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