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HOPE: Helping Over Population End

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The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

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HOPE's Heroes

In early March, when coronavirus had just begun taking the lives of so many Kentuckians, it took an act of faith to even go inside a grocery store. We've learned so much since then...about the virus and about ourselves.

Re-opening HOPE was not a foregone conclusion. Once we received a go-ahead from the state's veterinary authorities, we had to weigh our own clinic's ability to keep our volunteers and clients safe.



Debbie checking in Cookie from Paris

The guidelines we settled on were not easy in a little clinic the size of HOPE. What's more, everyone working at the clinic would need to agree to respect those guidelines in order for the rest of us to be protected. We weren't sure what the response would be. One by one, volunteers began responding...."yes".



DeeDee recovering Apollo from Sadieville

HOPE re-opened May 12. We've learned to adapt, in uncomfortable masks and without the usual company of others in the small rooms where we recover cats and dogs. Clients, too, have adapted quickly to their own new requirements for check-in and check-out.



Kat with Taco from Frankfort

For the dogs and cats who've come to HOPE since then, each owner, each volunteer, each veterinarian and vet tech who stepped up to the job is their hero. And you, the supporters who are equally responsible for keeping our doors open, you too are HOPE's heroes. Thank you one and all.



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HOPE continues to make a difference!

We have now performed over 18,673 surgeries on animals from 77 Kentucky counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

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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



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Helping HOPE

HOPE's vision statement 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 doing its part, but we as a state have a long road ahead of us. For 12 years Kentucky has ranked last in the nation for animal protection laws. Kentucky rose to 47th place this year.



*Jim Nuckols & Goober
A little pre COVID love*

It is our sincere belief that the ONLY real solution to the massive overpopulation issue is to stop reproduction. Working proactively to prevent the birth of puppies and kittens will logically result in fewer animals needing homes. The onset of the virus required us to shut our doors for 2 months. As a result, we have a backlog of 380 spay and neuter appointments to schedule and the phone is ringing constantly for new appointments. These pets come from more than half of the counties in Kentucky.

For years we have helped pet owners, if needed, with the cost of our already low cost spay and neuter surgeries. With the onset of so much economic devastation, we know the need for assistance will grow.



Marie checking TNR kittens from Hardin County

The reality is that HOPE, for the first time since opening in September 2010, has a negative year to date income. We are fortunate that because we are a volunteer run clinic, our employee expenses are minimal. Only the vet and vet tech are paid. This means that donations truly do go directly to helping the pets who come to us from all four corners of the state.



Jacque and Dr. Fuller

We are committed to keeping our surgery prices the same. With your help, we can accomplish that. One at a time, we will stop the reproduction and, as a result, Kentucky will have the opportunity to move up to a top ten state. We want that for our dogs and cats and we know you do too.