

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

### 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  
Lunch on Tuesdays

Bring donations to HOPE any Tuesday!

## Happy Tails — The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

### Memorial & Celebration Donations

#### In Memory of

- Charlie Stoops** ♀ by Dick and Judy Stoops
- Felix Bentley** ♀ by George and Edith Bentley
- Michael Burke** by Joan Burke
- Landry Conner** ♀ by Paul and Terry Stahler
- Virginia Carroll** by Diane C. Hibbard
- Bayne Welker** by Libby Welker
- Karnova Corgis** ♀ by Carol Novak
- Morse Prewitt** ♀ by Gae Broadwater
- David Johnson** by Gae Broadwater
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- Dusty, Katie, and Spongy** ♀ by Kathy D'Alessandro
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- Leon Denney** by Mada Barnes, Dave and Marie Preston
- Danny Glaab** by Mada Barnes
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- Genny Chipley** ♀ by Paul and Terry Stahler, Dave and Marie Preston
- Tater and Tiger Tail Puckett** ♀ by Linda Baker
- Angel Preston** ♀ by Ron and Mindy Fiala
- Bootsie Fiala** ♀ by Ron and Mindy Fiala, Harold and Liese Coleman, Dave and Marie Preston
- Mamie Dabernig** ♀ by Ron and Mindy Fiala
- Butter Arnold** ♀ by Ron and Mindy Fiala, Dave and Marie Preston

#### In Honor of

- DeeDee Lloyd** ♀ by Dave and Rhonda Franklin, Mike and Carolyn Short, Sandy Davis
- Gail Prewitt** by Jennifer Reynolds
- Buddy and Sissy Thompson** ♀ by Dru Thompson
- Mrs. India Pruitt** by Libby Welker
- Jackie Howard** by Roger and Betty Coleman
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- Tansy Sandrock** by Connie Sandrock
- Libby Welker** by India Pruitt
- Tracy Bentley** by Cice Bowers
- Mindy Fiala** by Paul and Terry Stahler, Dave and Marie Preston, Ben and Gail Prewitt
- Darelene Nall** by John and Gail Kennedy



Gilligan from Nicholasville

Support our very important spay and neuter programs.

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

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.

Learn more at [hopespayneuter.org](http://hopespayneuter.org).

### 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)
- **CALL** (859) 873-HOPE(4673)

### 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 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!



Casper and Candy from Versailles



The end.

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Thank you to Addie's at The Woodford Inn, Bojangles, Mi Pueblito, Callie's Homestyle Restaurant, Subway and Sweet LiLu's for providing lunch for HOPE volunteers!



# Happy Tails



The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

Summer 2018

### My Spay Day

by Minnie Rose

Last December, my human mother took me to HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic to be spayed. She was worried about leaving me all day and about my having to get surgery, but she also wanted to do the right thing for my health and for pet overpopulation. I am now home and healthy, getting fat and sassy according to my mom. I'm enjoying my litter-free existence so much that I have decided to write an account of my day at HOPE so that other worried pet parents can know what typically happens between the time they drop off their four-legged family members in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon.

**7:45 a.m.** The door just closed, and my mom is gone. A strange woman holding my leash tells me I'm a good girl and leads me through another door to a room with stainless steel kennels like the ones at my regular vet's office. She tells me what a pretty name I have, so I wag my tail and smile at her. Maybe she will give me something to eat. My mom forgot to feed me this morning.

**8:15 a.m.** I'm trying to be good in my kennel. I'm curled up on a thick cover, and I've gone to sleep several times. Several people have come close to my kennel and cooed my name and said what a good girl I'm being, but none



Minnie Rose, from Stamping Ground

of them has given me anything to eat yet. I guess I'll just go back to sleep.

**10:00 a.m.** One of the nice women who has been in my kennel room asks me if I want to go for a walk. I stand up, stretch, and wag my tail "Yes!" She puts a leash on my neck, we go outside, I do my business, and she tells me I'm "such a good girl!" She doesn't give me anything to eat, though. Not even a treat.

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### Board of Directors

- DeeDee Lloyd, President
- Terry Stahler, Vice President
- Jennifer Hertweck, Treasurer
- Gail Prewitt, Secretary
- Marie Preston, TNR Coordinator
- Charlie Goggin, Clinic Manager
- Sandy Davis, Editor



### HOPE continues to make a difference!

We have now performed over 14,700 surgeries on animals from 68 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.

HOPE is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

## Volunteer Spotlight on Racheil Conner

"A Breath of Fresh Air" comes to mind when we think of our HOPE co-worker, Racheil Conner. Her cheerful face and motivated personality light up the HOPE office. We have never seen her "down" or heard a thoughtless word uttered from her. What a positive and exciting addition to the HOPE crew of volunteers!

Racheil came to us like many of our volunteers do – she needed to have a pet altered. When she learned that we were all volunteers, she expressed an interest in volunteering herself, especially if she could do something from home. Scheduling was the perfect fit as she had prior



Volunteer Racheil Conner at home with her children Hadleigh and Mylo and husband Eddie (also a HOPE Volunteer)  
Photo by Enchanted Still Productions

experience in that area at Shriners' Hospital. After helping from home for a bit, Racheil agreed to come in on Tuesdays to help with office work and scheduling at HOPE.



Racheil is a "stay at home Mom" of two young girls and wife to IT guru, Eddie. She is creative in many ways, loves crafts and manages to run her own monogramming business from home. The entire family is devoted to their cats and each cat has a story to tell. After spending time with Racheil, you know her priorities are her faith, her family and her fur-babies. A lover of animals, as well as people, she is a great asset to HOPE, our clients, and just fun to be around! We not only enjoy Racheil but we are very grateful for her multitasking skills in the office and at home.

### WANT TO HELP?

Call (859) 873-HOPE (4673) to learn how you can volunteer!



Scrappy from Nicholasville

given a little green tattoo. I feel proud about all of this, even though I must have been asleep when it happened.

**4:00 p.m.** A new woman comes into the kennel room door holding my leash and saying, "Minnie Rose! Your mom's here!"

**4:05** My mom is smiling so big when she sees me. I'm so happy to see her I start jumping. She tells me to get down so that I won't hurt my incision. I don't know what an incision is, but she always knows best, so I stay down and just smile and wag my tail as we go out the door and head to the car.

## Cover Story Continued...

**11:30 a.m.** A new woman comes to get me out of my kennel and asks the nice woman who walked me to put her arms around me. While I'm getting a big hug, the new woman gives me a shot in my thigh. It hurts a little bit, but I'm too brave to cry. Anyway, the hug from the nice woman helps me not feel that bad.

**11:33 a.m.** I suddenly start feeling so sleepy, I think I'm going to just drop...in...my...tracks....

**1:05 p.m.** I am on a comforter on the kennel room floor. The nice woman who took me for a walk is beside me. She grew another head while I was asleep, and I feel a little afraid of her. I also still feel very sleepy, and my stomach is queasy, so I put my head down and close my eyes again.

**2:00 p.m.** I wake again when someone turns me onto my belly. It's the woman who gave me a shot. "Are you ever going to wake up, Minnie Rose?" she asks. I'm relieved that she doesn't

have another shot for me. I wag my tail and smile at her.

**2:30 p.m.** My legs are wobbly, but I'm glad to find out I can still walk, even if I have walked into the wall a few times.

**2:45 p.m.** I just threw up a little on the floor. One of the nice women cleaned it up and didn't seem to mind.

**3:00 p.m.** Another nice woman comes with a leash and asks me if I want to go for a walk. "Sure!" I answer with my tail. When we are outside, the sunlight seems brighter than usual, and I keep walking sideways. But otherwise, everything comes out okay, if you know what I mean.

**3:10 p.m.** When we come back in, the woman says I'm ready to go home and calls my mom to tell her she can pick me up soon. I hear her tell my mom that everything went great, that I am beautiful and so well-behaved. She says that I am doing fine, and that my ears have been cleaned and my nails cut and dremeled, and that I have been

## A Word from Our Veterinarian

### Hernia Classification

By April Newsome, DVM

Hernias are fairly common in our furry friends, but most pet owners don't really understand them. Hernia, by definition, means the abnormal protrusion of an organ or tissue through a normal or abnormal opening in the abdominal muscles or diaphragm.

Two types typically classify hernias. One is "reducible" which can be reduced back into the normal cavity by digital manipulation. The other is "non-reducible" which cannot be reduced back without surgical intervention due to adhesions to the surrounding tissues.

Altered pets have less risk of hernia.

**Umbilical hernias** are most common in dogs and cats where the protrusion of intra-abdominal fat or part of an organ come through the umbilical ring forming in the belly button area. Thankfully, it can be repaired during a spay or neuter surgery and is typically not a medical emergency.

**Inguinal hernias** are most common in older unspayed female dogs. Although not as common, it can occur in puppies, obese dogs, pregnant females and intact male dogs. Often this hernia can also be surgically repaired successfully.

**Congenital Peritoneopericardial hernias** are fairly common but hard to detect as animals can mask symptoms and appear physically normal. In my experience, these are found during an autopsy after an apparently normal, healthy pet was anesthetized for a routine surgery.



April Newsome, HOPE's TNR Veterinarian

**Scrotal hernias** are rare and occur in intact males. More common in dogs than cats, treatment generally involves castration to help prevent recurrence.

**Perineal hernias** are most common in intact male dogs. The hernia itself can become a medical emergency and the surgery has a high risk of complications.

**Femoral hernias** are rare and can be difficult to differentiate from inguinal hernias. More delicate, they normally require a surgical specialist.

**Ventral Abdominal (easier to repair) and Traumatic Diaphragmatic hernias (much higher risk)** can result from blunt trauma or a long fall.

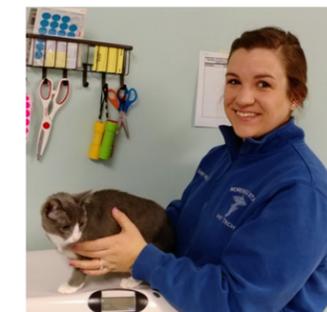
As you see, hernias can have serious complications; some life threatening. If your pet shows any abnormal symptoms or behaviors, please bring them to your veterinarian right away. It could save their life.



Justice from Frankfort

## Welcome, Sherry!

Our new Veterinary Technician is Sherry Jude. Sherry received her vet tech license from Morehead State University in 2015. Her favorite aspect of HOPE is the fantastic quality of care that the pets receive while they are there.



White Sox from Lawrenceburg

### Volunteer Videographers

Education about spay and neuter is critical to **Helping Over Population End**.

Recently, husband and wife team James Minick and Kayla Bohannon volunteered their talent to create a video about the work we do at HOPE!

The animals and all of us here at HOPE say thank you!

Their services also include weddings and events. For information, email James at jamesminick@gmail.com.

