

HAPPY TAILS

The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

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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 and neuter surgeries to everyone. HOPE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

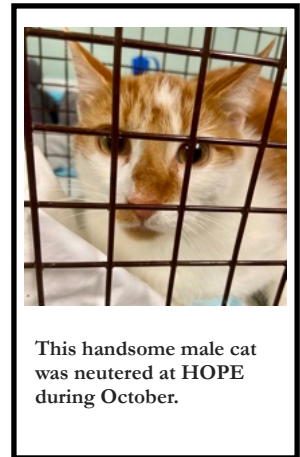
On a Mission: HOPE’s TNR Program

Estimates differ widely on the number of homeless cats that live in the U.S., but there are likely between 30 to 100 million of them. This is a human-made problem that humans need to fix. HOPE’s TNR program is on a mission to humanely reduce the numbers of these felines who don’t have the luxury of living in loving homes. In the 14 years our clinic has been in operation, we’ve fixed 7,258 free-roaming cats. We’ve “cleaned up” hundreds of dire situations that could have spiraled out of control if we hadn’t stepped in. The work is difficult, but oh so worth it!

So...What is TNR?

TNR stands for “Trap, Neuter, Release.” It is the only proven strategy for humanely managing feral, stray, or barn cat populations. TNR involves:

- Humanely trapping cats
- Spaying or neutering them
- Vaccinating against rabies and other diseases
- Surgically removing a tip of the left ear (A tipped ear is the universal sign of a cat that has already been spayed or neutered.)
- After a 24-hour recovery, cats are then returned to where they were trapped.



This handsome male cat was neutered at HOPE during October.

Once the cats are released, they are free to live out their lives much healthier and happier without the burden of having multiple litters

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HOPE continues to make a difference

We have now performed over **26,455** surgeries on animals from 86 of Kentucky’s 120 counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

Round Up for HOPE at Good Foods Co-op

During November 2024, HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic will receive donations as part of Good Foods Co-op's Give Where You Live program. You do not need to be a member to shop at the Co-op's grocery, located at 455 Southland Drive in Lexington. It's easy to donate: When you check out, just round up your purchase to the next dollar or donate any amount you like. Every cent will go directly to the animals.



Ruby from Lexington

Cold Weather Checklist for Outdoor Cats

- Provide appropriate shelter if needed. Heated shelters can be purchased at pet stores or online. Or you can check the website of The Humane Society of the United States for instructions for inexpensively building your own.
- Use straw inside shelters to provide a warm and dry place to snuggle. Do not use hay, blankets, or newspapers, as these can become wet.
- Use solar-heated containers for water. Do not place water inside shelters, as containers may spill.
- Dry kibble is best in frigid weather, as it won't freeze. Increased portions will help cats conserve needed energy. Wet food takes less energy to digest; if given, it should be served in plastic containers, which are slow to freeze.

Web Sources: The Humane Society of the United States, Alley Cat Allies, Animal Humane Society.



HOPE is passionate about reducing overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia of dogs and cats, so we have partnered with Bluegrass Community Foundation to raise financial resources through the 2024 Good Giving Challenge. The Good Giving Challenge is an online event that makes it easy and fun to support HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic. The site will be activated on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2024 and will provide matching opportunities and prize incentives that can increase your gift. The Challenge ends December 6, 2024.

Thank you Keeneland for once again partnering with us!

Visit <https://www.bggives.org/organizations/hope-spay-neuter-clinic-inc>



Ellie Mae from Lexington

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of kittens each year. Spayed/neutered cats are healthier because they no longer fight over mates or expend physical resources on making and caring for kittens. Furthermore, their nuisance behaviors are greatly reduced or eliminated.



This sweet Torti was spayed at HOPE during October.

Because our TNR program specifically provides s/n surgeries for felines that are not pets, we offer services for \$25.00 per cat in the hope that caregivers can afford and utilize our services. Unfortunately, some caregivers cannot even afford this low fee. For this reason, HOPE initiated the Wildcat Fund (WCF).

HOPE's WCF, which is completely reliant on generous donations from

animal lovers, makes it possible for our TNR program to provide affordable services to spay or neuter feral, stray, or barn cats.

For these clients, we can offer WCF assistance to cover any or all of our costs. We are blessed to have the ability to help these caregivers provide life-saving surgery to these homeless felines as these are the cats that need our services the most. Literally, this fund has humanely prevented thousands upon thousands of kittens from being born without a home.

The Woodford Humane Society's "ESG" fund also graciously assists us with TNR funding by donating \$25.00 for homeless Woodford County cats. This important help is much appreciated as it allows us to reach out to even more cats!

Funds are tight for all nonprofits these days, so your donations matter more than ever. Please consider helping us save lives by contributing either to HOPE's Wildcat Fund or to Woodford Humane Society's ESG Fund.

A TNR Success Story: After 5 years and 15 litters, Mingle made it to HOPE

Mingle showed up near a Letcher County home five years ago. The resident began feeding her and attempting to capture her for veterinary treatment, including spay surgery. Mingle proved to be untrappable for five years, producing three litters each year, until finally in September she was caught and brought to HOPE.



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Charlie from Versailles

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To donate to HOPE online, visit hopespayneuter.org. If you wish to send a check, mail it to HOPE at P. O. Box 23, Versailles, KY 40383. You may designate your donation to support the Wildcat fund, the For Pitties' Sake fund (provides free or discounted surgeries for pit bulls and pit mixes), or the Oliver Rugby fund (assists pet families who cannot afford even our low costs). All donations are tax deductible.

Volunteers Welcome!

Are you interested in volunteering for HOPE?

HOPE has volunteer opportunities that can be performed at the clinic or from your home—from pet care to clerical work.

If you would like to be part of the HOPE team, contact us at 859 873-4673 or administration@hopespayneuter.org



Givenchy from Nicholasville