

# HAPPY TAILS

## The Newsletter of HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic

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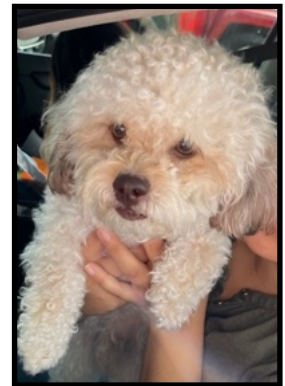
The HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic’s mission is to end overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals through high quality, low-cost spay and neuter, education, and community involvement. Our vision is to elevate Kentucky to the top ten best states in which to be a dog or cat by lending our 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.

### Hot Weather Safety for Your Pets

The summer months present a distinct set of issues about which pet parents need to be especially vigilant. HOPE wants to share some of the most important.

**Cars:** The number one reminder we want to emphasize is that pets should never be left in cars during the hot months. On an 85-degree day, it takes only 10 minutes for the interior of a car to become 102 degrees. In 30 minutes, the temperature will be 120—even with the windows cracked. Pets left in such heat will suffer irreversible and often fatal organ damage.

**Walks:** A related point is that dogs should not be walked on roadways or sidewalks on very hot days. Hot surfaces will burn the tender pads on their feet. If your dog must be walked on a sweltering day, keep him or her on grass surfaces.



Simba from Lexington

**Exercise:** Exercise is important for all pets, but it needs to be limited on hot days—and done in the early morning or late evening. Heat strokes are a serious threat for dogs during the summer, especially for dogs with short snouts or thick coats, or who are overweight.

**Water:** A point that is always important regardless of the season is for pets to have water available. If your pet is outside, provide fresh water daily. Pets drink more water during the hot months, evaporation takes up its share, and birds needing baths may contaminate water bowls with dirt and bacteria.

### HOPE continues to make a difference

We have now performed over **25,378** surgeries on animals from 86 of Kentucky’s 120 counties since opening on September 28, 2010!

# Volunteer Spotlight on Kim Whitworth



HOPE is pleased to recognize Kim Whitworth, who has volunteered with our Trap-Neuter-Return clinics for the past ten years.

On clinic days, Kim’s primary contribution is with after-surgery recovery: monitoring cats’ breathing and temperatures while taking advantage of their unconscious states to clean their ears, comb out mats, and apply flea and tick treatments. Kim also helps check carriers and traps to see if clean-ups are needed. Sometimes these needs can be—to put it gently—extreme. Kim deals with the various messes efficiently and with a smile.

Kim has a longstanding commitment to helping feral and free-roaming cats in her native Woodford

County. She first began feeding a feral colony during her evening breaks when she worked for Toyota in Georgetown. Now retired, she has trapped many of the cats that have been spayed or neutered at HOPE over the years, and she continues to feed feral colonies. At last estimate, Kim feeds 10 separate colonies. Whenever she sees a cat without an eartip at one of the colonies, she traps it and brings it to the next TNR clinic.

Kim and her husband live with five furchildren and one foster. When she is not taking care of animals, Kim enjoys playing the piano and working in her flower gardens.



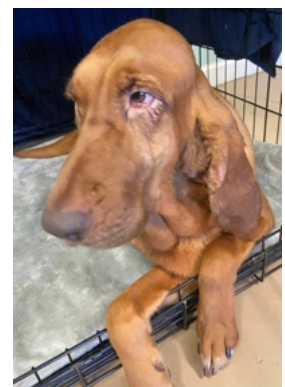
Macaroon from Versailles

## To Willow: Happy Retirement and Thanks for Your Service

HOPE volunteers treat every pet like a celebrity, but when a verified star comes through our door, we become a little more awestruck than usual.

That happened earlier this spring when Willow, a retiring search and recovery dog, came to HOPE for her spay surgery. Willow, a rescued bloodhound, most recently had worked for Timing Is Everything, where her mellow demeanor made her ideal for assisting in cases involving children. After recovering from her surgery, she was going to be adopted by a Kentucky mother whose son has been missing for many years.

Timing Is Everything is an all-volunteer Mount Sterling organization that trains dogs to become scent specific and that takes these dogs to assist during searches for missing people.



During the five or so hours Willow spent at HOPE, she lived up to her gentle and humble reputation. We thank her for her service and wish her a long and happy life in her new home.



Charlie from Richmond

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**Shade:** Outside pets, even those left out for brief time, need to have access to shade on hot days.

**Mulch:** All mulches can cause problems to pets who chew on or ingest pieces, including gum irritation, gastrointestinal distress, and choking. Mulch

that is made from cocoa bean shells is toxic to dogs and needs to be avoided. If you must have mulch around pets, pine, cypress, fir, and cedar are the most recommended alternatives—although no mulch in pet areas is the safest choice.

**Plants and Lawn Products:** Many pets like to chew on leaves and stems. Before putting new plants into a pet area, check labels or do internet searches to make sure they are safe. As well, check labels on fertilizers and other lawn and garden products to insure that they are harmless. If you hire a service to treat your lawn, be certain that any products used will not be dangerous to your pets.



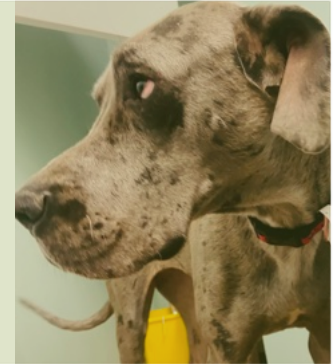
Luna from Lawrenceburg

**Web Sources:** American Red Cross, Don't Forget the Pets, The Humane Society of the United States, American Veterinary Medical Association

**HOPE's statistics for 2023:**

- # of animals spayed/neutered: 1,862
- # of Kentucky counties represented: 53
- Top eight counties served: Anderson, Boyd, Fayette, Franklin, Grant, Hardin, Madison, Woodford

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**Bootsy from Harrodsburg**

### 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](mailto:administration@hopespayneuter.org)

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