



# HAYWOOD SPAY/NEUTER

## SPRING 2018

Serving the community by providing low-cost spay/neuter services and animal wellness programs



Join us Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> for our inaugural annual fundraiser **"Yappy Hour"** featuring a wine pull, trivia contest, live auction, and delicious human treats. The event will be held at the Maggie Valley Club & Resort starting at 5:30 p.m. The evening begins with cocktails and exquisite hors d'oeuvres.

- ▶ You'll enjoy a short presentation on the role Haywood Spay/Neuter serves in the community's local animal welfare efforts.
- ▶ The main event is a wine pull, where donors pull corks to win the wrapped bottle of wine with the corresponding number, valued at \$10 to \$75.
- ▶ The live auction includes the original art work by Margaret Roberts used for the poster.
- ▶ The only rule for the trivia contest is no cell phones! The winner receives a special prize of special value.

Expect a fun evening among animal lovers in an enchanted mountain venue and a delicious spread of tasty treats! **Call Scarlett today at 828-452-1329 to reserve your tickets.** Sponsorship levels range from \$250 Purrfect Partner to \$1,000 Top Dog. All proceeds support the charitable work of Haywood Animal Welfare Association, dba Haywood Spay/Neuter. Look inside for news on our services!

**Volunteers and donors are key partners in our work. Without volunteers, nothing would get done.  
Without your gifts, nothing would get paid.**



Haywood Spay/Neuter  
completed 1,588  
sterilization surgeries in  
2017



## SIMPLE SOLUTIONS bring BIG RESULTS in Haywood County

We hear *"Thank you, Haywood Spay/Neuter!"* every day from clients who are grateful for fees they can afford and for helping them be responsible owners of healthy pets. It's RUFF out there without our services:

- ♥ Low-cost spay/neuter surgery for companion dogs and cats, with subsidized fees of \$10, \$20 or \$60 per animal.
- ♥ Free sterilization, vaccination, and worming of unowned community cats through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).
- ♥ Operation Pit offers qualified owners a free microchip, rabies vaccination, and sterilization for their pit-mix.
- ♥ TNR Emergency Fund provides care for unowned eartips like Phantom, Ray, and Casper featured on page 4.
- ♥ Nutrition support provides 640 pounds of Cat Chow monthly to 300+ eartips in large Haywood County colonies.
- ♥ Kittens2Barns working cats project saves feral lives, placing bonded eartips in barns since 2013.
- ♥ Low-cost flea, tick, and wormer treatments maintain wellness for a third of Haywood County's pet owners.
- ♥ Low-cost microchips inserted at surgery provide permanent ID for ownership continuity and faster shelter redemptions.

We appreciate generous  
donors like YOU every day at  
Haywood Spay/Neuter.

Your monthly support keeps  
the lights on and the doors  
open four days a week.

Serving Haywood County's  
low-income pet owners and  
stray cat feeders.



Make this Mother's Day  
her Last Litter.  
Fix by Four Months.



# BULLY in the FAMILY?

The popularity of bully breeds remains high. According to ASPCA studies across the nation, pit-type dogs rank third for popular breed in shelter adoptions behind Chihuahuas and Labrador Retrievers.

Haywood County reflects national trends. But with high popularity, why are pit-types the #1 breed euthanized?

Consider these sobering shelter dog facts:

- Top 3 Intakes: 19% are pit-types  
15% are Chihuahuas  
9% are Labrador Retrievers
- Top 3 Euthanized: 40% are pit-types  
9% are Labrador Retrievers  
8% are Chihuahuas



*There is a 31-point spread between the top two breeds most frequently euthanized in shelters: 40% are pits vs. 9% are Labs*

**More pits ENTER the nation's shelters than LEAVE through adoption. Do the math.**



Are you a Pit Lover who enjoys working with pits? **ALTERnate Transport** is your answer!

Some clients require help getting their pit to and from our transport loading site. Giving a few hours a month will prevent another litter of 10 or more pups every spay!

*We provide the carrier; pits must be friendly to qualify for pick-up. Call Scarlett at 828-452-1329 to get on the schedule!*

## We can fix that!

There is sincere discussion about barriers to pit adoptions: space, family dynamics, home ownership. But the answer to the euthanasia challenge is clear when pit-types remain the #1 breed in shelter dog intakes year over year.

The answer is to **FIX by FOUR MONTHS !!**

Pit bulls have first heat or estrus around six months. Her average cycle is 21 days and comes twice a year.

**OPERATION PIT** promotes juvenile sterilization to prevent the first litter — typically 10 to 12 unplanned pups that are given away intact or taken to the shelter.

Your generous support of Haywood Spay/Neuter and Operation Pit lowers shelter intakes by up to 10 pups each spay, an investment that lasts a lifetime. Thank you!

# Well, well, Wellness!

*For unneutered males like Phantom, the sweet scent of Spring is a female in estrus [heat].* Males follow this scent for up to three miles — something that is NOT okay with the boys already on the scene or whose own boundaries were crossed.

Haywood Spay/Neuter's TNR team frequently encounters injured and suffering cats like Phantom. Abscessed wounds, torn nail beds, tightly matted fur, embedded BB's, and more are treated by our veterinary partners to ensure the best chance for a healthy outdoor life in Haywood County.

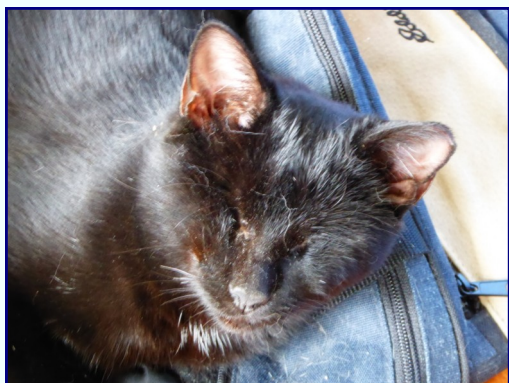
Phantom got the raw end of a tom fight and nearly lost his eye.



Minor injuries are clipped, cleaned, and treated with a long-lasting antibiotic injection by our partner ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance in Asheville. But major injuries and dental disease are beyond their scope.

Severely injured cats like **Phantom** are neutered while injuries are treated thanks to our feral-friendly partner Balsam Animal Hospital. They also treat "eartips" like **Ray** who lost his eyes to infection and **Casper**, who's lived beyond the average age of seven years and needed dental care before rehoming to long-term TNR foster care.

**Thanks to your generous support, the TNR Emergency Fund provides care to free-roaming community cats.**



**Good to know:** Banfield Pet Hospital is the world's largest veterinarian practice. It analyzed activity from its 925+ hospital sites to identify pet health trends since 2011. Key findings include:

- **Dental disease** affects 68% of cats and 76% of dogs
- **Diabetes** is up 18% for cats and 80% for dogs
- **Flea infestation** is unchanged for cats but down 8% for dogs
- **Tapeworm** affects 5% of cats and 2% of dogs
- **Heartworm** is in the top 3 risks for Southern dogs

**Pets need our same good habits: eat smaller portions, stay active, and get a dental checkup.**



## ***Haywood County's Adoption Center & intake shelter is open.***

### **HOW WE'RE KEEPING IT NO KILL**

*At last, the day arrived. Goodbye to the horrors of an outdated facility—the overcrowding, the poor ventilation, the ear-piercing barking, litter pans and food bowls washed in the break room sink, the ghosts of healthy animals euthanized for space—all left behind, never to return, released from service, it is no more.*



Welcome to the new Adoption Center and intake shelter. Opened April 2018, the modern facility separates public adoption areas from isolation/intake. An expanded staff and eye on animal welfare makes it big, beautiful and everything any animal advocate would demand.

*Thank you County Commissioners and Friends of Haywood County Animal Shelter for investing in our community.*

*HIGH PAW !!*

### **Here's how Haywood Spay/Neuter keeps cat intakes low with Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)**

#### **1. Unwanted Cats and Kittens**

**GOAL:** Take cats that cannot be returned during routine TNR activities to the county intake shelter for surrender. The expected outcome is sterilization before adoption, resulting in fewer “oops” unplanned litters in the county.

♥ Here's how it works: Cats are sterilized, vaccinated, and microchipped before surrender. Kittens less than 3 pounds are surrendered “as is” due to TNR weight limit.

#### **2. Working Cats Project**

**GOAL:** Rehome under-socialized cats through the Kittens2Barns (K2B) working cats project. The expected outcome is a lower feral euthanasia rate.

♥ Here's how it works: Adoption Center cats are sterilized, vaccinated, eartipped, and rehomed in Haywood County using established K2B volunteers, procedures, and equipment.

#### **3. Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR)**

**GOAL:** Assist the safe return of trapped cats to their habitat. The expected outcome is reduced shelter hold times, fewer nuisance complaints, and a lower feral euthanasia rate.

♥ Here's how it works: Unclaimed cats are sterilized, vaccinated, and eartipped before return to their trap site. Volunteers help identify new unfixed cats for TNR follow up. Previously eartipped cats are returned after medical exam.





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more effective than hoping your  
neighbor's cat or dog doesn't  
have another litter.

