



HAYWOOD SPAY/NEUTER

Serving The Community By Providing Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Services & Animal Wellness Programs

SUMMER 2020



***This Year Has
Been RUFF...***

***But Is Still Full
Of Pet-Tential!***

**STAY SAFE
& WELL!**

SPAYING AND NEUTERING DOGS & CATS CAN HELP PREVENT CANCER

Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer. Neutering male dogs and cats reduces the incidence of prostate cancer.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To Friends of Haywood Spay/Neuter,

Haywood Spay/Neuter was thrilled to start 2020 off with two new grants. One from the Bernice Barbour Foundation that will assist approximately 100 clients with spay and neuter fees. We are immensely proud to be included once again as a grantee in their exclusive circle. We also received a grant from the Bissell Pet Foundation to aid in yet another 100 surgeries. Bissell also granted us 600 free microchips to be administered to every pet that is spayed or neutered through us. This donation will also enable us to hold two free microchip clinics this year. While we do spay and neuter over 1200 pets a year having these two grants for 200 dogs or cats is helpful to get us started! We work extremely hard to remain a pet charity that grantors want to work with.

We continue to provide a Wellness Fund that includes urgent care assistance, managed by two local veterinarians, for Haywood county residents that cannot afford unforeseen emergency services. The wellness fund also includes supplying the community with affordable flea, tick and deworming medicines and feeding several cat colonies in Haywood County.

Our second SPAYgetti and NO Meatballs dinner, commemorating World Spay Day in February, was a great success! Close to a hundred people celebrated a delicious Italian buffet at the Maggie Valley Club & Resort. We are already planning next year's event on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021. Mark your calendars!

On March 20th, the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance stopped doing surgeries. Waynesville deemed our nonprofit as an essential business. During those three months we continued

to remain open to provide flea, tick, and deworming medicines at an affordable price to our clients that could not afford them otherwise.

Our one, part time employee worked three days a week to keep those reduced rate meds available to our clients who needed them for their pets. We were not able to do any spay or neuter transports as the ASPCA had closed their doors for the duration of the pandemic. We greatly appreciate the donations that some of you have sent in to help us stay open and provide these items to our clients.

We will resume doing surgeries in late August with new COVID precautions in place. We are happy to be back doing what we do for our community.

During the COVID pandemic we have held three Pet Food Give-Aways in partnership with the ASPCA for our clients and members of the community that needed help with their pet food.

The work that we do is important to our community in general and specifically to the animal shelter. Our main fundraising event, Yappy Hour, was cancelled this year. Yappy Hour provides a substantial part of our revenue. We rely on donors like you to keep this critical work going. If you have an extra dollar or two to donate, it would be judiciously spent. We are small. We do not have to spend big, but we do have a lot of people in this community that count on us and our impact is big.

We are humbled by all your continued support and generosity. Please come see us or drop us a line! We want to hear from you!

Sincerely,
Nancye Buelow,

Chair on behalf of the Board of Directors Haywood Spay/Neuter



OTHER WAYS TO DONATE TO HAYWOOD SPAY AND NEUTER

NC LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM FOR SPAY AND NEUTER SUBSIDY

NC has a vanity license plate called "I CARE" that helps to subsidize low cost spay and neuter programs like those provided by Haywood Spay and Neuter. For \$30.00 you can order a vanity I CARE license plate. \$20.00 of that fee will be put into a statewide fund that is distributed quarterly to nonprofits like us. Please consider this when you are renewing your license plate. Your license plate dollars can help us continue the important work that we do.

AMAZON SMILE

If you select Haywood Animal Welfare Association (also known as Haywood Spay/Neuter) as your designated charity on Amazon a percentage of your purchases will go to support our services. It is easy to sign up. Just click on Amazon Smile, look up Haywood Animal Welfare Association and select us. As of February 2020, HAWA has received \$421.83 from Amazon Smile. Every dollar is precious to us and will help to continue our work. Please consider designating HAWA as your Amazon Smile charity.

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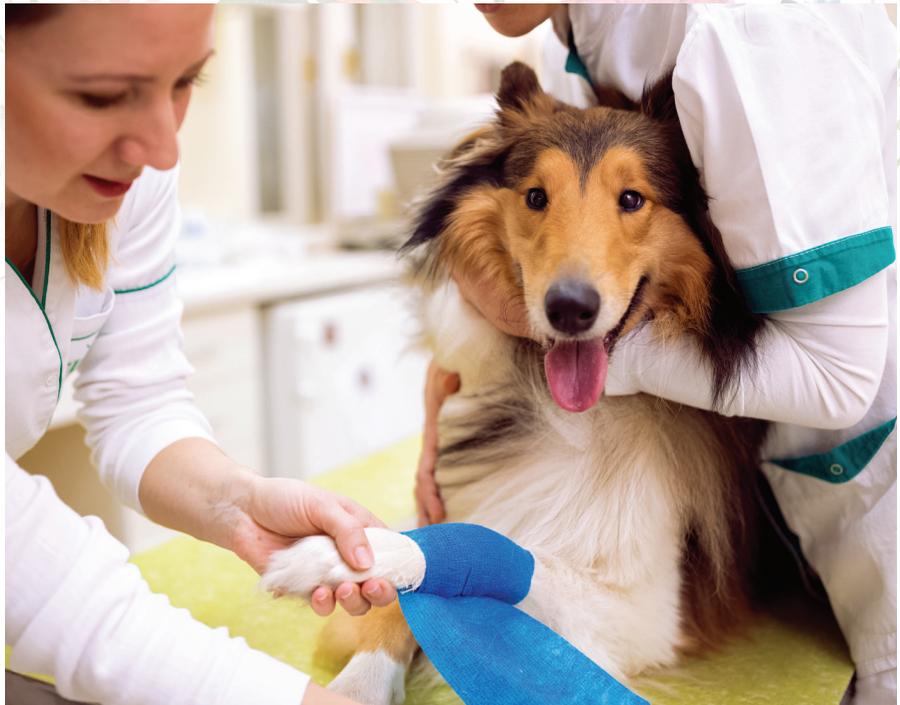
IGive is a free service for charities and members. There is NO fee to join and you can order from over 2400 popular online stores and a percent will be sent to Haywood Spay/Neuter. There are no hidden fees, obligations or added costs. For example, if you order from 1-800-PETMEDS HS/N will receive 3.6% of each order.



A HAPPY TALE (TAIL)

Our Wellness Program includes urgent medical services which are managed by two local Animal Hospitals in our area. This program has helped many pet owners over the years save their dog or cat's lives. We supply funding to the hospitals, and they determine income qualifications and deem whether the pet's needs are urgent. Every so often we get a thank you note, or someone drops by to thank us.

Recently a veteran's dog was attacked by a neighbor's dog and seriously injured. The woman called her veterinarian at Junaluska Animal Hospital and explained she needed to get her dog help but due to the COVID shelter at home order, she was out of work and not receiving a pay



check or unemployment yet. It was quickly determined that she qualified and she was told her to bring the dog in immediately and it would be taken care of by the Haywood Spay/Neuter wellness fund.

The dog's owner recently came in to purchase flea meds and thank us for saving her dog's life. Everything is working right when we can help an out of work veteran with a lifesaving emergency vet visit. Thank you to our donors that help us keep that fund going.

CALLING ALL HUNTERS

Hunters in Haywood County that hunt with working gun dogs are using the services of Haywood/Spay Neuter to "fix" their dogs. They know that having their dogs spayed or neutered is in the best interest of their dog's health and will cause them a lot less headaches.

The most common myth surrounding fixing hunting dogs is that the dog will no longer hunt. NOT TRUE! There is no reliable evidence that spaying, or neutering reduces hunting skills, drive, stamina or scenting ability in males or females.

Spaying or neutering hunting dogs will eliminate heat cycles and unwanted litters. Fixing the dogs

will also eliminate some types of aggression and dominance mounting.

Having a dog spayed or neutered will NOT make a dog fat. Too much food and lack of exercise make dogs fat.

We hope that if you are a hunter with working gun dogs that you will consider using the services of Haywood Spay/Neuter to fix your dogs.



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GETTING TO KNOW BONNIE & ED GRUMKA, *Volunteers at Haywood Spay/Neuter*



What did you do before you retired to Haywood County?

We lived all our lives in Northwest New Jersey. I was a Software Engineer for a small firm specializing in woodworking software. Ed was Vice President of Applications Development for Tiffany & Co.

I have had cats all my life. Ed became a cat lover after he married me (not much of a choice) and since volunteering at Haywood Spay/Neuter he has become a huge dog lover. Sometimes referred to as the dog whisperer.

How did we get involved in HS/N? - What are our roles?

I started with cleaning crates on Thursdays at the bequest of a neighbor and longtime HS/N supporter. From there I took on further roles at HS/N including filling in at the front desk. After about a year I was asked onto the board. I considered this a great honor and about a year after that I was asked to be Treasurer, and even greater honor. Treasury duties can be time consuming, but I enjoy it immensely.

Ed got involved at HS/N because of my love for the cause. It didn't take him long to feel the same way. Ed is an amazing volunteer. Along with Wednesday and Thursday transport duties he has taken on the role of "head of maintenance". This includes, but is not limited to, crate repair, furniture building and even light bulb changing. Ed's greatest contribution though is our new, soon to be released web site. He has done an amazing job and deserves the title "Master Web Designer".



What do we want everyone to know about HS/N:

That it is an amazing organization with a long, long history of coming to the aid of animals in Haywood County. Helping animals and their owners is a very rewarding endeavor. It has afforded us the opportunity of meeting people in the community that we would never had a chance to meet if not for volunteering. We are part of a great group of people whose main objective is eliminating animal suffering in Haywood County by supplying low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. We are both very proud to be a part of this effort.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider volunteering at Haywood Spay/Neuter. We are in critical need of volunteers who can help to load and unload the crates every other Wednesday morning and/or

every other Thursday at noon. This usually involves helping to lift up to 100-pound crates, cleaning and replacing them on the shelves. Luckily, we have very few dogs that size

and 1/2 of the pets that go through our service are cats. Thursday returns never take more than 2 hours at the most and Wednesday transports take about an hour.

ROXY'S CORNER

Haywood Spay/Neuter established Roxy's Fund in honor of Justin Tucker and his service dog, Roxy. This fund helps local veterans by further discounting spay and neuter services for any veteran with a dog or cat.

Roxy herself is a beneficiary of Haywood Spay/Neuter's Operation Pit program, which provides free rabies vaccine and microchips for pits and pit mixes whose owners qualify.

Any veteran who qualifies financially can take advantage of Roxy's fund.

For information about Roxy's Fund or Operation Pit please call 828-452-1329.



Roxy

CONSIDER A DONATION

Gifts can be made at any time for those you wish to honor or memorialize. Consider becoming a sustaining donor. Monthly donations allow us to continue to help families that cannot pay the usual prices for both spay and neuter services and flea, tick and worming medicines.

Your gift, no matter what size, will be deeply appreciated and will serve to advance the mission of Haywood Spay/Neuter. It will translate into hope and awareness for those in need of our services.

A memorial gift is a wonderful way of honoring the life of a loved one who has passed away or a beloved pet that has crossed over the rainbow bridge. To facilitate gifts, memorials may be established in the name of the deceased. A letter will be sent (without the donation amount) to the recipient of your choice to make them aware of your generous gift.

HERE IS WHAT NANCYE WANTS YOU TO PARTICULARLY KNOW ABOUT HAYWOOD SPAY/NEUTER:

1. We are the oldest animal welfare group in Haywood County dating back over 60 years
2. We have affordable flea and deworming medication available for purchase during office hours. (10:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday through Friday)
3. If you are nervous about your pet(s) going to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance clinic in Asheville without you (on the ASPCA transport van) you are of course welcome to transport your own pet and HSN will still make all the appointments and arrangements for you.
4. We are always looking for new volunteers and have a wide variety of tasks that don't

take a lot of time or physical strength.

5. If you have questions about our services or want more information simply telephone 828-452-1329 or go to www.haywoodspayneuter.org.





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11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
or by appointment

828.452.1329



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Spay/neuter has been proven more effective than hoping your neighbor's cat or dog doesn't have another litter.

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