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WHY SHOULD YOU SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET?

Friends of the Shelter, Inc. (FOTS) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization, a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Kentucky

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You can help curb pet overpopulation and make your pet healthier. The decision to **spay or neuter your pet** is an important one for pet owners. It can be the single best decision you make for their long-term welfare.

Reduce pet homelessness

In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S., there are an estimated 6 million homeless animals. About half are entering animal shelters every year. Barely half of these animals are adopted. Tragically, the rest are euthanized. Most of these are healthy, sweet pets who would have made great companions

There are as many as 1.5 million animals euthanized in animal shelters every year. These are not the offspring of homeless "street" animals—these are the unwanted puppies and kittens of family pets.

Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats.

Your Pet's Health

A USA Today article cites that pets who live in the states with the highest rates of spay/neuter also live the longest. According to the report, neutered male dogs live 18% longer than un-neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than unaltered female dogs.

Another contributor to the increased longevity of altered pets involves the reduced risk of certain types of cancers. unaltered female cats and dogs have a far greater chance of developing pyrometra (a fatal uterine infection), uterine cancer, and other cancers of the reproductive system.

Medical evidence indicates that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. Many veterinarians now sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.

Male pets who are neutered eliminate their chances of getting testicular cancer, and it is thought they have lowered rates of prostate cancer, as well.

Getting your pets spayed/neutered will not change their fundamental personality, like their protective instinct.

Caring for a pet with reproductive system cancer or pyometra can easily run into the thousands of dollars—five to ten times as much as a routine spay surgery. Additionally, unaltered pets can be more destructive or high-strung around other dogs. Serious fighting is more common between unaltered pets of the same gender and can incur high veterinary costs.

Millions of pet deaths each year are a needless tragedy. By spaying and neutering your pet, you can be an important part of the solution.



Local Events

CHICKEN4CHARITY

A fun way to raise money for your club, sports team, charity or school.

Show this flyer on behalf of **FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER** and 20% of the food sales that day will be donated back to the organization.

THURSDAY 1-17-19
FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER
 Hours: 11am - Midnight
 8025 Action Blvd.
 (behind Florence Mall)
 Florence KY 41042

QUAKER STEAK & LUBE BEST WINGS USA

Quaker Steak & Lube is holding a one day fundraiser for us called Chicken4Charity. Dine there any time on Thursday January 17 and present the flyer on the left (or download the flyer from the Events page of our website.)

<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org/Events>

They will give Friends of the Shelter 20% of all food purchases. Quaker Steak is behind Florence Mall, north of the Cinema, right next to Thoroughbred Motorcycles, 8025 Action Blvd, Florence, KY 41042 <http://thelube.com/locations/kentucky/florence/>

Please help make this a successful event by sharing this with your family and friends. All the money raised will go to our spay/neuter program.

MY FURRY valentine™

My Furry Valentine has been such a huge success in previous years. As always, this event will feature hundreds of adoptable pets (dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and other small critters) from dozens of different rescue and shelter groups from around the Greater Cincinnati area.

Greater Cincinnati's Largest Companion Animal Adoption Event
 Sharonville Convention Center
 February 9 & 10, 2019
 General Admission Hours: 12:00pm-6:00pm
<https://www.myfurryvalentine.com>

Great Family Fun
Free Parking
Goodies for all Adopters

Boone County Animal Shelter

Feeders Supply
The Pet Lovers Store

Boone County Animal Shelter now has some adoptable pets at Feeders Pet Supply, 13270 Towne Center Dr, Walton, KY 41094.

Adoption events are on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm.

WORLD SPAY DAY

February 26, 2019 marks the 25th annual World Spay Day.

The last Tuesday of February—provides an opportunity for organizations to highlight their spay/neuter programs and win more community support in the form of donors and volunteers.

Created by the Doris Day Animal League in 1995 as Spay Day USA, World Spay Day has been recognized by nearly 70 countries, shining a spotlight on the power of affordable, accessible spay/neuter to save the lives of companion animals, community (feral and stray) cats and street dogs who might otherwise be put down in shelters or killed on the street.



Spay/Neutering at a price you can afford

This is a prime focus for Friends of the Shelter. We subsidize the cost of this procedure for dogs in six Northern Kentucky counties.

If you use the transport to and from the county shelters, Dogs are \$30. Cats are free thanks to the Joanie Bernard Foundation.

There is absolutely no excuse for these problems to exist in Northern Kentucky. Get the word out.

Join our mission.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE DESIGN



<https://www.friendsoftheshelterky.org>

Friends of the Shelter has had a face lift. Take a look at our newly designed website. It is even more informative and easy to navigate. We welcome your thoughts on it. All the beautiful pets on the website are rescues belonging to FOTS members.

Our **Events** page will showcase our upcoming events as well as our annual PetFest. Watch this page.

You can now fill out a new or renewal application online on the **Membership** page and pay your dues through PayPal. You may still download the form if you prefer to do it by mail.

You can make donations to us and find out more ways to support FOTS under **Fundraising**. These supporters can be accessed through a web link.



Thank you to Lori Fair and Mark Kotzbauer for all their work designing and maintaining this site for us.

Our Mission: Friends of the Shelter, Inc.—SPCA KY is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to oppose cruelty in all forms, encourage humane handling and care of animals, advance spay/neuter programs, promote animal shelters and strive for responsible adoptions and ownership. Please visit shelters and encourage your friends and acquaintances to consider adopting one of the many homeless pets. They come in all ages, sizes, types and colors.



Meetings: FOTS meetings are held the last Tuesday of

the month - 7:00 pm at the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd., Room B on the lower level. All members are invited. We hope to see you there. Check Facebook for changes.



Memorial Plaque Program: Pay tribute to your beloved pet with a name plate on the FOTS memorial plaque in the lobby of the Boone County Animal Shelter. To add your pet's name or that of a friend, contact Bonnie Ravenscraft at 859-371-8380.



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**Boone County
Animal Shelter**
5643 Idlewild Road
Burlington KY 41005
(859) 586-5285

**Campbell County
Animal Shelter**
1989 Poplar Ridge Rd
Melbourne KY 41059
(859) 635-2819

**Gallatin County
Animal Shelter**
4550 Hwy 455 (Sparta KY 41086
(859) 643-3647

**Grant County
Animal Shelter**
218 Barnes Road
Williamstown KY 41097
(859) 824-9403

**Kenton County
Animal Shelter**
1020 Mary Laidley Dr
Ft. Mitchel KY 41017
(859) 356-7400

**Pendleton County
Animal Shelter**
1314 Bryan Griffin Rd
Butler KY 41026
(859) 472-5400

Mark Your Calendar

**January
Happy New Year**

Walk Your Pet Month
FOTS Membership Fees Due
17th—Quaker Steak
29th—FOTS Meeting



**February
Happy Valentines Day**
Pet Dental Health Month
26th—FOTS Meeting
28th—World Spay Day

JOIN US! Become a Member—Renew Your Membership

Membership / Renewal / Donation

Please include the above label if present.
Fill in name/address below if incorrect on label. Please complete remainder of form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

(Your email address and personal information is never shared with anyone outside our organization)

How do you want to receive our **Newsletter**: Mail: Email:

Membership: \$10.00 annually for one person _____

\$15.00 for a family of two or more _____

List other names (optional): _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Donations & dues are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Mail to: Friends of the Shelter, Inc.,
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Union KY 41091- 0093