

Serving the Community by providing
 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Services

Spay / Neuters to date in 2011: 433

SPRING 2011

*Over 8,000 Surgeries
 since 2003*

2003.....	769
2004.....	756
2005.....	552
2006.....	314
2007.....	647
2008.....	1,324
2009.....	1,921
2010.....	1,851

2011 Goal = 2,100

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The Results are In ... Fewer were!

Intakes go down, something else goes up, and the need remains constant

At last we're seeing the results that endorse our mission: Intakes were down 7% at the county shelter last year (3,555 animals). Coupled with accomplishments of rescue groups like Sarge's that saved adoptable animals from certain death, we're still celebrating. The euthanasia rate was down 5% overall. Even so, 1 of every 4 dogs and nearly 2 of every 3 cats were branded as unwanted and killed. All amidst a horrible economy that forced many families to give up beloved pets as they struggle to make ends meet.

Get Mom a beautiful flower basket or other goody from HAWA at The Whole Bloomin' Thing on Saturday May 7th. All proceeds support HAWA's low-cost spay/neuter program. Call 452-1329 to donate handcrafted items to sell.

HAWA's microchip clinic on Saturday May 14th will be held from 9 AM to 2 PM in the HAWA parking lot. Cost is only \$15 per pet for a permanent ID solution. Call 452-1329 for your appointment.

Already 'chipped? Then come for our annual Back Door Sale on May 14th. Call 452-1329 to donate items or lend a hand.

HAWA celebrates Adopt a Cat month with a new workshop on June 11th called "Helping Cats in Mobile Home Parks". Examine solutions available to Haywood County's 10,000+ homeless and free-roaming cats with tips for those who feed them. Call 452-1329 to register.

It's never too soon to get excited about HAWA's annual HART theater reception on November 10th!



HAWA Executive Director Penny Wallace (left) accepts state spay/neuter funds from Animal Services Director Jean Hazzard. North Carolina recognizes the importance of affordable spay/neuter and uses animal-related fees to offset surgery subsidies like those HAWA provides to pet owners in Haywood County.



Raising funds to meet the steady demand for affordable spay/neuter surgery is a year-round effort for HAWA. Our mission helps both owned pets and homeless-but-fed cats. Every surgery through HAWA's program is subsidized by \$20 on average, with many performed at no cost for income-qualified clients. You can stop unwanted litters in our county. Neuter your pet and support HAWA.



1851 was a Good Year for 2010



HAWA came close to its 2009 record and is determined to do more in 2011

› HAWA came close in 2010 to matching the previous year's record number by assisting with 1,851 spay/neuter surgeries for Haywood County pets and free-roaming cats. HAWA volunteers were disappointed about missing their 2010 goal, but it gives them extra incentive to reach out to pet owners and colony caretakers in 2011.

"A terrible winter kept our numbers lower than planned in 2010", said Executive Director Penny Wallace. "With all the snow, people had trouble making it down the mountains to bring their pets to the Humane Alliance transport point. And snow just before our final transport in December cut the scheduled reservations by half."

› HAWA will continue its \$30 spay/neuter program in 2011 as long as funds allow the organization to do so. Most pet owners' budgets can handle this

amount. And for low-income residents and those receiving government assistance, HAWA will again offer free pet surgery.

› HAWA also continues its "Spay Mama" project at the Haywood County Animal Shelter in 2011. *Spay Mama* allows pet owners who surrender unwanted kittens and puppies to keep mama and have her fixed for free. The goal is to prevent another unwanted litter from being placed in harm's way.

› HAWA's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) project helps free-roaming cats and stabilizes colonies. "The weather prevents year-round trapping; still, 361 community cats were sterilized & vaccinated in 2010" said HAWA's TNR Coordinator Susan Kumpf. "We stop trapping during bitterly cold weather too severe for shaved, post-surgery cats – and on rainy days."

Why is HAWA working so hard to help pet owners spay/neuter their dogs and cats?

› We work hard because we really believe that spay/neuter will have a huge impact on bringing down the number of animals taken to kill shelters. "Surgery is a humane, long term solution that works," said Connie Hewitt, HAWA Vice President. "In 2010 we saw a 7% decrease in the number of animals taken to our county shelter and a 5% decrease in its euthanasia rate."

› "For every \$1 received, we spend 95¢ on direct program related expenses," observed HAWA Treasurer Nancy Lux. "HAWA exists through individual pledges, memorials, fundraising events, gifts, grants, and volunteerism. It keeps a low-cost spay/neuter solution available to every dog and cat in the county."

Another litter...another less-healthy season

You read the brochure and vowed to schedule surgery. But somehow it never happened. *Then surprise!* [but not really] *Another unwanted litter!* Pet owners should know that preventing the burden of mating behaviors and pregnancy does so much more than stop unwanted litters.

It is healthier overall for a dog and cat to be fixed especially when it's before the female's first heat. Doing that nearly eliminates her chance of getting mammary gland (breast)

There is no good reason to delay spay/neuter surgery if you love your pet and want the health benefits



cancer in later life. The advantage is lost after her third heat, when there is no protective influence against developing it. Spaying also prevents the potentially fatal uterine infection called Pyometra as well as ovarian cancer and cysts.

For males, neutering reduces or eliminates his risk of

testicular, prostate, and perianal (anal) cancer. Injuries due to territorial fighting lessen or disappear entirely. Neutering reduces the likelihood of spraying, too.

Your pets are fixed and you want to do more? Then help HAWA promote the benefits of spay/neuter and stop unwanted litters. Come by our office from noon to 5 PM Monday through Thursday to learn how you can make the difference that matters to helpless animals.

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by MAIL: HAWA, P.O. Box 992, Waynesville NC 28786 ONLINE: www.hawapets.org

For every dollar you give, 95 cents goes directly to program-related expenses.



YES of course I will help HAWA provide low-cost surgeries through its Spay/Neuter Program.

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Pet Food Program update



HAWA continues pantry support for Haywood Christian Ministry pets

When HAWA's fiscal year ended with an \$8,000 deficit in its pet food program, board members knew it was critical to adopt a new approach.

Keeping pets in their homes by providing pet food to local food pantries helps lower shelter intakes and county kill rates. But HAWA's mission is to serve our community by providing low-cost spay/neuter services. How could we meet our spay/neuter goals and still feed needy pets?

After months of discussions with like-minded groups and pantry organizers, we found the solution that met everyone's needs. As of February 1st, the Kathleen F. Hoerber Foundation took over pet food stewardship for pantry clients of the Baptist Disaster Relief Center in Clyde.

"This is a good fit for our organization," said Hoerber board member Bill Werner. "We are gratified to assist needy pets and their owners in this way."

As of March 1st, HAWA began supplying pet food exclusively to pantry clients of Haywood Christian Ministry in Waynesville. Clients receive a

larger pet food ration than in the past, further easing their budget.

Grace Episcopal Church pantry clients no longer receive bagged food. "Most clients receive some assistance from other pantries, so pet food is still available to those in need," said Executive Director Penny Wallace.

"We are very grateful for every bag of pet food donated to needy pets by the caring public and through retail 'ripped bag' and drop box programs like Bi-Lo's recent drive," Wallace concluded. "We cannot do it without them!"

Easing the financial burden of feeding family pets saves lives

Trap-Neuter-Return Impacts Intakes

Shelter sees 5% fewer cats at its door in 2010; PetSmart Charities grant helps cats in MHPs

HAWA's stated mission is to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgery for Haywood County pets. It's a simple, focused service to our community. We can measure our success both by the number we serve and by the number of unwanted cats, kittens, dogs and puppies that are surrendered to the shelter.

Some animals are essentially DOA (dead on arrival) before they even enter the shelter door. These include aggressive dogs, sick animals, and feral cats. It's the last group that is helped by HAWA's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) project. With over 10,000 free-roaming cats in Haywood county alone, they need all the help we can give to keep them clear of capture/kill.

By joining forces with animal welfare organizations like HAWA, PetSmart plans to stop unwanted litters and reduce the high kill rate suffered in our nation's shelters. Last year, PetSmart challenged HAWA to



Discarded bodies tell the sad tale of unwanted animals in our nation. Haywood County Animal Services killed 1,445 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in 2010 alone.

present a plan with measurable results to prove TNR success.

With a 2009 kill rate of 63% of all cats entering the Haywood County shelter, HAWA had no choice but to accept the PetSmart challenge, expand and refocus its TNR project, and ask for the money to do it. The team carefully considered where the need is greatest compared to surgeries already done. Their recommendation was to TNR

free-roaming cats in and near mobile home parks (MHPs) in the four townships of Beaverdam (including Canton), Ivy Hill (including Maggie Valley), Jonathan Creek, and Waynesville (including town limits). This approach should have the greatest impact on our unwanted litters. PetSmart agreed and awarded a two-year grant for 1,200 cats!

But the happy result has its dark side. HAWA has been unsuccessful in winning grant monies to TNR colonies remote from those MHPs. We also need funds to TNR cats in the remaining townships of Cataloochee, Cecil, Clyde, Crabtree, East Fork, Fines Creek, Ironduff, Pigeon, and White Oak.

Our wait list is growing and so is the size of these colonies. You can help: \$50 will spay/neuter and vaccinate one cat. Call HAWA at 452-1329 to learn more.



Message from the Executive Director

Haywood County's new Animal Services Advisory Committee opens door to improved teamwork

After advocating for this action for several years, I was pleased when the Board of County Commissioners established the Animal Services Advisory Committee. I was appointed to serve along with eight other citizens. Our charge is to examine all aspects of the department's official duties. We'll develop and implement ways to meet its monetary and physical needs. Each member

brings knowledge and expertise in the spectrum of Animal Services' tasks. In our first official meeting on March 1st, we approved by-laws and elected our officers.

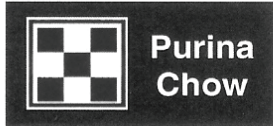
We started a list of things that could be addressed by the committee: improving officers' professionalism (no continuing education benefits exist beyond NC State required education);

replacing broken equipment (catch poles, traps, etc.); and exploring ways to improve the shelter facility. Animal welfare and spay/neuter were part of the overall discussion.

The committee's mix allows us to make recommendations that benefit our community, the department, and its officers. I'm optimistic.

Denny Wallace

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HAWA on the Calendar

TRANSPORT DATES

Alternate Wednesdays @ 8 AM

- April 6, 20
- May 4, 18
- June 1, 15, 29
- July 13, 27
- August 10, 24
- September 7, 21
- October 5, 19
- November 2, 16, 30
- December 14

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- March 21 HAWA Board Meeting
- 31 SNIP! Summit in Asheville through April 2 *Sold Out!*
- April 30 BBQ Event in Maggie Valley \$35 / space limited / 452-1329
- May 7 Whole Bloomin' Thing
- 14 Microchip Clinic 452-1329 & annual Back Door Sale
- 16 HAWA Board Meeting
- June 11 "Helping Cats in MHPs"
- 18 Concession at Clyde's *Cruise In*
- September 19 HAWA Board Meeting
- October 16 National Feral Cat Day *Never abandon a pet!* 
- November 10 Theater reception at HART \$35 / O'Neil's *Ah Wilderness*
- 14 HAWA Board Meeting

*Stop Unwanted Litters
Volunteer / Donate*

2011



Drop trap safely captures last of trap-resistant cats in TNR colony



Home again after mandatory post-surgery confinement for in-heat cats