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Happy
Tails

spring 2017



WASHINGTON COUNTY SPCA

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Shelter Volunteer Training
11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm
1st Saturday of every month
WCSPCA Shelter
HWY 123 RSVP at 918-440-1303

BSNAP Low Cost Spay / Neuter Clinic
Saturday, April 22nd ; 8am-4pm
WCSPCA Clinic Building - HWY 75 (appt. needed; 918-766-0991)

Dawg Days of Summer
Saturday, June 3rd; 8am-2pm
Johnstone Park
Low cost shot and microchip clinic and adoption event. Call 918-338-9993 for info.

BSNAP Low Cost Spay / Neuter Clinic
Saturday, May 13th; 8am-4pm
WCSPCA Clinic Building - HWY 75 (appt. needed; 918-766-0991)

Arrowhead Doggie Dash and Canine Carnivale
Saturday, May 20th; 8:30am
Cooper Dog Park
Learn more at www.arrowheadcharities.com

Sunfest
Friday, June 2nd; 10am-4pm
WCSPCA Adoption event.
Look for the WCSPCA booth!

Woolaroc Kidsfest
Saturday/Sunday, June 24th and 25th; 10am-5pm

BSNAP Low Cost Spay/ Neuter Clinic
Saturday, June 24th; 8am-4pm
WCSPCA Clinic Building - HWY 75 (appt. needed; 918-766-0991)

OUR MISSION is to serve the donors, volunteers, citizens and animals of our local communities by:

- Providing shelter and medical care for stray, abandoned or surrendered animals;
- Actively promoting suitable animal adoptions and transports; and
- Collaborating with other animal assistance groups.

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“My most rewarding volunteer job has been as a foster for homeless pets. It makes a difference in the animal's life and the foster family's life, too.”

- *Darlene Shoemake, 1st VP, WCSPCA Board*



Volunteers needed!

If you have the time, we need your help.

Volunteers are needed for:

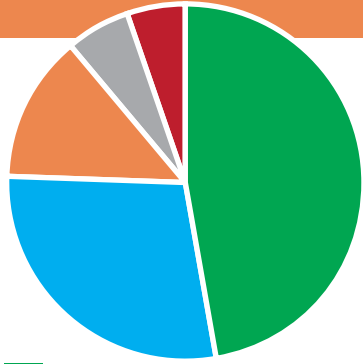
- ▮ Transport drivers
- ▮ Dog walkers (spring)
- ▮ Help with spay/neuter clinics
- ▮ Adoption events
- ▮ Cat and dog foster homes
- ▮ Fundraising for the new facility

Join the WCSPCA Volunteer Crew! We always need volunteers to help at the shelter and at our off-site events. Please sign up today at <http://www.wcspca.org/volunteer>

SAVE THE DATE!
On the Catwalk at Price Tower
October 5th; 6pm

It's the BIG event you've been waiting for! Local models, fashion designers and dog stylists battle it out on the CATWALK to raise money for the WCSPCA! You won't want to miss this! More info to come...

1st Quarter Shelter Metrics



Intakes	408
Adoptions	241
Transfers/Rescues	115
Return to Owner	55
Euthanasia*	47

(The rest are still in the shelter as adoptable animals)

2016 Shelter Metrics



Intakes	2500+
Adoptions	1174
Transfers/Rescues	282
Return to Owner	223
Euthanasia*	299

*The WCSPCA euthanizes animals who are suffering mentally or physically, terminally ill or considered dangerous to themselves, other animals and/or humans.

WHO WE REALLY ARE

Here at the WCSPCA

There is one thing at the heart of all we do: the animals we save. Equally important are the lives we enrich by matching those animals with loving “forever” families. It’s not an easy job, but thanks to donors, employees and volunteers, we’re able to keep our mission going strong.

With your help, we’ve accomplished a lot since 2015, including:

- Decreased euthanasia rates—the national rate for shelters/pounds is approximately 40-70%; the WCSPCA’s rate is 12-16%
- Steadily increasing adoption rates and transfers
- Improved cleaning techniques for safer employees and pets
- Realized significant cost savings for food, salaries and medications
- Added spay/neuter services at our Highway 75 location to reduce our community’s unwanted pet population
- Structural utility improvements to adoption buildings for staff and animal safety and care
- Expanded reclaim hours to better serve our community

MEET TONYA... OUR NEW SHELTER MANAGER

Please join us in welcoming Tonya Pete to our team. Tonya earned her masters degree in organizational management and brings a wealth of marketing, operations, and HR expertise and 14 years of team management experience. Tonya and her team are doing great things together for our community’s homeless dogs and cats. Stop by the Shelter and say hello!



THE VIEW AHEAD

Over the past two years we’ve reduced admission rates, thanks to improved spay/neuter rates, enhanced health and safety measures in our facilities and increased adoption rates. Still, there’s always more work to be done.

Our goals for 2017 and beyond include:

- A safe work environment for our employees
- Humane care of cats and dogs
- Financial stability and improved budgeting
- Increased transports for animals, including the purchase of a new van
- Additional spay/neuter clinics throughout the community

A GRANDPARENT’S LOVE

My love of cats comes from the Essers. Cat shirts. Cat laps. Cat paintings. It runs in the family. For my birthday one year, I wanted a kitten. Not just any kitten, but an orange male. I’m drawn to the generic cats like Garfield and Heathcliff. End of February is not kitten season, and as I called around to all the adoption shelters, there were none to be found—let alone an orange one.

On the morning of March 1, I received word that my Grandmother had passed. That afternoon I decided to call the WCSPCA one last time in hopes they had good news...and they did. They had just taken in a litter of kittens, and among them was an orange male. I knew right then I had received one last birthday gift from my Grandma. She wanted to give me my wish.

I went straight to the WCSPCA after work. I saw Leo and he was everything I wanted. But, when I saw his sister – the runt and only female, with her big eyes and cute face – I was torn!

“You know,” said the WCSPCA employee, watching me as I held both kittens. “You can adopt more than one.”

“You can?” I exclaimed in disbelief. The thought had never crossed my mind—until then.

I put down my deposit for both of them and returned first thing in the morning to adopt my birthday kitties. That was ten years ago. My cats have brought me great joy, comfort and happiness. I know it sounds silly, but when I look at them I see – and feel – the love of my grandparents, and I know they came from a special place.

- Lori Esser



MEET JACKSON...

a cool dude in a generous mood.

Most kids ask for video games or the hottest toys for their birthday, but not this guy! This kind-hearted 7-year-old had one request: In lieu of gifts for himself, Jackson – who has a kitty and three dogs of his own – asked his friends to bring items from our shelter wish list to his birthday party. His family was very proud of his selfless act, and we couldn’t be more grateful for his kindness and generosity.



Thank you,
Jackson!
Much love
from all your
friends at the
WCSPCA.



Let our community know you support the WCSPCA! Stop by the shelter and pick up a sticker for your window today!

DID YOU KNOW?



The WCSPCA shelter is an independent 501c3 and receives no funding from ASPCA or HSUS. We help over 2400 dogs and cats each year because you donate.
www.wcspca.org/donate