



Animal Protection League of Okaloosa County

A non-profit organization for spaying & neutering founded in 1981

Newsletter

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Letter from the President

The APL founding members asked me in 1990 to be their president for one year, little did they know that after 31 years I am still the President. Susan and Christy schedule most of the appointments but I am still doing some scheduling and helping out, where I can. One thing is for sure APL is still very active helping our community!

2020 was our biggest year ever in terms of revenue and sterilization surgeries. We assisted with 1,581 spay or neuter procedures. This would not have been possible without the help of Crossroads Animal Clinic, Emerald Coast Animal Hospital, Bayside Animal Clinic and Dogwood Acres.

A big thank you to all those clinics! You are very much appreciated. If we could find more participating vet clinics, we could do up to 2,000 animals each year. The requests are certainly there, even so we do not advertise and the referrals come by word of mouth unless we have special events.

We continue to schedule as many owned dogs and cats as appointments are available. Always taking care of our colony cat locations we've managed for many years. We often have up to 20 referrals per week from other organizations but not enough surgery slots to accommodate all of them. The saddest thing are the feral cats, which we would like to help, but do not have the space to schedule. So where there were 2 or 3 cats, there are now 12 or 15 and the number is growing. As an example: I used to feed about 37 feral cats 14 years ago and due to the sterilization of all the colonies, I am down to 20 cats. Most of them being older cats 10 to 14 years old.

I still think that our program is very important and there are very few such assistance in this area. I thank all my board members and all the volunteers, who helped over the years, along with all the generous donors.

~ Almut



We are sad to tell you that we lost one of our Life and Board Members, Holly Hoover. She was a great animal lover and advocate. It would be hard to tell how many animals she rescued, helped medically, made sure they were spayed or neutered, transported them or fostered. She was totally dedicated to our cause and assisting the community. Holly was a huge help with our spay/neuter program. We could not be more grateful. We miss you very much Holly.



The Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners recognized our mission in FY21 by investing grant funding to sterilize, vaccinate and microchip cats and kittens. We are pleased to share 192 (17 over the projected amount to include 75 males/117 females) were vetted from October 1 - December 3, 2020 with this generous funding.

This economic opportunity not only helped to reduce the feline overpopulation but also benefited owners, property managers, businesses, animal control and rescues. We are very grateful to the

County Commissioners and participating veterinary clinics. The photos are just of the few of the Okaloosa cats and kittens vetted with the grant.



APL volunteers are pleased to share our 2020 Spay & Neuter Program statistics. Volunteers were able to assist vetting 1,581 companion animals (1,359 cats and 222 dogs) last year through our program. We are very grateful to our community and participating clinics for partnering with us to reduce the growing number of unwanted pets.

2020 Spay and Neuter Statistics

Month	Cat Spay	Cat Neuter	Dog Spay	Dog Neuter	Total
January	87	67	15	28	197
February	84	50	19	13	166
March	82	45	23	21	171
April	35	30	11	3	79
May	37	15	17	12	81
June	67	38	23	10	138
July	56	34	12	7	109
August	52	50	2	0	104
September	61	48	0	1	110
October	70	67	0	1	138
November	68	44	1	2	115
December	107	65	0	1	173
Total	806	553	123	99	1581
	Total Cats 1359		Total Dogs 222		



Thank You, Seahorses!

The Silver Sands School skills class donated \$150, which was collected from the proceeds of their art projects. APL volunteers are honored again this year to meet the students, tell them about our projects, and explain why it is important to spay or neuter pets. These talented students create wonderful art and donate the proceeds of their projects to local charities. We greatly appreciate their generosity.

Please visit their web site or Facebook page to check out their amazing art projects!

- > www.okaloosaschools.com/silversands
- > www.facebook.com/SilverSandsSeahorses

The APL mission is to spay or neuter but we are fortunate to have a few private families who foster stray, injured or abandoned cats and kittens. Petland in Fort Walton Beach has always helped us by letting us showcase our rescue cats and kittens for adoption. Thank you Petland! If you're considering adopting, please stop by Petland in Fort



Walton Beach, follow the APL Facebook page or call Almut at 850-830-2909 if you're considering adopting one of our rescue cats or kittens. Thank you! Photo is Inky. Inky and his siblings were rescued and fostered last year by APL volunteers then adopted.



We are grateful to everyone who supports the APL mission. THANKS to all who have donated. Any amount, big or small, is very much appreciated!

Donate By Check ~ Please make checks payable to Animal Protection League

Our mailing address is APL, PO Box 51, Fort Walton Beach FL 32549

Memorial Donation

We greatly appreciate donations given in memory of a beloved person or pet. If you would like to give the APL a Memorial Donation please ensure our address is listed as APL, PO Box 51, Fort Walton Beach FL 32549.

Donate Online ~ Please Consider a Recurring Donation

❖ PayPal Giving Fund -

www.paypal.com/fundraiser/105865137050618816/charity/193007

❖ APL PayPal Address - Donate@OkaloosaAPL.org

APL Membership

Membership is open to those who support our mission and goals. Please call 850-862-8030 to join. Dues are:

Annual \$15 Individuals or \$25 Families ~ \$150 Individual Life Membership

Welcome New Members

Life Members: Phoebe Masomino and James Madden, Scott Stone, Mike and Layne Britton, Nancy Cassidy

Total Membership: 195 including 169 Life Members

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