



Animal Protection League of Okaloosa County

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

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Letter from the President

This completes year number **thirty** for me as president of the Animal Protection League. The founding ladies, who asked me in 1990 to run the organization as president for one year could not count very well!! However, with the help of a lot of volunteers, supporters, board members and friends we are still going strong. This is in respect to the number of animals we have helped to sterilize, raised from kittens and find homes. Whenever we thought that we ran out of money, some people stepped up with their donations.

We've also secured almost \$16,000 in grant money this year alone. Without those moneys we would not have been able to spay and neuter again over 1,000 animals in 2019. According to our records we have reached the 20,000 mark in regard to sterilizing cats, dogs and some rabbits. As of last year we had done 19,478 so it will exceed easily the 20,000 mark.

Have we made an impact? I tend to think so. It is not the number of spays and neuters alone, it is the huge number of prevented pregnancies of thousands of offspring. People do not realize that one mama cat and her four surviving kittens can produce an estimated 3,028 kittens over seven years!

I would like to emphasize that without the huge help of our four veterinary clinics this could not have been accomplished. So our gratitude and **big thank you** to Crossroads Animal Clinic, Emerald Coast Animal Hospital, Dogwood Acres and Bayside Hospital for Animals. We especially appreciate the special events with over 25 pets being sterilized in one day.

You might have heard that Petland changed owners. Thanks to the new owners, we can still adopt our cats and kittens there. We are grateful to the previous owners and especially Linda, who helped us adopt over 1,100 cats or kittens through their store.

From myself and all the APL volunteers ~ we wish you a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

~ Almut

Annual Potluck Dinner



Our annual get-together in May was a great success. We had over 36 people join us for good food and conversation at Almut's house. It was nice to welcome so many couples. Normally the husbands like to stay home, but not this year. You go husbands, we like to see you too!

APL Membership

We are sad to tell you that we lost two of our Life Members. Dolores Huling was one of the founding ladies and a great animal lover and advocate. Virginia Floyd always supported our cause over all those years. We were also saddened to hear of Tony Schiller's passing. Tony asked memorial donations be made to the APL. Thank you to everyone who sent a lifesaving gift.

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 in 2019

Life Members: Jeri Cummings, Danielle Folsom, Gaye Ellis, Linda Maxey, Gary & Crystal Hamilton, Jane & Dave Hensley, Mathilda & Devon Ravine, Vicki Hoff

Individual Member: Cara Fernandez, Kathleen Rivard

Total Membership: 178 including 147 Life Members



The Okaloosa APL is honored and grateful to be selected as this year's hometown charity for the 2019 Subaru Share the Love® Event!

Please stop by Subaru at 130 Hollywood Blvd SW in Fort Walton Beach and consider selecting the Okaloosa APL as your charity. For every new Subaru purchased or leased from November 14th through January 2nd, Subaru of America, Inc will donate \$250 to the APL. Subaru Ft. Walton Beach will also donate \$50!

Thank you Subaru of America, Inc. and Subaru Fort Walton Beach for helping save the lives of companion animals in our area! Click to learn more: www.subaruftwaltonbeach.com/share-the-love.htm



The APL is honored to have been awarded an additional \$1,000 grant this year from A Guardian Angel Foundation. The generous investment was used to sterilize, vaccinate and chip 43 cats and kittens (21 female / 22 male) at a two-day special event hosted by Crossroads Animal Clinic in August.

Thank you to A Guardian Angel Foundation from all the APL volunteers and Hannah & Betty White shown in photo! Please visit their web site to learn more about the Foundation and the great work they do -- www.aguardianangelfoundation.org



APL Awarded \$9,625 County Grant



Thank you Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners for helping the APL meet our mission goals. The County recognized our lifesaving volunteer work by investing \$9,625 to sterilize, vaccinate and microchip 175 cats and kittens or more in the next year. We conservatively estimate 56,490 unwanted kittens will be prevented in the next five years because of this funding. This generous grant will not only reduce the feline overpopulation but will also benefit owners, property managers, businesses, animal control and rescues. Your support is greatly appreciated!



The APL is honored and grateful to have received a \$5,000 grant from Petco Foundation. This generous lifesaving funding, in addition to public donations, resulted in 139 Okaloosa County cats being vetted and 27 kittens rescued, including Earl Gray pictured here.



The lives of countless kittens were saved along with forever changing the lives of the cats. Thank you so much to the Petco Foundation and our community for helping the APL meet our mission goals.

We raised \$44 in donations from the May 2019 Community Bag Program! This lifesaving funding will help companion animals in our local area. Thank you SO much to Winn-Dixie and everyone who supports the APL mission.





The APL firmly believes that spay and neuter is the key to reducing the euthanasia of companion animals. 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 or someone you know would like to give the APL a Memorial Donation, in lieu of flowers, please ensure that our address is listed as APL, PO Box 51, Fort Walton Beach FL 32549.

Donate Online ~ Please Consider a Recurring Donation

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