



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

I planned to write this newsletter last year, because it was our 40-year anniversary. In 1981 a group of caring people founded the APL. There was Marge and Jim Kiser, Jerry and Sue Barnwell, Charlie and Odette Briggs, Phil Blumer, Evelyn Drowne, Paula and George Doris, Penny and Paul Eubanks, Mary Forte, Ella Gossman, Jan Hager, Doloris and Michelle Huling, Becky Kiser, Anita Kroha, Evelyn and Wes Norris, Marilyn and Eric Oest, Judy Munson, Jane Scott, Eliz and Joe Stanley, Penny and Jim Stewart, Marie Wagner and more.

The idea was formed to help the shelter animals, who were dying due to lack of vaccination. Thus, the group organized big yard sales to raise money until the shelter could afford the vaccinations. I do not know which year the group decided to promote spay and neuter. We helped the clinic at PAWS twice with \$10,000 to establish a spay/neuter clinic and Dr. Beck sterilized many animals for us there. The owners had to pay \$10 and we chipped in the rest.

The APL received its letter of determination in 1982 and during the first 8 years had a different president each year. I do not know what possessed this group to stay with the same president for 32 years!! I've kept the statistics since 1990, the first year we did 156 spays and neuters the entire year.

Thanks to all the kind donations of members we grew and could do an average 100 animals per month. Many years ago, Jan Hager left us a generous bequeath. Pat Armstrong invested it very wisely so it brought us additional funding in interest. Those were the years our spay and neuter numbers jumped to 700 or more.

Looking back, I added up the numbers since 1990. We have helped sterilize over 23,525 animals. This could not have been done without the help of many of our members, friends and supporters and the participating vet clinics with their discounted prices. So, all I can say is **'Thanks to everybody for your great support and help, I am very grateful to you all.'**

~ Almut

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APL volunteers are pleased to share our 2021 Spay & Neuter Program statistics. Volunteers assisted sterilizing 1,044 companion animals last year. 965 cats and 79 dogs will no longer contribute to the overpopulation in our area. We are grateful to our community and participating clinics for partnering with us to reduce the growing number of unwanted pets.

Every three months Crossroads Animal Clinic and Emerald Coast Animal Hospital host a special feline spay/neuter day. This is especially helpful for people who own multiple cats. We are grateful to Subaru, Eglin Federal Credit Union and State Farm Insurance for sponsoring some of the events. We would not be able to offer the services at the further reduced rate without their support.

2021 Spay & Neuter Program Statistics

Month	Cat Spay	Cat Neuter	Dog Spay	Dog Neuter	Total
January	40	50	2	5	97
February	52	27	5	4	88
March	37	27	2	3	69
April	32	26	7	5	70
May	46	23	6	5	80
June	46	45	5	9	105
July	40	41	4	1	86
August	43	51	1	7	102
September	52	59	0	1	112
October	35	34	0	3	72
November	18	15	0	2	35
December	64	62	0	2	128
Total	505	460	32	47	1044
	Total Cats 965		Total Dogs 79		

Summary of the Treasurer Report

Our total intake for 2021 was \$84,300 and we spent \$84,700. Our administrative costs totaled \$269.25 for filing fees with the State of Florida and a P.O. Box. All the other funding went for veterinary bills and microchips.



Foster Spotlight

Molly and Naples are future leaders! The APL is not a rescue but we're fortunate to have private foster families who care for orphaned, abandoned or injured cats and kittens. Their family has graciously fostered all ages including bottle-fed newborn kittens to adult cats.



Thanks to their parents, Molly and Naples are great examples of why it's so important to teach children from an early age how to interact with pets and fosters. Pets can teach children life lessons about patience, compassion, trust and more.



Many foster cats and kittens have benefited from time spent with Molly and Naples. Both enjoy reading to them, playing, socializing, providing daily care and lots of petting.



Molly is in 8th grade. Her favorite thing about fostering is "helping cats and kittens find a home. Giving them another chance. The cats and kitties that come to the house add another spark of fun especially when they start running around. Also watching them grow up."



Naples is in Vpk and says he "likes to play with them, with their toys and they play in boxes!"



Thank you Molly and Naples for your amazing kindness and everything your family does to help cats and kittens.



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 ~ \$25 Families ~ \$150 Individual Life Membership

Welcome New Members

Life Members: Joanna Lovering, Marlene Riedl, Melissa Riedl, Jenney & Dave Berge, Bette Ackerman, Patricia Reish

Total Membership: 197 including 175 Life Members

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