



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 is my 30th year as APL President and looking back we have accomplished a few things regarding spaying and neutering in this county. As of January this year we have assisted over 19,000 animals with sterilization. I am very sure that by the end of the year, we will have sterilized over 20,000 animals. Unfortunately, that has not stopped the amount of cats with kittens or dogs with puppies. There are still too many uneducated people who do not realize that a kitten can get pregnant at four months of age and a dog just a little older. Thus the great surprise when they have male and female pets living together and one is suddenly pregnant!!

We are grateful to the clinics who work with us: Emerald Coast Animal Hospital, Crossroads Animal Clinic and Dogwood Acres Clinic. We also appreciate Dr. Forrest Townsend at the Bayside Hospital for Animals who helped us out with many cat spays or neuters. If you are a customer in any of these clinics thank them for us too. We appreciate their cooperation and kindness. Kitten season is here again and we are receiving many requests for appointments.

Donations have been steady during the last year thanks to our generous supporters. Without your kindness we would have to close our operation.

We did not meet for the annual potluck dinner last year due to my medical problems, but after another new hip, I can walk really well. We will have our dinner on May 12th. Even though it is on Mother's Day, I hope many of you can come. I look forward to seeing a lot of our members.

We showed the new three layer cage in our last newsletter that is used for our cat and kitten adoptions. It has worked very well and the cats have lots more room to move around. We can also place more pets at Petland than before. Thanks to everyone at Petland (especially Linda) for taking good care of the cats and kittens and helping us find adoptive homes.

I hope that all of you had a nice spring and will have a good summer. Hoping to see you at the potluck dinner. Thank you again for your continued support.

~ Almut



Annual Potluck Dinner

Our annual potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, May 12th, 4pm at Almut's home at 623 West Sunset Blvd in FWB. Dinner will be served at 5pm. It is always nice to see APL members, friends and have the opportunity to visit, exchange ideas, and receive suggestions for the coming year.

Please RSVP by calling Almut at 863-1598 or 830-2909 or Paula at 862-8030 or 830-0980. Please leave a message letting us know if you will attend and how many. You can also RSVP by sending an email to Almut at buster1998@cox.net. Hope to see you there!

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: Jeri Cummings, Julie & Glenn Houser, Gaye Ellis

Family members: Kathrin Bannamon & family

Individual Member: Barbara Ferg-Carter, Carl Roland

Total Membership: 181 including 157 Life Members



May 2019 Winn Dixie Community Bag Program

The Okaloosa APL is honored to be selected for this program. Please visit Winn Dixie at 99 Eglin Parkway NW (Uptown Station) in Fort Walton Beach. For every \$2.50 Community Bag purchased during May we'll receive a \$1 donation! Thank you so much to Winn Dixie for this opportunity.

Summary of the Treasurer Report

The APL generated about \$55,000 in revenue last year and our expenses totaled about \$51,000. That put us about \$4,000 on the positive side. However, most of it was spent already in the first three months of this year. Our expenses stayed at 1/2 percent of every dollar donated. We were also honored to receive almost \$9,000 in lifesaving spay or neuter grants. We received \$10,000 from Bingo, about \$9,000 from adoption, \$900 in membership dues and the rest were direct donations from APL supporters.

APL volunteers assisted with vetting 1,423 companion animals (811 cats and 612 dogs) in 2018 through our Spay and Neuter Program. We are very grateful to our community and participating clinics for partnering with the APL to reduce the number of unwanted companion animals in Okaloosa County.



2018 Spay & Neuter Statistics

| Month | Cat Spay | Cat Neuter | Dog Spay | Dog Neuter | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| January | 28 | 11 | 31 | 10 | 80 |
| February | 68 | 8 | 39 | 10 | 125 |
| March | 39 | 25 | 28 | 13 | 105 |
| April | 53 | 24 | 38 | 16 | 131 |
| May | 64 | 33 | 45 | 22 | 164 |
| June | 47 | 26 | 32 | 18 | 123 |
| July | 67 | 15 | 38 | 9 | 129 |
| August | 50 | 20 | 39 | 17 | 126 |
| September | 36 | 11 | 50 | 6 | 103 |
| October | 51 | 14 | 40 | 9 | 114 |
| November | 59 | 11 | 53 | 8 | 131 |
| December | 45 | 6 | 30 | 11 | 92 |
| Total | 607 | 204 | 463 | 149 | 1423 |
| | Total Cats 811 | | Total Dogs 612 | | |



March 2019 Lifesaving Investment

The APL is honored and grateful to be recognized by the Petco Foundation for our lifesaving work. The Petco Foundation invested \$5,000 spay/neuter funding to assist with our Okaloosa Community Cat Project. We will be able to save the lives of countless kittens and improve the lives of cats in Okaloosa County, Florida thanks to this generous grant.

Thank you so much to the Petco Foundation and our community for helping the APL meet our mission goals. Please visit the Petco Foundation web site at <https://www.petcofoundation.org>

The BISSELL Pet Foundation recognized our lifesaving work in April 2018 by investing \$3,571.75 towards the Okaloosa Community Cat Project. We sterilized, vaccinated and chipped 98 cats (58 females and 40 males) that could have contributed to additional (countless) unwanted litters born in the field in our area.

We are grateful to the BISSELL Pet Foundation for helping us meet our mission goals and save lives. Please visit the BISSELL Pet Foundation web site at <https://www.bissellpetfoundation.org>.



For over ten years APL volunteers have focused on sterilizing community cats to reduce overpopulation, euthanasia and raise awareness and support. We've managed to save countless lives at the locations we manage but statistics show cat intake has increased at Animal Control in the last three years.

Sterilization is the key to reducing the uncontrolled feline breeding. Several neighboring counties are working to implement Return to Field and Trap-Neuter-Return programs as a means of intake diversion at animal control facilities and to reduce the cat population. These are nationally recognized, effective and sustainable programs we hope will also be implemented in Okaloosa.

If you have the time and would like to help please call Almut at 830-2909 or send an email to buster1998@cox.net.



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

- ❖ PayPal Giving Fund
- <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/105865137050618816/charity/193007>
- ❖ Donate While You Shop or Sell on e-Bay
- <http://charity.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/okaloosa-animal-protection-league/193007/>
- ❖ Donate While You Shop on Amazon Smile
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- ❖ APL PayPal Address - Donate@OkaloosaAPL.org

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