



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

Well, the year 2020 started out very promising in regard to our spay/neuter program. At the end of March we had assisted 500 surgeries (cats and dogs). We were working with four vet clinics in the county. So we hoped to have a great year. Unfortunately, COVID-19 slowed everything. Some clinics could not schedule out of precaution. Emerald Coast and Crossroads helped us out as much as possible. So as of date we have sterilized over 1000 animals and we probably continue an average of 100 animals per month.

Again 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 Veterinary Clinic and Bayside Hospital for Animals. We especially like the special events with up to 25 cats being sterilized in one day.

I have informed the board members that I am planning to step back a little. A long-time volunteer/member is interested in taking over the program. She has learned a lot of things and has assisted me in various projects. In the meantime I will still be around to help in any way. Holly and Christy have taken over most of the scheduling. We do have an unbelievable number of requests. If we could get more veterinary clinics to participate in our program, we could double the numbers of sterilization. We understand that many of them are still cautious in taking on more surgeries. We will miss Dr. Pate at Emerald Coast, but Crossroads added a new veterinarian which helped a lot.

We believe our spay/neuter program is important and there are very few such assistance in this area. Thank you to all my board members and all the volunteers, who helped over the years, along with all the generous donors.

~ Almut



Sending HUGE thanks to Subaru Fort Walton Beach for selecting the APL as the Share the Love hometown charity last year and to everyone who chose our volunteer group. The \$12,163 generous proceeds from this event will have a significant impact in our area for years to come.

The APL was selected to participate in the Winn-Dixie Community Bag program again this year. We are grateful for the \$65 donations raised during the July 2020 campaign! Thank you Winn-Dixie and everyone who helped make a difference for local companion animals.



The Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners recognized the APL in FY20 by investing \$9,625 to sterilize, vaccinate and microchip cats and kittens. We are pleased to share 219 (44 over the estimate) were vetted. This grant not only reduced the feline overpopulation but also benefited owners, property managers, businesses, animal control and rescues. Volunteers are honored to announce the APL was awarded this grant funding for FY21. Thank you to everyone who supports the APL mission.



The APL is honored and grateful to be recognized by the Petco Foundation for our lifesaving work. The Petco Foundation awarded us a \$3,500 spay/neuter grant to assist with reduced cost services for our local felines and the families who love them. Nalah and her sibling Timber were recently vetted through the Okaloosa APL's Spay & Neuter Program. Thank you Petco Foundation for partnering with us.

Silver Sands School provides education services to students with significant cognitive disabilities. For several years, APL volunteers have been privileged to meet the students, tell them about our projects, and explain why it is important to spay or neuter pets.



Silver Sands talented students create wonderful art and donate the proceeds of their projects to local charities. We greatly appreciate their generosity. Thank you, Seahorses! Check out their neat pens, gift tags, bookmarks and more which can be customized. To learn more:

Facebook: Follow @SilverSandsSeahorses
Web Site: okaloosaschools.com/silversands



Thank you to everyone who celebrated Almut's birthday this year and showed their support for the APL. Your kindness was very much appreciated!



The APL is very grateful to Eglin Pet Welfare for their gift towards our Spay & Neuter program. Volunteers will be able to assist many more families and their pets thanks to this generosity. We appreciate their help in reducing the companion animal overpopulation and the work their group does in our area!

Thank you, Racetrack Bingo! We greatly appreciate being selected as one of the local charities they support. Their generous donations benefit the APL's Spay & Neuter program.



We are sad to announce the passing of Alison DeBruhl. Alison was an APL Life and Board Member who rescued many animals. She was totally dedicated to our mission. Her support and advocacy will be greatly missed.

Volunteers are forever grateful to Virginia Floyd. Virginia passed away last year and gifted the APL with a generous bequest to help with our spay/neuter program. We are honored that she remembered us.



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.

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❖ PayPal Giving Fund -

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

❖ APL PayPal Address - Donate@OkaloosaAPL.org

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