



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

Another year has passed and the Country has a new President. However, the APL still has the same old, old President. We survived another year and spayed or neutered over 1200 animals in 2016. We are spending all the money donated so generously to us. By the end of February we were just about broke. So three very wise ladies came up with a fundraising idea. Candace Powell, Tracy Bethea and Michelle McCain started planning the “Big Fix” sale of quality merchandise collected in various houses, storage rooms and closed in patios. John Mixon custom built some very nice furniture for this event. We had an army of dedicated helpers who brought the items to the FWB Fairgrounds, helped price and organize everything for a week. The Schuenemanns took over the planning with some seed money from Thrivent and supplied popcorn and drinks for all three days. Shauna Davis with Scentsy set-up a booth and donated from sales to help the APL mission.

On a Thursday night we opened the sale for two hours and charged an admission fee of \$10. About 25 to 30 people came and had first choice at everything. Friday was the biggest turnout and Saturday was less busy. All in all the three days brought in over \$8,700. Needless to say everybody was delighted with the outcome. Jane, Holly and I had additional yard sale which brought in another \$630.



I would like to thank everybody for their great help by donating, bringing items, setting the items up, organizing them, pricing them, assisting during the sale and finally packing up the rest and moving some back to Jane's or my house. It was a great effort from all helpers. It could not have happened without these dedicated volunteers. **Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. APL and all the animals appreciate your dedication.**

(Candace are you ready for next year!!!! Hahaha)

~ Almut



Annual Potluck Dinner

Our annual **potluck dinner** will be held **on Sunday, June 4th, 3pm at Almut's home at 623 West Sunset Blvd in FWB. Dinner will be served at 4pm.** It is always nice to see APL members, friends and have the opportunity to visit, exchange ideas, and receive suggestions for the coming year. Last year we had a great turnout with over 30 members. The food was various and delicious. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 31st** by calling Almut at 850-830-2909, Holly at 850-582-5768 or Paula at 850-830-0980. 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!

Summary of the Treasurer Report

The year 2017 was financially a fair year. We received over \$47,000 in donations, memorials, adoption fees, membership fees and co-pay (money that was owed us). However, we spent \$57,000 in veterinarian bills and microchips. That wiped out all our reserve money. Our expenses for a P.O. Box, Filing Fees for the State of Florida, sales tax and bounced checks amounted to \$274. That is a very small percentage of our total budget, 0.04%. A little bit more than 1/2 cent.



Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy sewing or know someone who can help? Candace Powell handcrafts adorable bandanas for the APL. She has a lot of fabric! We are looking for volunteers to help finish the bandanas. Please contact Candace @ 850-803-3108 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!



Spay, Neuter & Vaccination Program Update

The APL sterilized over 1200 dogs and cats in 2016 (32% dogs and 68% cats). For the last 10 years we have focused on sterilizing colony cat populations to significantly reduce overpopulation, euthanasia and raise community awareness and support. Some of the colonies we manage have reduced from 19 to 2 cats in Shalimar, 34 to 2 cats at a library and 12 to 3 cats at a bowling alley ... just to mention a few.

Many people in the community do not understand the concept of Trap-Neuter-Return. Some would rather see feral or community cats and kittens killed. Only by addressing the root of the issue can we stop uncontrolled feline breeding and prevent taxpayer dollars being spent on a process that does nothing to prevent the problem. Not a single cat swam through the bay or walked over the Brooks Bridge to Okaloosa Island so why are there over 30 feral cats? Most of them are fixed, vaccinated, chipped and have a tipped ear. We are working hard to reduce the numbers but there is only a handful of people who are dedicated to this effort. If you have the time and would like to help please call Almut at 850-830-2909 or send an email to contact@okaloosaapl.org.

2016 APL Spay and Neuter Statistics

Month	Cat Spay	Cat Neuter	Dog Spay	Dog Neuter	Total
January	59	49	6	11	125
February	42	26	12	10	90
March	78	50	17	12	157
April	35	29	20	10	94
May	25	28	9	4	66
June	46	25	6	6	83
July	55	46	13	7	121
August	45	30	4	8	87
September	69	53	5	4	131
October	65	43	6	5	119
November	40	52	1	4	97
December	44	44	6	2	96
Total	603	475	105	83	1266
	Total Cats 1078		Total Dogs 188		

APL Membership

~ We are sad to announce we lost a lifelong APL Member this year. Marie Wagner will be truly missed. We welcome Lois Norton as a new Life Member.

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

Total Membership: 179 including 149 Life Members

Rona's APL Kittens

We are grateful to have several wonderful cat and kitten fosters. Rona leads the kitten adoption program. Fosters provide care for stray, injured or born in the field kittens until they are old enough to be placed for adoption. We are also very grateful to Petland for their help in adopting cats and kittens for the APL. Please stop by Petland located at 415-G Mary Esther Cut-Off or click to visit their web site at www.petlandfortwalton.com. Follow Rona's APL Kittens and Okaloosa Fix 500 Challenge on Facebook to learn more about the program and to see cats and kittens currently in foster care.



Photos on right show Phoebe and her kittens the day they were rescued in March. Left photo shows beautiful and sweet Phoebe with her kitten Spice Girl this month.

An APL volunteer received a call on March 13th about a Mother cat and kittens located in Fort Walton Beach. Phoebe was carelessly abandoned by her owners after they were evicted. This very sweet cat was left to fend for herself for three months then gave birth to five kittens on a Sunday night in the cold rain and on freezing concrete. Sadly two of her kittens did not survive the night.

The APL volunteer picked up Phoebe and her barely two day old kittens. Phoebe was very sick, malnourished and dehydrated. Her mouth was full of ulcers so she was not able to eat much less clean herself or take care of her kittens. It's nothing short of a miracle that Phoebe and one of her kittens, Spice Girl, are alive.

Both Phoebe and Spice Girl are doing great thanks to Jo at Crossroads and generous donations! They are in foster care and available for adoption through the APL.



Help Save the Life of an Unwanted Dog or Cat

The APL firmly believes that spay and neuter is the key to reducing the euthanasia of companion animals. Thousands of cats and dogs are put down by our local animal control contractor each year. We work to stop this tragedy with proactive solutions to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the APL to help meet our mission goals in 2017. Thank you!

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/>
- ❖ APL PayPal Address - Donate@OkaloosaAPL.org

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We are grateful to everyone who donated this year. We apologize if your name is not listed. Please let us know. Thanks!

Ackerman, Bette	Dyer, Brandy	Kooplan, Gennine	Rodgers, Lele
Armstrong, Pat	Evors, Mary Grace	Ladner, Susan	Sawyer, Jackie
Au, Ardis	Fedosky, Jane	Lambert, Joe	Schimmer, William
Barrentine, Christy	Fisher, Irene	Langley, Gail	Schmidt, Suzi
Baughman, Diane	Fisher, Suzi	Link, Barbara	Schuenemann, R & S
Behnken, J & U	Folsom, Danielle	Lovering, Jo	Scott, C & J
Bidzos, Barbara	Freed, Anna	Mason, Audrey	Scott, Jane
Bishop, Jan	FWB library	May, Cheryl	Self, Debra
Burdette, B & W	Gay, Liz	McFarland, Lucy	Silver Sand School
Burdette, B & W in m. of Helen Potts	Gagnon, Leah	Mixon, Pat & John	Snyder, Nancy
Cast, Linda	Gregg, Sabrina	Morgan, Jo	Stollery, Don in m. of his beloved cat Emily
CFC	Hall, Anne	Nichelson, Marci	Strickland, Emily
Childrens Invitational	Halmaghi, Brian	Norton, Carol	Turner, Cynthia
Cochran, Lee	Haslam, Caren	Norton, Lois	Tymowczak, Nellie
Cole, Diana	Hawkins, Kelley	Old Bay Steamer	Van Wagner, C & F
Conger, Jennifer	Heim, Ginger	Owens, Tania	Vaughn, Marilyn
Cox, Rosemarie	Heller, Wendy	Parker, Almut	Walker, C & P
Creel, Beth	Hermann, Thomas	Parker, Almut in m. of Helen Potts	Ward, Pinky
Crews, George	Hollowell, Melissa	Peele, Anna	Waters, Eloise
Davis, Shauna	Hoover, Holly	Penn, Mindy	Weldon, Gabi
Deal, Don	Huffmaster, C & J	Pinette, Suzanne	Wheat, Robin
DeBruhl, Allison	Jennings, Tuny	Powell, Candace	Wills, Robin
Dorris, Michael	Johnson, Nancy	Prellberg, Carol	Zingaretti, Vickey
Dorris, Paula	Kennedy, Marilyn	Prellberg, Carrol	Several Donations in Memory of Don Norton
Dorris, Paula in m. of Helen Potts	Kisela, Lucy in m. Georgia Schwingle	Raley, Tina	
Dubec, Jeanette	Kiser, Becky in m. of Marge & Jim Kiser	Raulston, Helen	
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