



NEWSLETTER 2024

WEISER RIVER ANIMAL SHELTER AND RESCUE

TNR Progress

The city of Weiser has applied for several grants in order to begin a TNR program here. Trap Neuter and Return has been very successful in other areas and we believe it will work here as well. We will have more information soon.

Fundraising ideas

If you are a member or thinking of becoming a member and you have a good idea for a fundraiser for our group, call John at (208) 550-0500 and tell him your idea, or show up at our monthly meeting held at 7pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the Bee Tree Folk School at 30 E. Idaho St. in Weiser.



If you would like to help:

There are many ways that Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue could use the help of our community members. Join the group. Put up a yard sign. Buy a teeshirt. Sign up to feed or clean at the cat facility that is out at our board president's place, (call John at (208) 550-0500 to volunteer). Donate cat food for the cats, dog food (for CASPR), offer to foster strays, get on our website and donate to Sponsor a Spay, adopt a cat or kitten, donate clumping cat litter, blankets, cushions, bowls, or toys, think of a fundraiser and bring ideas up to the group.

We welcome new members and new ideas. Bring your enthusiasm to the group and let's get this shelter for homeless or abandoned animals built to make our community proud!

Our website is weiserriveranimalshelter.com and our address is Weiser River Animal Shelter P.O. Box 61, Weiser ID 83672



Pet Friendly Plates help support spaying and neutering across Idaho. Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue will be applying next year for some of the funds that are being raised by this license plate, up to \$5000. The cost to buy Pet-Friendly plates for your vehicle is an additional \$35.00 the first year and \$25.00 each year after that. This fee is above the annual cost of registering your vehicle.

Site Progress for the Animal Shelter

Here is an update on a potential site for the shelter. This property is located just before turning left off of Airport Road at the gate into the airport. It is easily identified, as it has a wide gate in the middle of the fence around the airport, and much of the property is black gravel. A 100' x 60' shed is situated in the right hand corner of the property.

As of today, we have done the first step and received approval by the Airport Board. We plan to go to the City Council in February to discuss our plans. (This property is owned by the city, but is not in the city limits). Once we have our architectural plans available, we will then go back to the City Council to have that approved, and to discuss our cost of leasing the space. Our understanding is that we cannot buy the property but can lease it if the City Council agrees with our plans.

After getting the City Council to agree to allow us to lease the property (less than two acres), we will need to go in front of the County Planning and Zoning Board to get their approval, and then on to the County Commissioners for theirs. After getting all of the approvals as well as an agreement on the lease, it will probably be May before we could have final approval and be able to move forward.

Today we have discussed buying the large shed adjoining this property with the owner. Before that could happen, there would be some inspections done, and a survey of the property (P & Z must have a legal description of the property for their records). We also need to determine if the water in the system there is potable for humans, and have the electricity in the building inspected to be sure it can supply what we need.

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Happy Tails! by Thea Bendix

My favorite cat, Willie, was an orange and white tuxedo cat, who passed away at the ripe old age of 19.

His companion Fritz was lonesome and I missed Willie, too. I decided to visit the Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue to adopt another family member.

I was looking for a female cat, but female orange cats are very rare, making up less than 20% of the orange cat population. There are so very many friendly and beautiful cats of every color and age at the shelter. Choosing just one was a monumental task. I found a beautiful orange cat who turned out to be female, young and very, very sweet.

It was love at first sight! Her name is Mina and Fritz's life and mine has been enriched an immeasurable amount by her presence.

There are so many lovely adoptable cats available at the shelter. I encourage you to call for an appointment to find your next furry family member! Call John at (208) 550-0500.

Adopt a pal

ADOPTIONS ARE OPEN NOW!
Here is the first group that is ready to go. Both males and females are neutered or spayed and vaccinated. Until the end of November and then after Dec. 15, call John Aegerter at 208 550-0500 to get an appointment to come meet the cat you want to adopt.



This is what we will call the BLACK & WHITE KITTY GROUP. Come meet them.

Site progress (continued)

We understand that the property is in the flood plain, so we also need a determination on how that might impact what we want to do.

We will have a individual familiar with construction inspect the large shed to be sure there are no problems with the structure. This structure is all metal, inside and out. There may have been chemicals mixed in the building so we'll need an inspection to see if there is any chemical residue that would need to be cleaned up before we begin construction on the inside.

There is still a lot to do to have this property ready for us to move in. But having the building would give us a good start and its size might handle all of the shelter we wish to build at this time. There will also be quite a lot of empty ground available for parking and possible expansion in the future. Until we have had an architectural drawing prepared, we will not know how things will be.

As most of you know, we were unable to obtain approval on the first piece of property we wanted to buy. It is possible that the basic problem that caused that rejection before will not interfere with the current airport project. As we move through the approval process we will learn if that is the case at this new site.

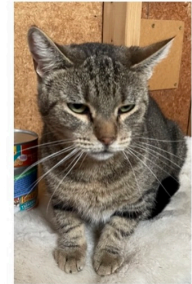
As this shelter is a facility that is really needed in this community, we are hopeful that our city and county officials will work with us to make it happen.



This is the **ORANGE & WHITE KITTY GROUP**. Same number; call John at (208) 550-0500 to come meet this group. The cat on the top left is called a Flame Point. The other two are orange and white.



The **STRIPED TABBY KITTY GROUP** is on the top of the page and the two **TWIN GRAY KITTIES** are at the bottom. Come meet all these kitties. Call John at 208 550-0500 and find out how to come meet these fine cats and decide who you would like to take home with you. Male and female are spayed or neutered and vaccinated.



TWIN GRAY KITTIES GROUP

So John says he doesn't name a cat until they tell him their name. The white cat with black toupee on the left side of this page is Buster, and though he told John what his name was, he didn't cooperate with the picture-taking process. He is a vaccinated, neutered, handsome male and he is ready for a new home. And if you adopt him, maybe he will tell you a different name. Or maybe not! Come meet him!



SPONSOR A SPAY!

Statistics show that it is impossible to control the numbers of kittens and stray cats in a community without having a strong commitment from people to spay and neuter any cats that are adopted.

TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) programs are also very effective in curbing the number of feral cats in a town.



This then, is a call to those of us who do not want a cat, or already have enough cats and can take in no more, to help our community by sponsoring a spay. The Idaho Humane Society has come up with the best name for this: Spay it Forward!

If you want to answer this call to help us with spaying and neutering both dogs and cats, please get on our website weiserriveranimalshelter.com then click on donate and select the amount you would like to add to this program. Or you can write to us at Weiser River Animal Shelter and Rescue at P.O. Box 61, Weiser, Idaho 83672 and enclose a donation for this spay/neuter fund. Thank you!



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