

THE SCOOP

Crestwood Animal Shelter's Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021

♥ YOUR PETS.
HAVE THEM ♠
(AND NEUTERED)

Below is a list of several local organizations that offer low and no-cost spaying and neutering.

SpayUSA Certificate
Participating Veterinarian
Call (800) 248-7729 for more details and to obtain a certificate.

CAROL HOUSE QUICK FIX PET CLINIC
1218 S JEFFERSON
ST LOUIS, MO 63104
314-771-7387
OPEN TO ALL
<http://www.stlspayneuter.org/>

BARCSPAY
ST LOUIS, MO
314-435-1819
OPEN TO ALL LOW INCOME ONLY
<http://barcstl.org/>

POUND PALS NOOTERVILLE PROGRAM
ST LOUIS, MO
314-776-7729
OPEN TO ALL MUST LIVE IN CITY LOW INCOME ONLY
<http://www.poundpals.org/>

HUMANE SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
1201 MACKLIND1007
ST. LOUIS, MO 63110
314-802-5700
OPEN TO ALL LOW INCOME ONLY
<http://www.hsmo.org/vetcenter/services/spay-and-neuter.html>

OPERATION SPOT
P.O. BOX 29563
ST. LOUIS, MO 63127
314-909-8387
OPEN TO ALL
opspot.org

THE TOP 10 REASONS TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS

- **Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.**
Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.
- **Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.**
Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer.
- **Your spayed female won't go into heat.**
While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently-sometimes all over the house!
- **Your male dog won't want to roam away from home.**
An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.
- **Your neutered male will be much better behaved.**
Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.
- **Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.**
Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds-not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.
- **It is highly cost-effective.**
The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. (It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood stray.)
- **Spaying and neutering your pet is good for the community.**
Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering directly affects the number of animals on the streets.
- **Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to learn about the miracle of birth.**
Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is not a good lesson for your children-especially when so many unwanted animals end up in shelters. There are tons of books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a more responsible way.
- **Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation.**
Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

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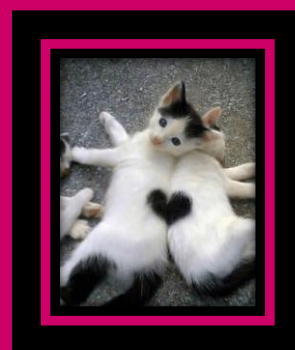
NATIONAL SPAY AND
NEUTER AWARENESS
MONTH

FEBRUARY 2
Groundhog's Day

FEBRUARY 3
Feed the Birds Day

FEBRUARY 12-15
Great Backyard Bird Count

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day



FEBRUARY 15
Presidents Day

FEBRUARY 20
National Love Your Pet Day
World Whale Day

FEBRUARY 22
National Wildlife Day

FEBRUARY 23
National Dog Biscuit Day
World Spay Day

FEBRUARY 27
National Polar Bear Day





LOVE STORIES



The “Tail” of Fat Butt Olive Poopy Pants Pancake!



Olive arrived at Crestwood Animal Shelter after we pulled her from a local Animal Control. She was adopted immediately by a cat friend from the shelter, but sadly returned less than 2 months later. Olive was returned for biting her owner after she got scared of a video that was playing with cats yowling, hissing, and fighting. Who can blame the girl? After all, she is declawed (she came to the shelter that way) and went into defense mode when she got scared.

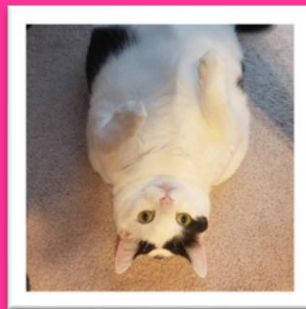
When Olive came back to the shelter, she was mad and angry that she had been failed again by humans and was lashing out at volunteers. That’s when I decided to take her home to foster. She was scared at first, but did well without biting or attacking. I even had an adopter lined up for her; however, Olive had different plans. The day the adopter came to get Olive she reverted back and attacked me and the adopter, which sealed her fate – Olive Poopy Pants Pancake had claimed me as her human and no one was going to take her away from me. She knew I wouldn’t fail her! She likes to stalk me and watch my every move (she is currently watching me as I type this story about her). She is also very affectionate and has the softest, sweetest “mew” that she will let out when she wants some love.



How did she get such a name? Let me break it down – Fat Butt Olive Poopy Pants Pancake. Fat Butt – obvious! Strangely enough she is very picky about her food! Olive – she was originally named Oliver, but I changed it since she’s a girl! Poopy – she’s so fat she can’t even clean her own bottom, so she drags it across the carpet and then watches me clean the carpet constantly. Pants – she wears white pants, just look at her picture! Pancake – as big as she is, she can lay down super flat like a pancake.

Everything happens for a reason and there was a reason she found her way to me. I love her dearly. I think she loves me, too, but most likely I’m just her slave and she puts up with me!

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