



SPAYED AND AID OF KY

NEWSLETTER - Issue 2: August 2024

STATISTICS

(Feb – July 2024)

Pet Food Pantry –
Animals Fed: 1,208

Spay and Neuter
Program and Trap-
Neuter-Release
Program: 87 cats
and 25 dogs
sterilized.

Unwanted litters
prevented: Over 5
years, 1 dog could
produce 1,250
puppies and 1 cat
could produce
6,525 kittens (using
low estimates).

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SAA, PO Box 1694

Russellville KY



OUR VERY FIRST GRANT: CLARK CHARITABLE TRUST

Spayed and Aid of Kentucky expresses its sincere appreciation to Clark Charitable Trust for providing us grant funding for marketing expenses to help expand information about our services throughout Logan County, Kentucky. This is our very first non-profit grant, and we couldn't be more appreciative. Thank you for investing in us!

CHEWY DONATES TRUCKLOAD OF BEDS

June brought additional excitement as Spayed and Aid of Kentucky received a semi-truckload donation of pet beds from Chewy.



The donation was made possible through a partnership with the Humane Society of the United States, Kentucky Chapter.

Within 3 hours, approximately 400 beds were distributed to Logan County residents on Saturday, June 29. Special thanks to H&H Sheet Metal Fabricators for providing the distribution location and Pro Service of Kentucky for providing equipment to move the boxes.

Thank you to the many volunteers who stepped up to help in this enormous effort.

Additional photos and videos can be seen on our website and Facebook pages.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 31

Bake Sale

September 21

Road Block

October 19

Kids Halloween Costume Contest, Roxanne's Pizza, Auburn. 12 – 2 pm.

October 20-26

Pet Costume Contest (Virtual)

December 7

Photos with Santa and the Grinch, Caldwell House, Russellville. 11 am – 2 pm.



ROAD BLOCK

We will be holding a fundraising road block on **Saturday, September 21**. This event will provide us with a unique opportunity to spread the news about our non-profit while collecting valuable funds

needed to keep our programs running. If you or someone you know would be interested in assisting with this fundraiser, please email spayedandaid@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page. This is an excellent opportunity for students and youth groups to gain community service hours. Special thanks to Angie Pritchett for serving as our Road Block Fundraiser Leader.

PET FOOD PANTRY

July 2024 Distribution Day
General Distribution
186 Pets Helped



Thank you to our July Pet Pantry Volunteers: Cory Baker (photographer), Anita Manning, Christy French, Rebecca and Tootie Ramsey, Amanda and Colleen Castile, and Karen Kirsch. Thank you to Logan County Good Samaritan Food Pantry for allowing us to use their space for distribution this month.

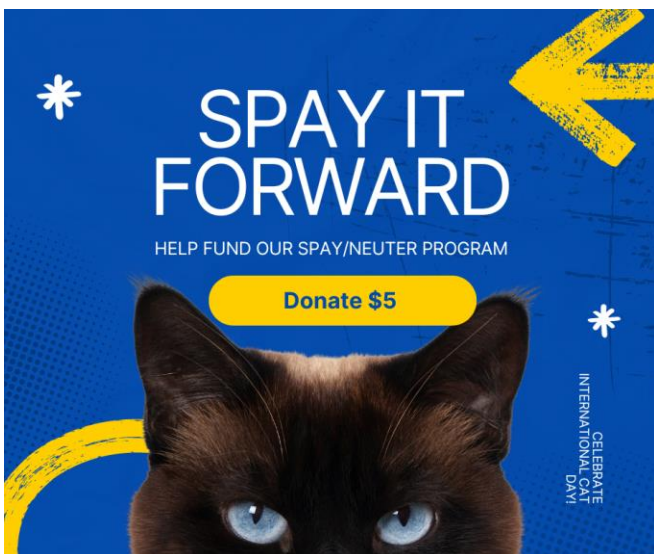
We will again be running our **Love for Pawz Community Donation Drive**. The event is scheduled for **February 1-8, 2025**. If you'd like to participate in the planning, please reach out to us at spayedandaid@gmail.com or via Facebook. Last year, for our first community donation drive, we had 11 businesses participate as drop off locations, and community members donated 1100 pounds of cat/dog food. We hope to collect even more this year ... but we will need everyone's help.

SPAY IT FORWARD

For the month of August we will be focusing on raising funds to help continue our Spay and Neuter Program. There are currently 174 animals on the list as of today. We'd like to ask that each of our supporters consider donating \$5 toward the cost of surgeries for these animals. (Note - it costs much more than this to spay/neuter an animal but this seems like an amount that many people might be able to contribute.)

While we have been fortunate to receive donations/grants this past month, those funds are quickly used to pay for surgeries. (We have very little overhead and keep a very low bank balance.) Money that comes in goes out almost immediately to help those who need assistance in Logan County. We will be running our **SPAY IT FORWARD \$5 DONATION CAMPAIGN** between now and August 31. Please consider donating. THANK YOU, everyone. **** All donations stay local and are tax deductible. ****

Spayed and Aid of KY, PO Box 1694, Russellville, KY 42276. Paypal and Venmo QR codes below. Our programs are funded 100% through donations and fundraising efforts. **When the funding runs out, so do the services.** Please help us control the animal population in Logan County.



EDUCATION MINUTE – Why Do Cats Knead with their Paws?

Author: Julia Albright, Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee

“Do you ever see your cat shifting his front paws back and forth just before settling down for a nap? Have you heard some cat lovers talk about their feline friends “making biscuits” or “kneading dough”?”

Scientists who study cat behavior call this distinctive paw action “kneading” and believe it to be a sign of a relaxed cat. My own cats knead before taking a nap near me. While they are kneading, they purr – one of them gets so relaxed, he sometimes drools. Kneading usually occurs near a favorite person.” Read the full article on *The Conversation* at this link.

<https://theconversation.com/why-do-cats-knead-with-their-paws-156254>



with Layla's team.

LAYLA'S ARTISTIC CREATIONS

We are so excited to announce this partnership with Layla's Artistic Creations. Layla is a 10-year old, 5th grade student at Olmstead (KY) Elementary who just started her own business!

Layla has 14 different key chain animal designs; only 4 are shown here. All can be seen on her Facebook page. She will be donating \$1 per keychain sold to our nonprofit. These are ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE. They certainly are must haves for any animal lover! There are all sorts of uses for these -- birthday gifts, stocking stuffers, get well pick me ups, etc.

Let's support this 10-year-old's business and help the charity as well. All proceeds will go toward our Spay and Neuter Program. Thank you, Layla!

Go to Layla's Facebook page – Layla's Artistic Creations – to order. If you don't use Facebook but are still interested in ordering, reach out to us and we will put you in touch

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Did you know Spayed and Aid of Kentucky has website? We do and we'd love for you to take a look. You can find general information about our charity as well as answers to your specific questions there. <https://spayedandaid.org>

Here are a few things to look at:

- ♥ Background of the charity
- ♥ Pet Food Pantry Information and Statistics
- ♥ Spay and Neuter Information and Statistics
- ♥ Trap-Neuter-Release Information and Statistics
- ♥ Sign Up Sheet for Services
- ♥ Photos from Pet Food Pantry Distribution Days
- ♥ Photos from Chewy Pet Bed Distribution Day
- ♥ News Coverage, Videos and Our Last Newsletter
- ♥ Ways to Donate (Money, Pet Food, Planned Giving)
- ♥ Senior Adoption Spotlight
- ♥ And much more ...

