
HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS

Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.

Spring/Summer, 2019

Spring Rabies Clinic Announced

The Humane Society of Wyoming County reminds all dog and cat guardians that rabies vaccinations are **mandatory** in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In order to assist county residents in obtaining these required vaccinations for their dogs and household cats over three months of age, the HSWC is sponsoring a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the PA Department of Agriculture Building, Route 92 South, Tunkhannock (next to Bartron's John Deere tractor store). Dr. Abbey Jones of the Schultzville Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccinations, at a very reasonable cost of \$8 per shot (cash only, please).

Owners are required to have their companion animals either leashed or in an individual carrier, and under control at all times. Please bring the animal's most recent rabies vaccination certificate if one is available. **Residents from any county are welcome to attend this event.**



Remember: vaccinating pets protects not only the animal population, but the human population as well.

If you have any questions on this event, please call us at 570-836-4745.

Cruelty Investigations in Wyoming County

Our Humane Society Police Officer, Darrell Sands, continues to investigate a sad number of calls on animal abuse, neglect, and cruelty in our county. Officer Sands has successfully prosecuted eight cases in magisterial court during the last few months. During the winter, a large number of calls were responded to involving the illegal tethering of dogs in sub-freezing weather, as well as other animals with improper shelter and inadequate food or water. Several cases of animal hoarding were investigated, with animals (and sometimes people) living in deplorable conditions. Other calls included abandoned dogs, neglect of farm animals, requests for animal welfare checks, injured or abandoned cats, and dogs injured on the side of the road. In many cases, owners are educated on proper animal care and current animal welfare laws, and the problem can be corrected without filing charges. Other animal guardians, however, refuse to cooperate and can then face charges.

In special memory —

The officers and Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Wyoming County bid a sad farewell to the following individuals who passed away in recent months: former Triton Hose Company Chief Paul B. Shaffer of Tunkhannock, former member and officer Geri Glenn Vaskas of Tunkhannock, and former Wyoming County Commissioner Ronald Williams of Lake Winola. All were very supportive of our organization in the past. We will always remember them and appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

Help us help them:

- * Contact us (or local police) if you witness animal abuse. Calls are confidential.
- * Make sure your pet is always wearing an I.D. tag. (We receive many calls on found pets, and would be able to return them home quickly if only they had on proper ID!)
- * Prepare a disaster plan that includes your pet.
- * Be sure all your pets are spayed or neutered to fight pet overpopulation.
- * Think about adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue rather than purchasing one.
- * If you shop on Amazon, indicate our name under the "Amazon Smile" program, and we receive a donation for each purchase made.
- * Sign up your Shur-Save Gold Card for our organization, and we earn a rebate on your purchases.
- * Consider a bequest to the HSWC in your will.

Check Your Mailing Address Label

Do we have your correct mailing address? Please check your label. Also, if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, we will remove your name. All changes may be left as a message at (570) 836-4745.

Important Reminder . . .

2019 dog licenses were due by law on January 1st. If you haven't yet purchased your dog license, please do so immediately. This will help you avoid a fine and provide identification should your dog become lost. Wyoming County dog licenses are available at the courthouse, as well as designated area businesses. All dogs 3 months and older must be licensed each year. Discounts are available for spayed or neutered pets, and for senior or disabled owners.

For ease of purchase, dog licenses will be on sale during our May 4th rabies clinic.

Humane Society members and volunteers desperately needed!

FINANCIAL FACTS

Again in 2018, our organization's expenses exceeded our income. Our biggest costs include fielding a humane police officer, our spay and neuter program, veterinary services, and insurance. For several years now, we have had to dip into savings. Why did we do this? Because we will not allow animal cruelty to go without investigation in our county, or for pets to multiply because their owners cannot afford spay or neuter surgeries.

Please note that we are extremely careful with our funds. All checks must be signed by two individuals, a financial report is given each month at our Board meetings, we file all appropriate tax documents with the IRS, and we are planning an official audit in the very near future. Our treasurer is bonded. Donations, of course, are always needed and appreciated to keep us going!



Spay and Neuter Program

The Humane Society of Wyoming County's low-cost spay and neuter program continues to help income-eligible county residents afford these surgeries for their companion animals.

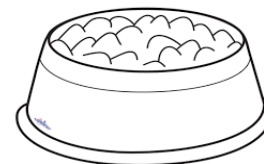
If you, a friend, neighbor, or relative are having trouble affording spay or neuter surgery for your dog or cat, please contact us. We can help. There is no excuse for NOT spaying or neutering. Several area programs are available.

Pet Food Available at Food Pantries

For Wyoming County residents experiencing difficulty in affording pet food due to short-term emergencies, the Humane Society of Wyoming County stocks local food pantries and food shares with some pet products. There are no large bags; we divide the food into smaller, plastic zip-top bags.

Locations include:

- Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, Tunkhannock
- Lake Winola United Methodist Church
- CEO, Tunkhannock
- Nicholson United Methodist Church
- Factoryville United Methodist Church
- Falls Active Senior Center



2019 Membership Application for The Humane Society of Wyoming County Inc.

Yes! I am interested in becoming a member of the Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc., for the year 2019. My membership will run from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020.

I will receive a membership card and newsletter (all membership categories). Individual and family members (adult heads of house within family) will receive voting privileges at the October general membership meeting (for election of officers and board members).

Return the completed form and check or money order (payable to "The Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.") to P.O. Box 478, Tunkhannock, PA 18657-0478.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ \$10 individual

_____ \$20 family membership

_____ \$1 student membership (grade 12 or younger)

\$_____ I wish to make an additional contribution to the Humane Society of Wyoming County (or I just want to help but not become a member)

Your donations fund education, cruelty investigations, emergency response, spay/neuter assistance, pet food donations to local food pantries, etc.

New!!! _____ Please save money for the animals. Do not send a thank you letter or membership card. I will still receive newsletters/voting rights.

Please support your humane society by becoming a member today! We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible as provided in Section 170 of the federal tax code. All work performed by officers and Board members is voluntary—no salaries or benefits are provided. (Our humane officer is the only paid employee within our organization.)

Memorial & Honorary Donations Noted

The Humane Society of Wyoming County gratefully acknowledges the following memorial and/or honorary donations:

- * In memory of "Mikey" the dog, from Marian Stroka.
- * In memory of Tim Owens, from Janaye and Mary Sickler.
- * In memory of Judi Wandell, from Tom Wandell.
- * In memory of "Shelby," beloved canine friend of Mark Orr & Joe Nappi, from Gail & Bill Sickles.
- * In memory of "Zipper," canine friend of the Shaw family, from Kay Noreika and Gail & Bill Sickles.
- * In memory of James Schappet, from Janet & Bill Shaw.
- * In memory of "Vel," the handicapped hen, from Kay Noreika.
- * In memory of Vel, Nigel,

- * and Cooper, from the Shaw family.
- * In memory of Geri Glenn Vaskas, from the following: Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Frost; Pam DeWitt; Barbara Reel; Cynthia Weber; and Michael & Elizabeth Ferris.
- * In memory of beautiful "Abbey," feline friend of Kate McGurk-May, from Gail & Bill Sickles.
- * In memory of Beryl Wheel, from the Eaton Hills Townhouse Owners Association.

And thank you to:

- * InterMetro Industries Corporation, for sponsoring a "Jeans Day" fundraiser for the HSWC.
- * The many merchants who allow us to place our donation canisters.
- * ShurSave Markets' Community Rewards program and Amazon "Smile," both of which raise funds for us.

- * Overfield and North Branch Townships, for donations.
- * Dr. Colin Jeschke, his staff, and our volunteers who worked the fall, 2018, rabies clinic (162 pets vaccinated).
- * Abington Veterinary Center and Bunker Hill Veterinary Hospital, for donation of rabies vaccination booklets.
- * Dr. Lynn D'Allesandro and staff at Creekside Animal Hospital, for generous assistance with an injured cat.
- * Michelle Carpenter and Wally Warring, for preparing labels for our pet food donations.
- * Judy Flak, for writing out our thank you messages.
- * Donna Mackiw, for donation of rabies tags.
- * Wally Warring, for donation of a fax machine.

Did you know: The HSWC responded to 1,168 calls for all kinds of assistance during calendar year 2018!?

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