
HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS

Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.

Spring/Summer, 2020

Rabies Clinic Update

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 cats over three months of age, the HSWC normally sponsors two low-cost rabies vaccination clinics each year (spring and fall).

We had tentatively scheduled our spring clinic for Saturday, May 2nd, with North Winds Veterinary Services. **HOWEVER**, due to the Covid-19 outbreak and travel restrictions, this clinic was postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Please feel free to check on clinic updates (as soon as available) on our Facebook page, in local media, and on our answering machine.

We are doing our best under extraordinary conditions.



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.

Tackling Cat Overpopulation with Spay/Neuter Services

Right before the Covid-19 outbreak, the Humane Society of Wyoming County launched an aggressive campaign to spay or neuter both house cats and outdoor neighborhood felines.

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteer grant writer and the generosity of local and national foundations, we were able to obtain funding from four different sources totaling over \$5000 (as well as some additional funding for a limited number of dogs). We have so far been able to provide free or low-cost spay/neuter vouchers for 51 cats in Wyoming County, with more funds available as soon as clinics re-open. Deep gratitude is expressed to:

- The Sheldon Family Foundation
- The Lackawanna Audubon Society
- The Bissell Foundation and "No-Nonsense Neutering"
- The Laura Ducceschi Fund for Animal Welfare (through the Scranton Area Community Foundation)

It costs WHAT?

Another good reason to keep **ALL** dogs and cats updated on rabies vaccinations: A Scranton resident was bitten last year by a cat, for which rabies vaccination status could not be determined. She went to the emergency room for treatment and had to receive the rabies shot series. Her hospital bills totaled \$3,407 for ER services and \$37,847.82 for the rabies shots. Doesn't it make financial sense to vaccinate **ALL** dogs and cats in Northeast Pennsylvania against rabies?

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 . . .

2020 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.

Humane Society members and volunteers desperately needed!

5 Tips for Safe Travel with Your Pets

- Be prepared. Always have a collar, leash, and ID tag.
- Please keep arms, paws, and heads inside the vehicle at all times.
- The driver's seat should be a human-only zone.
- Safely restrain or secure your pet.
- Never leave your pet alone.

(tips provided from Kurgo Pet Travel Products)

The Humane Society of Wyoming County's Mission Statement:

Prevention of cruelty to animals, relief of suffering among animals; the extension of humane education.

Cruelty Cases in Wyoming County

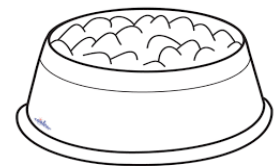
Our Humane Society Police Officer continues to respond to a sad number of cases within Wyoming County. Since our last newsletter, cases included: abandoned dogs and cats, cruel confinement, kitten with broken leg (owner located), dogs chained out in violation of "Libre's Law," emergency pet food situations, no shelter for horses and goats, animal theft, abandoned calves, animal hoarding, and spay/neuter inquiries, to name just a few.

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 bags.

Locations include:

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



2020 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 2020. My membership will run from June 1, 2029, through May 31, 2021.

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 Gary and Cheryl Vanvranken's beloved dog, Duke, from Janet & Bill Shaw.
- * In memory of Anne Schooley, from Karen & Frank Dobrinski.
- * In memory of beloved Cocker Spaniel "Jake," by Ray & Pat Oslin.
- * In memory of Bill Hogan, from Judi & Tony Flak.
- * In memory of the Shaw family's beloved pet goat, "Go-Go," from Catherine Noreika.
- * In honor of Janet & Bill Shaw's work and commitment of the Humane Society of Wyoming County, by Cheryl & Wally Warring.

- * In memory of Roger, much loved cat of Philip, Susan & P.J. Ryan, from Catherine Noreika and from Janet & Bill Shaw.
- * In memory of beloved dogs, Shotz and Stephanie, and beloved cat, Ralph, by owner Pat Imbriani. "Love you."
- * In memory of Kathy Packer's cat, Tiger, from Kay Noreika and from Bill & Janet Shaw.

Please note: If we have inadvertently missed any memorials, please notify us and they will be included in the next newsletter. We are working under less than optimal conditions, and do apologize for any errors. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

And thank you to:

- * InterMetro Industries Corporation, for sponsoring a "Jeans Day" fundraiser for

- the HSWC on February 28th.
- * 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.
- * North Branch Township supervisors, for a contribution.
- * Our Board, volunteers, and humane officer for their determined efforts to keep things going despite the unprecedented Covid-19 challenges.

Can you please consider a donation to us? Like everyone else, our fund raisers have been postponed. We are attempting to keep things going the best we can. Thank you so very much!

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