

Pants & Purrs

MONONGALIA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

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The Monongalia County Humane Society (MCHS) is a private nonprofit organization supported by membership dues, donations from the public, and fund-raising events. It is governed by a Board of Directors who serve without compensation.

To contact the Monongalia County Humane Society, call 304-296-6247/MCHS or email us at moncountyhumanesociety@live.com. Please leave a message. Messages are checked daily. To report lost animals, call the Canine Adoption Center (Dog Pound) at 304-291-7267. To report animal abuse or neglect, contact the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department at 304-291-7260.

MCHS holds public meetings the second Wednesday during the months of March and October. Meetings are held at 249 Old Cheat Road at 7:00 pm.

The President's Corner

These are lazy summer days with not too much happening. The big news for animals is that the House of Representatives has passed a Farm Bill which includes amendments proposed by Congressman Steve King of Iowa (Republican) which nullify state animal and agricultural worker protection laws. Representative King has a history of opposing all animal welfare legislation. He also supports the opening of horse slaughter facilities in the United States. The Senate version of the Farm Bill does not include these amendments, so please write to your state Senators and Representatives urging them to make sure the final version of the Farm Bill leaves state protective laws in place.

Horse slaughter is also in the news as several states, including Iowa, are attempting to open facilities. Horses raised in the U.S. have so many drugs in their systems that European and Canadian buyers will not import them but the Asian market is less concerned with humane practices toward animals or human health. Horse owners, like many dog and cat owners, want a quick, free way to dispose of animals they no longer want. With slaughter, they can actually make money from their pet's demise. Jonathan Swift would be proud of American entrepreneurs (A Modest Proposal).

Our Christmas in July pet food drive has fared poorly this year, leaving many Monongalia County pets in precarious positions. Donations of food or money designated for pet food are greatly needed. If you know a group looking for a community service project, please suggest helping our animals with a food drive.

The new school year is starting and students moving into an apartment often want a pet. We are hearing of severe problems with stray cats around some of the apartment complexes, either because people tried to bring in cats that were not allowed and just threw them out when caught, or they moved away and left pet cats to fend for themselves. Landlords have responded by bringing in exterminators to rid the complexes of cats. Pet cats can get caught in the traps as well so the situation is dangerous for all outdoor cats near the apartment complexes. There are no easy answers to this problem, but the issue must be addressed.

--Susan

What We Do:

- We raise public awareness of animal neglect and abuse.
- We provide financial assistance to spay and neuter animals.
- We provide pet food to local food pantries.
- We provide humane animal education to children in grades K-6.

What We Don't Do:

- We do not own or operate a shelter.
- We do not board or adopt animals.
- We do not provide rescue services.
- We do not provide foster services.

Christmas in July Pet Food Drive

As always, we would like to thank the residents of Monongalia County and participating businesses for their donations of pet food during our annual Christmas in July pet food drive. We appreciate the following businesses that acted as pet food donation drive sites: Kroger on Patteson Drive, Kroger on W.Va. 705, Kroger in Sabraton, Giant Eagle on Green Bag Road, and Giant Eagle at University Town Centre.



GIVE A GIFT - HELP AN ANIMAL

Would you like to honor or memorialize someone special? For a \$20.00 donation, a gift card will be sent to your designee with the following message:

A gift given in your name has provided care and medical help to a stray animal or needy pet. The Monongalia County Humane Society and the animals of Mon County thank you!

Your gift was given by _____

To give a gift, please send your check for \$20.00 made out to the Monongalia County Humane Society along with this form to: Monongalia County Humane Society, PO Box 390, Morgantown, WV 26507-0390

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone# _____
(In case we need to contact you)

Card to be sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

Spay/Neuter Report

To date, we have been able to provide vouchers to have 601 dogs and cats altered. This figure includes 118 spayed dogs and 120 neutered dogs, 159 spayed cats and 183 neutered dogs, and 14 spayed ferals and 7 neutered ferals. Please have your pet spayed or neutered and encourage your relatives, friends, and coworkers to do so as well. Spaying and neutering your pets not only helps reduce pet overpopulation, but also it provides your pets with a longer and healthier life.

Peterman Foundation Award

The Monongalia County Humane Society has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Peterman Foundation. This award will be used to provide spay/neuter services to our community as well as provide the same services to our county feral cats. Our primary mission is to reduce the number of unwanted births, through our SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance) programs, thus reducing the number of euthanized, abandoned and discarded animals. This award allows us to continue our 42 years of helping our community with their pets.

Our Board of Directors

Susan Hunter, President
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Check out MCHS online!!!
www.moncountyhumanesociety.org



A Dog Leash on Life

(www.humanesociety.org)

Like collars, leashes are available in many colors and designs from charming to chic. They are made of a variety of materials ranging from leather and nylon to hemp and metal. And as with collars, size is important. Make sure the leash is the proper size for your dog and for his collar. A thin, lightweight leash designed for a toy breed such as a Yorkshire terrier may not be strong enough to control a rambunctious Labrador retriever. The clip on the end of such a small leash also might break from the pressure of the metal ring on a large dog's collar, allowing your dog to get away from you.

Several styles of leashes are available. Some are made for convenience, and some have special purposes. A **basic flat leash** is 6 feet long and is quite versatile. Not only can you use it to walk your dog, in an emergency, you can use it as a slip lead or even make a muzzle out of it. A **retractable leash** consists of a thin cord wound onto a spring-loaded device inside a plastic handle. As your dog walks away from you, the cord unwinds. When he walks toward you, the cord retracts. A button on the handle allows you to control how much of the cord can be extended. A **bungee leash** stretches. They are marketed as a way to help control a dog who pulls on a leash and are designed to minimize the risk of injury to your dog's neck as he pulls. A **long line leash** is 10-60 feet that typically is used for training your dog. Be sure to limit the use of a long line to safe areas like a field, not near a busy city street. A **slip lead leash** looks like a regular flat leash except it has a metal ring on one end instead of a clip. A slip lead allows you to walk your dog on leash when he's not wearing his collar. However, a slip lead should only be used when a regular collar and leash aren't available because you can't control the tightness of a slip lead.



Membership Challenge

One of the best ways you can support animals is by helping us increase our membership. We'd like to issue a challenge to all of our members. Please help us by recruiting some of your friends ~ we need to increase our membership base!

By our next newsletter, we would like to double our membership! Help us meet our goal...pass this newsletter along to a friend so that they can complete the membership form and join!

Monogalia County Humane Society Membership/Volunteer/Donation Form

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

I am sending a donation for the following:

\$ _____ Membership dues (\$20/yr., \$500/lifetime) \$ _____ Adopt A Teacher (\$25/yr., \$600 Endowment)
 \$ _____ Needy Pet Food
 \$ _____ Feral Cat Program
 \$ _____ Spay/Neuter program based on financial need
 \$ _____ Injured Stray Animal Emergency Medical Services
 \$ _____ General donation
 \$ _____ **TOTAL**

I would like to volunteer for one (or more) of the following:

_____ Work at a fund-raising event _____ Donate Baked Goods
 _____ Other (Please specify) _____ Serve as a Board Member

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(please indicate your donation selections)



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A Legacy of Love

Did you know that a great portion of our total funding each year is a result of gifts from wills, trust and other estate plans? These thoughtful contributions help to ensure the future of our organization. In addition, we are able to assist even more animals in need. As an animal lover, we hope you'll consider adding our name as a beneficiary when you plan your estate. To include us in your will or estate plan, you must specify our legal name, street address, and tax identification number. For more information about making a bequest to us, please call 304-296-6247.

***"The greatness of a nation can be judged
by the way its animals are treated."***

- Gandhi

