



Wellington Humane Society Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/18 Monthly Dog Wash
- 2/20 National Love Your Pet Day
- 2/24 Facebook Live streamed event!
- 2/28 Last day adoption special
- 3/13 Volunteer Committee Meeting
- 3/18 Monthly Dog Wash
- 3/28 Respect Your Cat Day
- 4/10 Volunteer Committee Meeting
- 4/15 Goat Yoga!
- 8/26 Dogs, Cats, Cowboy Hats Event!

**KITTEN
SEASON IS
COMING! SPAY
OR NEUTER
YOUR CAT
NOW!**

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Abandoned Dogs Rescued by Deputy

On December 6, we received a call from a Sumner County Sheriff Deputy who had found some dogs abandoned two miles north of the Oklahoma/Kansas state line. There were five dogs total, but one, he said, was already deceased from what appeared to having been hit by a car. Another dog also appeared to have been hit by a car and was alive but had a severely broken leg. Three of the remaining dogs were not injured, but all were emaciated. A large bag of dog food was found by the dogs, but it was clear that they had been on their own for at least a month.

The deputy who contacted us asked if there was any way we could help. Although we were full, we knew these dogs needed our help, so we agreed to take them. Once the dogs were in our care, our vet gave them each a health exam and let us know that the injured dog would need his leg amputated.

Reaching out to our community, we asked for anyone willing to foster and were thankful when one person stepped up to the challenge. Bentley went to his new foster home underweight and scared, but when his foster brought him back in for a checkup a few weeks later, he was a different dog. He had put on weight and was so happy! His

foster knew he belonged at her house and adopted him.

Cooper, the injured dog, had his leg amputated and had an amazing recovery! Despite only having three legs, he loved to do zoomies in the yard. He has since been adopted into a loving home.

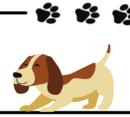
Arlo and Rover are still with us at the shelter waiting on their forever home, but they are gaining weight and learning that there are good people out there. Both boys love to play together and get along with dogs and people.



We are so thankful for the deputy who stepped up to help these wonder dogs and the families who adopted Bentley and Cooper. It takes a group effort to save lives, and we couldn't be prouder of our community!

To adopt or foster Arlo or Rover, give us a call at 620-440-4375 or visit our website to fill out an application.





January Adoptions: Happy Homes!



Dixie Recovering Wonderfully from Leg Surgery



Dixie, believed to be around three months old and a Border Collie mix, was found in the county all alone and with a broken leg. Sadly, her leg needed surgery beyond our veterinarian's care, but they found the right person to do it. And her

surgery, costing over \$2,000, would have depleted our medical funds, so we asked for your help, and generous donors made it happen! The sweet girl pictured here

heard about our injured pup and donated the money she won from a contest to the medical fund! In honor of the little girl that donated her prize money, we had additional donations. She was able to turn her prize money into more by being generous! We met our goal on Dixie's medical costs, and she had her leg surgery early in January.

Now she is doing wonderful! She is with a foster while she recovers from surgery. She is learning her basic commands like "sit" and "no jumping" and being a regular playful puppy! Thank you all for your support in getting this girl fixed up!

Her wonderful foster is planning to adopt her once she is ready!



896

Number of animals taken in since opening

709

Number of spay/neuter surgeries performed

773

Number of animals with forever homes



These Cats Begin the Year Purr-fectly!



Kitten Season is Coming! Spay or Neuter Cats Now!

Shelters across the country are already full, with many people relinquishing their pets. There has also been an increase in pets being abandoned, and shelters are having to take those animals in as well.

Our shelter has seen its own fair share of dumped animals lately. The mere thought of kitten season sends shivers down our spines. Every spring, there is an influx of kittens being born and ultimately showing up at shelters. Most often, these kittens don't come in with a mom, and some are young enough that staff have to scramble to find volunteers willing to bottle feed. It's not unheard of for shelters to take in 50 or more kittens during a two-month period (or sometimes longer).

Female cats can become impregnated by multiple male cats and have a gestation period of approximately 65 days. Once kittens are weaned at six weeks, females can become pregnant again. On average, most female cats have two or three litters a year and can have from one to eight kittens in a litter.

Typically, the average litter size is four kittens. That's approximately 12 kittens every year. With a life span of 18 years, that is a lot of kittens for just one female cat!

Spaying and neutering not only helps reduce the number of unwanted litters, but it also helps prevent health issues such as cancer. Unfixed cats are susceptible to mammary and prostate cancers just like we are. Female cats can also suffer from pyometra, an infection of the womb the same as female dogs can. The risk of feline leukemia virus (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) are also greater in unfixed stray cats.



How can you help us stop the overpopulation of cats and help reduce the risk of health issues for the cats in our community?

- Make sure your animals are spayed and neutered. We offer a low-cost spay-neuter program for the public and have surgery dates scheduled at least once

a month.

- If you are feeding stray cats outside, go the extra mile and get them fixed. We have a feral cat spay/neuter program which costs \$50. Applications can be found on our website.

- If you aren't caring for any stray cats but you would still like to help, donate money towards a surgery. You can donate a flat \$50 or any amount you feel comfortable giving. It all adds up!

- Volunteer to foster kittens. We can train fosters how to bottle feed and care for young kittens and pregnant moms.

- Help spread the word that we have spay/neuter programs available and volunteer opportunities.



Updates!!! Klondike and Snow, Zoe, and Biscuit



You might remember a dog hoarding situation in Barber County two years ago and we took in a sibling pair named Bonnie and Clyde. A wonderful couple out of Colorado saw their story and drove many hours to

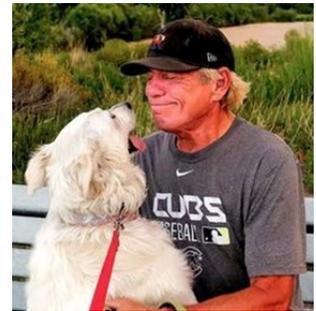
adopt them! They are now named Klondike and Snow (very fitting!) and thriving! Snow came to the shelter blind, so she depended heavily on her brother Klondike for guidance.

Their adopters said, "My heart glows with compassion and love for my two wonderful fur-

ry friends Klondike and Snow. Adopting them was one of the best experiences of my life.

At first, I was worried about Snow's blindness. but witnessing her courage and determination to keep up with Klondike has made me want to be more brave. Klondike and Snow have such beautiful, kind, and loving spirits. I'm so blessed that we found each other."

Thanks again for adopting these sweet siblings! Dogs with disabilities can be harder, but we know the work is worth the love! Happy tails, Klondike and Snow!



Zinnia, (now Zoe)

Remember the shy puppy Zinnia? Well, she is thriving in her new home! And turning into a beautiful girl! Her adopted mom said, "Just wanted to give you an update on "Zinnia " adopted on October 31.

We named her Zoe, and she is a fun, spunky little girl. She is still coming out of her shell with meeting new people, but is always happy to meet other fur-friends. She has a big brother, as seen in these pictures. She is



spoiled rotten! We love her so much; thank you so much for helping us find this sweet girl. " Thank you for giving this sweet girl a chance!

Biscuit, (formerly Frankie)

came in as a dirty and matted stray from the county. He was rescued by a caring person that kept him safe until we had room at the shelter.

Luckily, he was adopted very quickly, and they sent us this update.

He got a much-needed haircut to get his mane back to manageable. They said Biscuit is great with their grandkids and an awesome snuggler! He is fitting in wonderfully! Thank you so much for adopting!



Community Support in 2022 Makes Shelter Success

We can't believe how quickly 2022 passed us by! We can't thank our community enough for the support in making this shelter a success. In 2022, we took in 266 animals that were surrendered, transferred in from the pound or other shelters, or dumped and in need of medical attention. Of those animals taken in, we spayed/neutered 201 animals, the majority being cats.

Unfortunately, this past year was a struggle for many shelters across the country. Intakes were at an all time high, while adoptions were low. However, we did find homes for 226 animals. We put on many fundrais-

ers, and despite the economy not being great, we felt we had a good year!

Our low-cost spay and neuter program for the public brought in more animals than in years past, with

a total of 157 animals fixed. This is a huge win for helping control the pet population, along with keeping animals healthy! Thanks to a grant from Petco Love, we were also able to offer free vaccinations to animals in our county.

For 2023, we hope to be able to provide more outreach to our community, which includes beginning an official Trap Neuter Release program for community/feral cats. We have a lot of amazing events in the works, and we hope to see our community attend. If you see us out and about in your town, please stop by and say hi!



Pictured above is humane society staff.



Thank you Wellington Middle School Leadership Team for this amazing donation! We are honored that you chose to support us!



A big shout out to everyone that grabbed up these blankets on clearance (as well as other animal clearance items)! We are in constant need of these types of items, and we thank you for thinking of us!



A big thanks to all of the recent donations that our animals will love! We are sincerely grateful for all types of donations from toys and treats to blankets and towels! Being a nonprofit can be stressful and underfunded, so these items mean a lot!



Facebook LIVE Fundraiser Airs February 24

SO EXCITED and gearing up for our Facebook LIVE fundraiser on Friday, February 24, with Jordan's Way, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jordan's Way is a nonprofit that is dedicated to animal welfare by helping shelters across the country raise money! We could really use your support reaching out to the business community! Please consider reaching out and asking those you patronize and see if they would consider doing a matching donation to help us out?

We will shout the business out on the LIVE broadcast, and your help would be major help to us and the animals in our care. Mark your calendars to be watching the live feed! We have some fun things planned you won't want to miss: maybe a pie to the face of a staff member, or the director staying the night in a kennel! Help us out by watching!



Here's the link to donate now toward our goal: paypal.me/wellyhumanesociety
You can also call in a donation or match directly at: 620-440-4375!

Kansas Star Casino Donates \$15,000 to Us!

We are excited to announce that the Wellington Humane Society received a very needed gift from Kansas Star Casino! We will be using the money for medical treatments, general operating costs, and to save more lives! We are a nonprofit and do not receive any city, county, or state funding, so this is a tremendous help!

\$15,000 during a check presentation ceremony at Kansas Star Rotunda on November 30.

To close out the year, Kansas Star Casino donated \$75,000 to five local charities as part of its ongoing effort to give back to the south-central Kansas community: Wellington Humane Society, a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and caring for homeless animals; Ronald McDonald House of Wichita, providing vital resources and compassionate care to children and their families; Kansas Food Bank, helping to end hunger amongst local families, senior citizens and the homeless; Mulvane Fire Rescue; and Wichita's Littlest Heroes, helping medically fragile children, were each awarded



Pictured: Doug Lang - General Manager at Kansas Star Casino, Jodie Hearlson - Wellington Humane Society Director, and Wellington Humane Society board members Jared Brown and Jennifer Worley

Anniversary Open House



Each December we enjoy celebrating the anniversary of our building opening by doing something fun! This year we hosted an open house. Face Stuffers food truck served a yummy lunch, and many came through for tours and play time with the animals. We had lots of raffle baskets that raised around \$700! A huge thank you to those businesses that donated items and services to make this day a success! We also had lots of adoptions during our December special! Thank you for supporting the Wellington Humane Society!

HOLIDAY Raffle!

Big thanks to the individuals and businesses that donated!

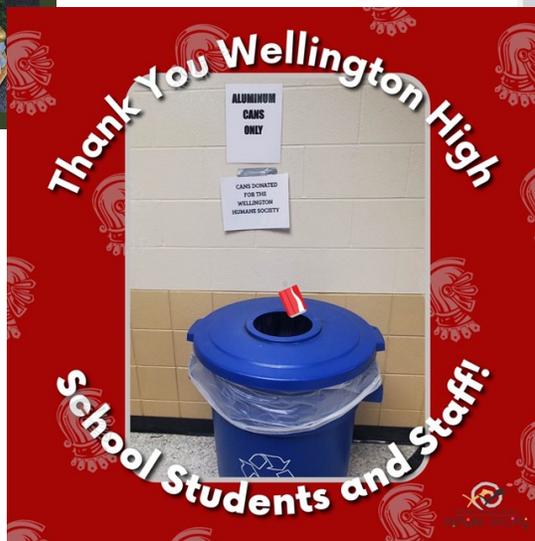
- Spa Basket
- Dog Spay/Neuter
- Cat Spay/Neuter
- Gift Certificates
- Dog Kennel/Run
- Xyngular
- Scentsy
- LOTS MORE!

THANK YOU!

Thank you, **Kennedy Elementary**, for bringing your students, and congratulations to the students on earning this trip! You rock!



Thank you to Orscheln's store in Wellington for hosting a Christmas tree for our pets! We received a gift for every single animal in the building, and they enjoyed all of the treats and toys! We also received lots of cat litter and items that are needed on a daily basis to take care of the animals. We appreciate your support, and big thanks to everyone that bought items for an animal!



Every single animal in our shelter has a Christmas card, thanks to a very talented woman with a big heart! She spent lots of time making these wonderful cards by hand for each cat and dog. We are so grateful for her time and talents! Thank you, Martha, resident at Wellington Health and Rehab!

Ways to Contribute

The Wellington Humane Society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization relying heavily on donations and fund-raising efforts. There are many ways to donate to help our efforts with animals in Sumner County!

Membership

You can become a member and help with the daily shelter needs. Membership also gets you discounts to many things at the shelter! See more here on our website: www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/become-a-member

Recycle Cans

Saving your aluminum cans is an easy way to donate! Put them at one of our location bins, and we contract with a recycler to get paid for the aluminum. That's why we can ACCEPT ONLY POP & BEER CANS! Our recycler will not accept anything else, and our volunteer has to sort through them all to pull anything else.

Locations: Orscheln's Parking Lot (1203 W 8th St); Behind Penny's Diner (1104 E 16th St).

Amazon & Current Wishlist

www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/our-wish-list

ResQWalk

This is a free app that is easy to download and use! Set up a free account and then press "Start" when you walk and "Finish" when you are done, it's that easy! ResQWalk will then add up walks and donate money to our shelter! You don't have to pay a thing!

www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/resqwalk

Dillons

Dillons makes donating to the shelter animals easy! All you have to do is shop at Dillons and use your Plus card and Dillons will donate a percentage to the shelter! To sign up, go to Dillons website and link your Dillons Plus Card to the Wellington Humane Society.

More ways to donate can be found on our website!

www.wellingtonhumanesociety.org/donations

Wellington Humane Society Information

HOURS

Wednesday—Friday: 3-7pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday—Tuesday: Open by appointment

Call 620-440-4375 to schedule!

STAFF

•Director—Jodie Hearlson

•Office Manager—Janean Whitmire

• Kennel Managers—

Nikki Peninger Betrai Taylor

Sara Stowers Emma Rains

Jackson May

SERVICES OFFERED

- ⇒ Cat & Dog Adoptions
- ⇒ Dog Wash/Nail Trim
- ⇒ Microchip Implanting or Scanning
- ⇒ Relinquishing a Pet
- ⇒ Low Income Spay/Neuter
- ⇒ Volunteer Opportunities
- ⇒ Education Opportunities
- ⇒ Boarding
- ⇒ Membership Discounts
- ⇒ TNR Program
- ⇒ Events & More!



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