



Friends' Connection

Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, Huntsville AR

October 2016 through January 2017

Our mission...

...is to act on behalf of unwanted and abandoned pets in order to achieve the following: provide a safe clean environment, provide needed medical treatment, and give healthy pets the opportunity to be adopted. We also encourage sterilization by providing a portion of the cost when possible to low-income, current pet owners, and we educate young people about the satisfaction associated with responsible pet treatment.

Our shelter hours...

- ♦ 10AM-5PM Tues. Wed. Thrs.
- ♦ 10AM-2PM Sat.
- ♦ Closed: Fri. Sun. Mon.

Striving for Fewer Strays



Paws and Claws Pet Shelter staff and volunteers (left) helped people in the St. Paul area get their pets spayed or neutered this July—13 dogs and 8 cats. Those animals will live longer, healthier lives, and south Madison County will have fewer unwanted puppies and kittens.

Our next such event will be in Kingston.

Kingston Area Scheduled for Next Spay-Neuter Event—Nov. 15

Part of the Paws and Claws Pet Shelter's mission is to assist lower-income county residents with the cost of spay or neuter surgeries for their pets. While Spay Arkansas, our region's low-cost spay-neuter clinic in Springdale, is available throughout the year, many people find it difficult to make the trip or trips for early-morning delivery to Springdale then mid-afternoon pick up.

We like to help those people. We schedule transport events to and from Spay Arkansas when possible, and the next one is coming up soon:

6AM Tuesday, Nov. 15

Kingston Square

Surgeries' costs: \$10 cats, \$20 dogs, must be pre-paid

On Nov. 15, Paws and Claws volunteers will drive the animals to and from Spay Arkansas. Pet owners must pre-pay at the shelter, bring their pets to the Kingston square in a roomy crate early Tuesday morning, and pick them up there in the afternoon.

Can you or someone you know benefit from this service? Tell them today. Space is limited. Please **call the shelter for more information, (479) 738-1505.**

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OR at Friends of the Shelter, Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, 2075 Madison 6555, PO Box 364, Huntsville 72740

Lost pets can be found!



It's so heartbreaking when a pet goes missing. The good news is that most people respond positively to a found pet.

In many cases, someone will take in your pet. They will be driving by and have your dog jump in their car. They will be working in the neighborhood. They may live down the street.

People take lost pets to veterinarians, animal hospitals, groomers, even pet stores. Sometimes they take them to animal shelters in other towns.

So what do you do? If you've already done a bunch of looking and it hasn't worked, take a deep breath and start all over again.

What is the most likely reason your pet ran away?

Pets run away from boredom, sexual urges if they have not been neutered or spayed; they run away because they're frightened by loud noises like fireworks or gunshots or because they're curious. What dog can resist the gate that was left open? Or a pet in a new home might go off looking for former surroundings.

Now think about how far their legs will carry them. Big dogs, especially young ones, can run 5 miles per hour or more. Small dogs may be able to go half a mile at most.

Get a map and draw a circle around the spot where you lost your pet. Half a mile? A mile? Five miles? You decide. Then do the following things:

- Make flyers—colorful, eye catching flyers.
 - Include the word **Reward** in big letters, to make sure everyone understands that this is really important to you.
 - Include a **photo** of your pet. This is a *must*.
- Give a flyer to your postal carrier.
- Post flyers everywhere inside the circle of your map.
- Post pictures on Facebook. Here are a couple Lost & Found FB Pages:
 - <https://m.facebook.com/LostPetMadisonCountyArkansas/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/100422443380442/>

Once you're reunited with your pet, please remember to remove all flyers and update Facebook.

With persistence and networking, you *can* find your pet. Don't give up. And remember, tags and microchipping will work in your favor!



A Boost from our Oct. 1 Fundraising Dinner

Chef Miles James (photo-bombing this group!) served 36 fantastic dinners with wine pairings Saturday evening Oct. 1 at the former Faubus House on Governor's Hill in Huntsville. The fundraiser netted the shelter \$9,030. This boost will help us continue to save lives and find homes for abandoned cats and dogs as well as offer low-cost spay-neuter surgeries for pets of many Madison County residents. Pictured here (l-r) Carol Horton, Jesse Burkes, Mariette Spidel, Chef Miles (The Bomber) James, Abby Burnett, Jim MacLean, Anne Greene, and Shonna Harvey. (Many other much-appreciated volunteers not pictured.)

Our shelter's wish list...

... always includes bleach, paper towels, kitty litter, leashes, collars, pee pads, garbage bags (30- & 13-gal.), Ziploc bags (sandwich & gal.), laundry detergent, and dryer sheets. We would really appreciate cat and kitten food right now, too.

We can also put your old bath towels and blankets to good use.

Remember our Amazon wish list...

...that you can find by searching for **paws & claws pet shelter** at:
[amazon.com/gp/registry/search/ref=nav_wishlist_find](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/search/ref=nav_wishlist_find)

Plus if you shop on Amazon Smile...

...through smile.amazon.com, you shop as usual, and Amazon gives 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Us!

And we are now part of ...



<https://thepetshelter.networkforgood.com/>

We are so grateful to our supporters who help us help the homeless dogs and cats.
Thank you!

But, of course, our fundraising can't stop

We aim to offer many different ways, at many different levels, for people to help us help the dogs and cats, and another way is coming up. It's called #GivingTuesday. It is a way to put the spirit of Thanksgiving into action. It is a way to show gratitude for the nonprofits in your community that contribute to a better life for all.



In the days leading up to #GivingTuesday and on #GivingTuesday itself, Nov. 29, Paws and Claws Pet Shelter will conduct local appeals to encourage awareness about the value of companion animals and our responsibilities toward them. Help us save their lives and find them homes through #GivingTuesday!



Spread the word.
Spay Arkansas is our region's premier low-cost spay-neuter clinic.

Learn more at: spayarkansas.org

Paws and Claws' 2017 calendar, featuring shelter animals at local businesses will be on sale soon.

**Donate your old vehicle to
Paws & Claws Pet Shelter**



**Call the Center for
Car Donations
today!**

Our partner, the Center for Car Donations, will pick up your vehicle, sell it, send the shelter a check, and send you an IRS 1098 or acknowledgement. Your vehicle doesn't even have to be running, though you must be the legal title holder.

Give them a call at 877-411-3662 or visit their website: www.centerforcardonations.com/paws-claws-pet-shelter.htm

Save the date—Saturday, December 3

**Don't miss our shelter's
Holiday Open House, 10 AM to 2 PM**

(Dec. 10 if Dec. 3 is bad weather)

Events include...

- a vaccination clinic
- pictures of you and your pet with Santa
 - beautiful silent auction items
 - a tour of the shelter

Vaccination Clinic, Dr. Chris France

10 a.m. to noon

Cats and Dogs	Rabies	\$9.00
Cats	FECV	\$14.00
	FECVR-L	22.50
Dogs	Bordetella	\$18.00
	DHPPL	\$16.00
	DHPP	\$14.00
Cats and Dogs	Strongid Wormer	Free w/set of shots

Pictures with Santa

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Santa pictures with you or you & your pet for a suggested donation

Silent auction items

Bid on beautiful items as a gift for yourself or someone else, and help the dogs and cats at the same time!

Tour the shelter

FREE. See our shelter, inside and out

FREE refreshments. Come on by!

**Join Friends of the Shelter, ensure your receipt of
Friends' Connection, and help us help them. Thank you!**

Supporters receive this newsletter each June, October, and February. Your yearly donation helps us care for and find homes for homeless Madison County dogs and cats.

We find homes for homeless pets.

Yes, please count me (or us) in as a Friend of the Shelter:



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____ Email address? _____

(Send newsletter via email? Y ___ N ___)

We ask that you send at least \$12 a year. Your ongoing support touches not only the dogs and cats we care for, but many families.

Help us help them. \$12 ____ \$20 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ Other _____

Please make checks payable to PCPS Friends of the Shelter and mail to PO Box 364 Huntsville 72740

Please encourage all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. Thank you for your support!

See us on Facebook – Visit our webpage: www.thepetshelter.org