

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.

One Puppy Mill Closed

Staging Area



Planning



Why do puppy mills exist? many people try to turn a buck on that demand with very little regard for the living creatures they sell.

Because of demand. Because too

Madison County hosted such a breeder for years. The latest batch of “inventory” was cleared out of the owners’ facility near Wesley, Ark., on March 3. Nearly 300 dogs were removed from that place—dogs that had been warehoused in indescribable, horrible conditions.

The Humane Society of the United States acted on a tip from Paws and Claws Pet Shelter’s manager about the breeder and removed the dogs through legal channels. One owner has been charged with misdemeanors and felonies. What about the buyers?

If you absolutely must have a particular breed and are determined to buy it, **you can be the responsible buyer.** Consider the source before you buy. Learn about the seller. Ask around about them. Insist on a tour that includes *all* the breeding areas. See the conditions of the female dogs with your own eyes. Would you feel okay about your pets living in those circumstances and conditions? If the answer is No, then don’t buy from them. Your choices are important. You can help stanch the demand that supports these irresponsible breeders.

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As always, education is key.



Ms. Luella Wood's Huntsville 3-grade class with ACE instructor Donna Hardcastle and her dog Ramona

Part of Paws and Claws' mission is to educate children about the responsibilities that attend pet ownership. This spring Animal Care Education (ACE) instructors talked with students in Kingston, St. Paul, and Huntsville, and the kids were interested and receptive. They learned about safe ways to approach unfamiliar dogs and cats. They learned about the basic needs of pets, which include food, water, shelter, a means of identification, vaccinations, exercise, love, training, and socialization.

figured out the math problem presented, plus they learned that dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives if they are "fixed." They learned about our responsibilities toward our pets. They learned that cruelty to animals is illegal on top of being wrong, and that dog fighting is a felony.

Students received information about regional and county resources that help people cover the cost of spay or neuter surgeries and other services. They also asked many good questions.

ACE is a committee of the Humane Society of the Ozarks and was invited into Madison County schools by Paws and Claws Pet Shelter and the schools' principals and teachers. Ramona, a Chihuahua cross and pet of ACE instructor Donna Hardcastle, attended most of the sessions and proved to be a big hit.

The ACE instructors talked about how quickly dogs and cats can reproduce if they are not spayed or neutered. And the students quickly



Donna Hardcastle and Ramona (l.) with Huntsville 5th graders

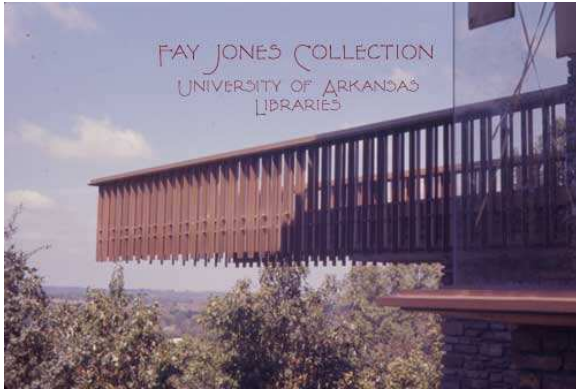
"Compassion for animals is intimately associated with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man."

Arthur Schopenhauer



A real cool deal in July

Eligible pet owners in south Madison County will get a special surgery price and have their pets chauffeured to and from Spay Arkansas—our region's premier low-cost spay-neuter clinic—in July. Watch the Paws and Claws Pet Shelter website (www.thepetshelter.org) and our Facebook page to learn more.



Our October Fundraiser Might Pique Your Interest

Stay tuned for details about our October 1 fundraiser at what we in Madison County call the Governor's Mansion. Designed by noted architect Fay Jones in the early 1960s, the house is now maintained to Jones' standards by its current owner.

Watch www.thepetshelter.org and the Paws and Claws Facebook page for more information.

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Say, while you're at the store...

...would you consider picking up a few things for our dogs and cats?

We can always use bleach, paper towels, kitty litter, leashes, collars, pee pads, garbage bags (30- & 13-gal.), Ziploc bags (sandwich & gal.), HE detergent, and dryer sheets.

Right now, we sure could use food and formula for the tiny kitties and puppies and feeding bottles, too.

Oh, and if you have some used bath towels or blankets or sheets, we can use those.

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

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!

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



Enjoy yourself on July 4 - and make sure your pets enjoy themselves, too!

Many dogs are frightened by the fireworks we love so much, and they will high-tail it away from the noise. Do your dogs, yourself, and all the shelters in your area a big favor and give your pets a place to feel safe while we celebrate.

By the way, some cats will run off, too. I have one like that.
Happy 4th of July!



Spread the word.

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

Learn more at: spayarkansas.org

Contrats to John Olson of Bentonville

John won our Father's Day Rifle Raffle that raised more than \$1,600 for Paws & Claws. Thanks to everybody who took a chance on this item. Every ticket helped give our homeless dogs and cats a second chance.

Special thanks to C. Frank's Gun & Pawn, 500 E. Main, Huntsville, for donation of this rifle.



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.centerfordonations.com/paws-claws-pet-shelter.htm

Huntsville Veterinary Clinic to offer Free Heartworm Testing one Saturday evening in July

Watch the P&C website (thepetshelter.org) and Facebook page in July for more info.

Get ready. The mosquitoes are gearing up!

\$ Thank you for helping \$

on April 7, 2016,
Arkansas Gives Day — Arkansas' 1-day giving event in support of the nonprofit sector.



Two-thousand sixteen was Arkansas' second year to host this statewide, online effort to raise money for nonprofits across Arkansas. It was Paws and Claws' first year to participate.

We didn't really know what to expect, but because of the kind generosity of our supporters, we ended April 7 with \$5,040.80 more than we started with! About \$500 of that was bonus money from a \$400,000 statewide pot donated by the Arkansas Community Foundation.

We truly appreciate everybody who donated April 7. Thank you!

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___)



Help us help them.

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.

\$12 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

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

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

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