



# Friends' Connection

Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, Huntsville AR

April to September 2018

## Look what's happening at Paws & Claws!



**July:** Thinking about adding a doggie or kitty to your home?

Make a note that all through July the shelter will have a **Name-Your-Price** adoption special. Come by and meet your next furry friend.

**Sept. 22:** Fall will bring our third **Wags to Riches** fundraiser, dinner, and silent auction. Mark your calendar for that evening, and watch our Facebook page and website later in the year to learn about the entertainment and food!

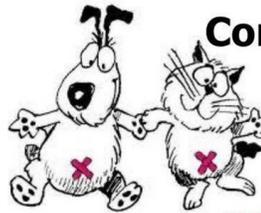
**Nov. 27:** The first Tuesday after Thanksgiving is **Giving Tuesday**, a nationwide online giving event to counter the expectation of getting with the action of giving. It's a great opportunity to encourage everybody you know to give – a little bit or a lot – to a non-profit they care about and create a different kind of holiday joy.

**Dec. 8:** Don't miss the chance to get your picture taken with Santa and your favorite pet at the shelter's Christmas **Open House**.



Oh boy, oh boy!  
Color run's comin' back!

## Spay/Neuter Clinic ONE DAY ONLY!!



Coming to Huntsville

**\$25 for Cats**

**\$35 for Dogs**

Limited Spots Available!

**When:** Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Deadline to sign up:** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Where to sign up:** Paws & Claws Pet Shelter

- This low-cost spay/neuter day is only for those with a household income under \$40,000 and a resident of Madison County.
- Fill out paperwork & PREPAY at the shelter.



- Limited Space so make an appointment ASAP
- Must be PREPAID
- All pets MUST be in a carrier/crate
- Proof of income required

**\*Additional charges for vaccines and microchips. \$10 vaccines & \$25 microchips**

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**Shelter Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



## Color Run, Dog Walk, & Slip 'n Slide

P&C's spring fundraiser for the young and young at heart –and their dogs! Mark your calendars!

**May 19**

Mitchusson Park  
Huntsville

(May 26 is the rain date.)

Watch the shelter's Facebook page and website as the time gets closer.

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## Some said it couldn't be done, but...



...Paws and Claws Pet Shelter is fast approaching its fourth year as what's called a "no-kill" pet shelter. In our case that means no dogs or cats are killed to make room. Zero. That's quite a feat for a tiny shelter with only 8 dog kennels.

It has happened because of our director and her team, all of whom value each life at P&C. And it happened because of the support and cooperation of people in Madison County.

Many thanks are due the people who care for strays until a kennel opens up for that animal. Their patience and compassion are invaluable.

Many thanks are due, also, to the wonderful people who serve as foster homes for so many dogs and cats. All of these folks keep animals safe and fed until our hard-working staff can take them into the shelter and find them a home.

Of course, we thank our adopters, too! Many people who value life have opened their hearts and homes in different ways to make Paws and Claws Pet Shelter a truly safe place for abandoned pets. Thank you!

In 2017, 460 abandoned animals were taken in at Paws & Claws. Some died from illness or injury; only 6 were euthanized. That is a remarkably low rate—1.3 percent. The number of animals (460) that came into the shelter in 2017 closely tracks past years' intake. In 2013, for example, the shelter took in 474 animals. The difference comes in the hundreds of good dogs and cats who are in homes today because of the determination and hard work of the shelter's director and staff.



The best thing would be no unwanted puppies or kittens and, so, fewer abandoned pets. Please help us and encourage all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets!



If you or someone you know misses our April spay-neuter clinic, remember Spay Arkansas. It is our region's premier low-cost spay-neuter clinic, based in Springdale (479-756-1100).

Learn more at <https://spayarkansas.org/>

## Ticks can be more than just annoying to your kitty

Here is a heads up to all cat owners: Dr. Chris France at the Huntsville Veterinary Clinic reports that they have already seen several cases of cats suffering from *Cytauxzoonosis*, more commonly known as Bobcat Fever.

by Jasmine Hill

Cytaux is a tick-borne illness affecting felines, spread primarily by Lone Star Ticks. Bobcats are the host animal, and carry the disease. A tick will bite the affected Bobcat, and then carry the infection to domestic cats.

Cytauxzoonosis is a horrible, painful disease with a sudden onset, and a cat can go from seemingly healthy to death's door within 24 hours. .... Recent strides in veterinary medicine have pushed the survival rates up, and now, if the illness is caught early enough and treatment commenced immediately, a healthy cat can have an almost 60 percent chance of pulling through.



Bobcat Fever is ... on the rise at an alarming rate here in our own Madison County. The last two or three years have seen a steady increase of cases, while numbers remain low in nearby areas, such as Fayetteville and Rogers.

### Symptoms

The first signs of illness are typically extreme lethargy and a disinterest in eating and drinking. The cat's temperature will soar, sometimes as high as 106 F, and often the cat will hide away. Another sign that we have personally noticed in affected cats is that their eyes will seem half-closed, slanted, and slightly puffy.



If you think your cat may have contracted Bobcat Fever, it is imperative to get them to a vet as quickly as possible so that treatment (which usually consists of strong antibiotics, pain management, and fluid administration) can begin immediately. ...

### Protect your cat

It is essential to use a good, high-quality tick prevention, especially throughout months when ticks are active. Frontline Plus and PetArmor Plus are two options, but our personal favorite is a 30-day topical product named 'Catego', which is new to the market but seems very effective in not only killing ticks after they bite the pet but in repelling ticks to stop bites before they happen. This is the only product that repels ticks.

...

As a shelter we want to help by educating local cat owners about the disease, providing flea and tick medications to those in need whenever we are able, and by taking stray cats in need of care into our shelter and helping to spay and neuter. It takes a village to save our pets, and we are deeply grateful to all the donors, sponsors, rescuers, and volunteers that enable us to move forward with this work. If you see a cat in need, don't hesitate to contact us, and if you would like advice or more information please feel free to call us.

*This article is shortened somewhat. See the entire blog post here:*

<https://www.thepetshelter.org/pcpsblog>

## Lots of ways to help the homeless pets

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Sign in at <https://smile.amazon.com> choose Madison County Pet Shelter as your preferred charity, shop as usual, and a small percentage of your purchase will be donated to Paws & Claws.

**AMAZON's WISH LIST Registry** helps us, too. Sign in to Amazon, click Gift Cards & Registry at the top, click Friends and Family Giving. In the Find Someone's List bar, enter mcpshelter1@gmail.com. Shop for the dogs and cats!

**Network** for Good.

Donations are always welcome at Network for Good  
<https://thepetshelter.networkforgood.com>

**PayPal** Giving Fund

PayPal covers all fees

Go to [www.paypal.com/fundraiser/CHARITY/218291](http://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/CHARITY/218291)  
PayPal Giving Fund covers all fees.

**eBay**  
for Charity

At [www.charity.ebay.com/charity/Madison-County-Pet-Shelter.-Paws-&-Claws/218291](http://www.charity.ebay.com/charity/Madison-County-Pet-Shelter.-Paws-&-Claws/218291) you can make a donation, buy P&C eBay items, or donate a portion of your sales to our shelter (which reduces your eBay fees, by the way).

### Our shelter's wish list always includes...

- bleach
- paper towels
- kitty litter
- leashes & collars
- pee pads
- heavy-duty trash bags (30- & 13-gal.)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich & gal.)
- laundry detergent & dryer sheets

We really appreciate cat and kitten food, too, especially canned!

And we can put your old **bath towels and blankets** to good use!

### Share when you shop

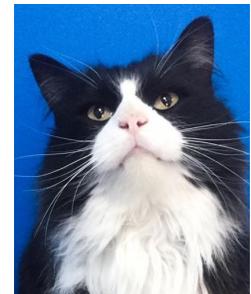
*Your spare change will change their lives! Look for the jars.*

- ▶ Beaver Lake Liquor, Hindsville
- ▶ Granny's Restaurant, Huntsville
- ▶ Huntsville Vet Clinic
- ▶ Paws & Claws Pet Shelter



- ▶ Paws & Claws Thrift Cottage
- ▶ Coger Surplus, Huntsville
- ▶ The Y, Huntsville
- ▶ Weavers Gas & Grill, Kingston

*Please help us help them! Thanks!*



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