

2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS:

As of April 20, 2016, HCHS has a total of 57 members.

We are very dependent on our members to help make the important decisions that run the shelter and programs for Harrison County through the Humane Society. It is important for all members to make an effort to attend meetings quarterly to help make these decisions.

The rest of the 2016 meetings are as follows:

- May 12, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- November 10, 2016

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Logan Community Center.

MAGGIE ADOPTED APRIL 16....a true angel!



Maggie's story....

On November 30, 2015, we got a call from a young lady in Little Sioux named Maggie who found a little terrier that had been hit by a car and had found her way to this sweet girl's yard.

The young lady claimed this was the same dog who had been running stray for over a year in town. Many had tried to catch her over the past months with no luck. Some people put out food for her, and others just let her be. The residents in this area claimed she had probably been left when a family moved, and the little dog may have become feral. She lived alone in this abandoned shed, and ate scraps from garbage cans. Until the day that started out being the worst day of her life, later became the best day of her life.

Due to the terrible snow storm that day, and all of us volunteers at work, we were in desperate need of someone to transport the little dog to the vet for us. So we put out a plea on Facebook for

someone to please help!

A sweet gentleman by the name of David King contacted us, and he braved the weather and road conditions to drive from Missouri Valley to Little Sioux and back again to drop off the little dog at Willow Park Vet Clinic. Later that day we checked on the little dog and asked Doc Jack what the verdict would be for her. Not good: a broken leg and cracked pelvis. He said he could keep her comfortable for about 24 hours till we could find her owners, or make the decision to come up with a costly surgery guesstimated at around \$4,000 or let her go!

So we turned to our Facebook community just go be sure she was the little dog with no home so many knew about. We had several phone calls telling us the little dog was hit two days before and left to die in the road. It broke our hearts! What could we do? We simply couldn't spend so much on one animal! It's just not fair for so many others who need us!

We often name the animals that come in after their rescuer, and so it was.... Maggie. We received so many calls and

messages from people wanting us to try to earn the money for her surgery. We explained even if we raise \$3,000 we wouldn't be able to spend \$1,000 on one dog. A few people suggested even if we do not make our goal, those funds could be set aside for the next emergency, so we set aside a special account for "Maggie's Angels". We called the Doc and asked for a little more time.

We had 48 hours to raise \$4,000. And this close to Christmas, we were terrified we couldn't do it! But people gave \$10, \$20, \$200, \$500 amounts! They stopped in to drop off checks, and sent them to our PayPal account, dropped off at our vet clinics! The community fell in love with a dog they never even got to meet! We don't know if it was the Christmas spirit, or her terrible story, or everyone wants to experience a miracle, but it happened! That sweet little dog that was homeless, alone and afraid several days ago, raised herself enough money to see a specialist in Omaha!

At first the plan was going to be to amputate and fix the hip. But since she was able to have funds set

aside for her special case, they were able to save her leg! What a miracle! After surgery she got her own recovery unit in the office at HCHS. We were so worried about this sweet little girl who no one had even touched for over a year, how would she act? Would she be accepting of human affection? Well you be the judge.. Just look at her picture! She loves everyone! Men, women, children, and kitties! She loves to help with cat chores!

She was with us from November 30th till April 16th, she was adopted to the most awesome family we could ever ask for! Her doctor cleared her a week earlier for adoption, so we all had one week to say goodbye to our amazing little girl Maggie who taught us a community can come together and do amazing things!

SPRING DONATION WISH LIST:

- Kongs for dogs
- Purina Kitten Chow
- KMR for kittens
- Probiotics for kittens
- Puppy Chow
- Dog Chews
- Cash Donations for Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Program**

2016 Spay-ghetti Feed

The 1st Annual Spay-ghetti Feed was held in April at the Logan Community Center. We had a great turn-out and came out with \$2000 to help fund spay/neuter programs in Harrison County. These funds will go to help alter stray and unwanted animals in the county through TNR, public drop-off, and surrender.

2016 TNR SEASON:



In May of 2016, HCHS will begin its season of Trap/Neuter (Spay)/Release in Harrison County. This program is vital to the health of feral cat populations in our communities.

Many people say, "Well, why not just shoot those darn cats!" Shooting, or even humane euthanasia, is not the answer to the feral cat colonies in our communities. These cats have a job to do in our communities -- keeping our towns free from an excess population of disease-ridden rodents for one. Many people also help to care for these beloved members of our communities and rely on them for safety and a

healthy, humane solution to infestations of rodents and problem birds.

Without TNR, a program where we live-trap colonies of cats, get them vaccinated and altered, and do a spot-check for Feline Leukemia, communities may find themselves in dire straits.



Feral cats receive the best care that our local veterinarians can provide. A thorough check of the trapped colony can provide us with a great degree of health information and colony needs. Cats are routinely returned to their habitat so that they can keep earning their living in their home communities. Residents can be safe in the recognition that these healthy, altered cats will stick around, fight out other feral cats, and maintain the community by ridding it of an excess of rodents and disease.

TNR practices are based in research. While we return the majority of cats to their colonies, there are times when the population is so abundant, that we provide cats with new homes on farms to give

them a productive job to do.

Each of the cats in the colony that has been vaccinated and altered receives an ear notch showing that it is a working cat that is healthy and productive.



Some people ask, "What happens if you catch my personal pet?" If a cat is trapped who is wearing a collar or who, when scanned, shows that s/he has a microchip, then that cat is not taken in, but is released. We will also provide notice to the community prior to the TNR so that you can keep your cat(s) indoors during the duration of the event. Please note -- if you do allow your personal cat to roam outdoors, it is to your advantage that we hold these events to help ensure the health and well-being of your personal pet.

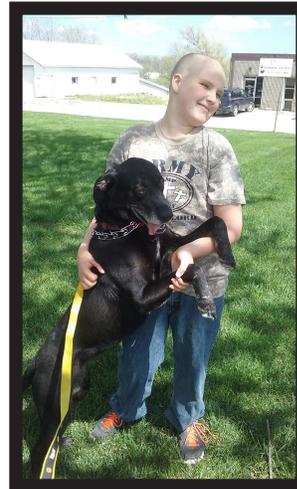
The preferred procedure for HCHS in conducting a TNR is to establish a feeding station for a colony followed by the live trapping event. This is one of those times where we can work together with community members who routinely feed and care for the feral cat

populations. By working together, we can ensure the health of the colony. Trust us....the last thing we want is to kill cats or take them from their habitat.

So....where do we begin? It's very simple. We begin by contacting each community in our 28-E agreement to discuss possible dates and possible sites for the TNR. We will never be able to take care of every colony in one sweep, which is why TNR often takes years for a good-sized community. We will target one or two colonies, set up feeding stations, recruit community volunteers to assist in manning those colonies, and then, over the course of a weekend, we will live trap that colony. The cats will come to the HCHS shelter prior to being transferred to the veterinary clinic to check for microchips or other identifying marks that show that the cat is a pet. The cats will then go to the vet, be vaccinated, altered, ear-notched, and one or more cats will be tested for Feline Leukemia. They will then spend the night at the shelter prior to being returned to the colony. If the colony is too big for the habitat, a select few of the cats will be transferred to area farms to give them jobs to do. Any kittens who are young enough to be

socialized will be kept at the shelter, habilitated, and adopted out to loving families.

With any questions, please call one of the HCHS officers at 712-644-3003 or see us on Facebook.



SPAY / NEUTER YOUR PERSONAL PETS!

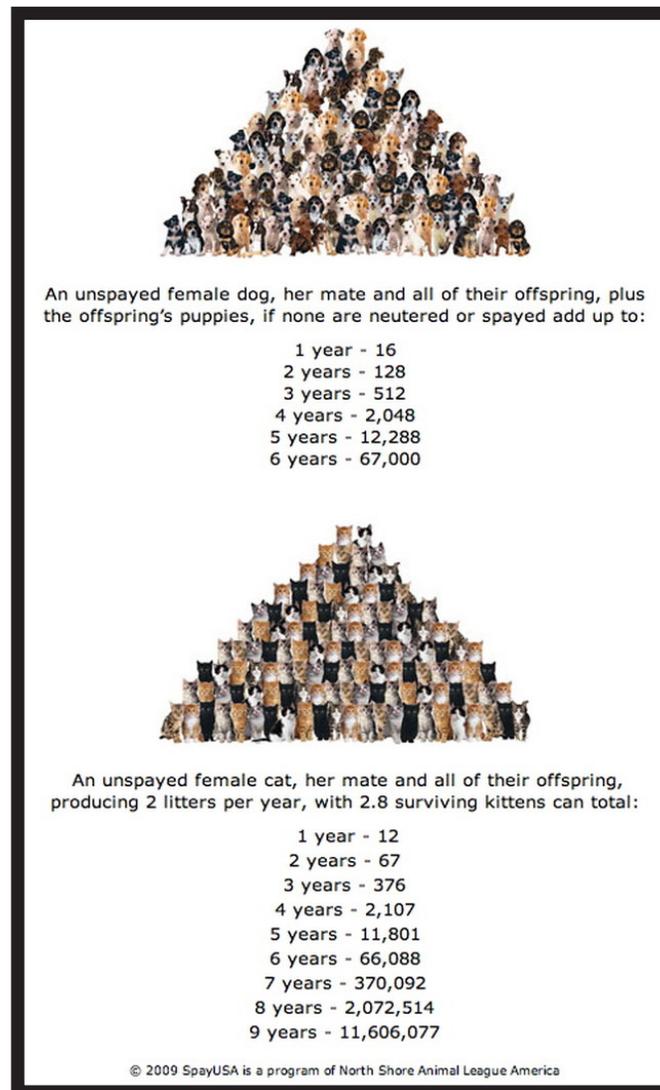
Every year at this time, HCHS gets in hoards and hoards of kittens and puppies because, oops, the neighbor's dog jumped the fence and impregnated their female dog. Or the cat got outside and now there are twelve kittens to care for.

Many times we also get in kittens or puppies from the community where the mother was run over by a car or the mother abandoned the babies.

There is one, and only one, way to prevent these things from happening. Spaying and Neutering!

Please take a look at the following graph. Just two unaltered dogs or cats and their offspring will reproduce over the years to create thousands of kittens and puppies. There is NEVER a need to allow your female dog or cat to have "just one litter." She will not miss what she doesn't know that she ever had. On the other hand, too many puppies or kitties will create undo stress and other problems.

One of the scariest things that a pet owner can hear is that her pet has cancer. One of the best ways to prevent cancer in dogs and cats is through altering, spaying/neutering.



4th Annual Litter in the Ruff Golf Outing:

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Logan-Missouri Valley Country Club. 18 Hole, 4-Person Best Ball Tournament. Pin Prizes and Silent Auction available.

This is our fourth annual golf tournament, which means that we're growing and are loving it! What do golfers get to enjoy?

- 1) A fun day in the sun golfing with old friends and meeting new friends.
- 2) A delicious Walking Taco lunch.
- 3) The courtesy and comfort of the Logan-Missouri Valley Country Club lounge and staff.
- 4) Raffle Prizes, Pin Prizes, and a Silent Auction.
- 5) The knowledge that you are helping our less fortunate furry friends receive adequate veterinary care so that they can be adopted into loving homes!

\$200 Entry Fee per Team
\$300 Sponsorship

Golf Carts available upon request.

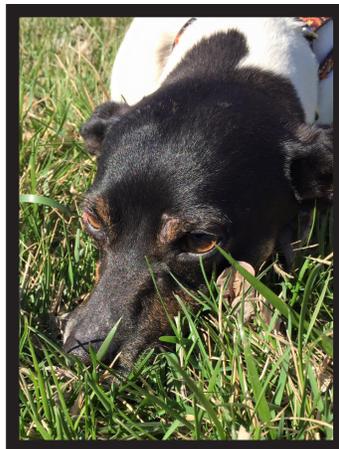
Please sign up early to reserve your spot in this growing, wonderful tour-

nament!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

HCHS is always looking for wonderful volunteers to help with our many endeavors. What can you do to help out?

- * Walk dogs
- * Cuddle Cats
- * Serve on Committees
- * Design logos
- * Assist in TNR
- * Transport animals to appointments
- * Solicit funds for TNR, Spay/Neuter, and veterinary expenses
- * Bake, cook, or serve at our annual events



Join us!

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