



Paws & Claws 2023 Holiday Edition

Shelter Hours:
We are open EVERYDAY!
10:30 am to 3:30 pm

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***You can't buy love,
but you can rescue it!***

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*The Humane Society of Harrison County, Inc.
and The Martino Home for Cats & Dogs*

**Roger Lehosit and the Lehosit Family Foundation
Hope you Join them to Donate
and Help All of Our Furry Friends
at Humane Society of Harrison County**

Pound for Pound Challenge!



**Donations are accepted
through Jan 2024
and matched by the
Lehosit Family Foundation**



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Dawn Dish Soap, Martingale Styles Dog Collars,
Heavy Duty Leashes, Windex, Wet Dog Food,
Hard Dog Toys (Benebone/Kong), Pate wet cat food,
Nutrical, Gift Cards for Home Stores.**

You Make it PAW-sible!

DONATION DROP OFF CENTERS



**Liberty & South Harrison High Schools
WV Fitness 24 Tolley Dr Bridgeport
HSHCWW - or ship to this address as well
2450 Saltwell Rd. Shinnston, WV 26431**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We have had quite the year. Unprecedented amount of returns and unclaimed strays. Surrenders to our local Animal Control of upwards of thirty a week which includes dogs and cats. Not to mention we haven't seen so many puppies since 2018 coming through. We have been able to adopt out many, and send many to rescues. But the sad fact there is simply no where for all these animals to go. In numbers terms, the Humane Society doesn't have 30 adoptions a week of dogs/cats combined, so the numbers coming into Animal Control are stacking and overwhelming. We believe a lot of post-covid issues. Issues with affordability of food, vet care, etc. What can you do? Foster, adopt, share the stories. Keep donating although we know all of our purse strings have to be a little tighter. And educate on the most important thing when it comes to owning a pet—the need for Spay & Neuter. Without S&N these numbers will continue to be high year after year. There are affordable programs out there— people just need to ask. Have stray cats around? Check out our TNR voucher on pages 8-9.



ADOPTION INFO

If you are interested in adopting, you can find what we have available at petfinder.com or check our Facebook Page.

DOGS

Dogs over 1 year \$125

Puppies \$150

Includes Spay/Neuter, first series of vaccinations, rabies, wormer, microchip, and ID tag.

CATS

Cats & Kittens \$90

Includes Spay/Neuter, first series of vaccinations, rabies, wormer, ear mite treatment, and feline testing.

Microchip for additional \$20

GO DIGITAL

Would you be interested in receiving our newsletter via email instead of a paper copy? You will get the same great quality with color and pictures, delivered to your email inbox instead of your mailbox. As well, it can help us to cut costs. If so please email: director@hshcwv.org

Did you know?

We use Purina Brand foods because switching brands continuously upsets our pets' digestive systems. Maintaining them on ONE food is healthier for them, and easier for us.



- Desperately need:
- Gift Cards
- Cat litter
- Wet dog food
- Martingale Collars
- Strong Leashes
- Cat & Kitten Chow



Murph came into Animal Control on Sept 6th, 2022 as a stray. Skin & bone at barely 40 lbs. No one came looking for him, but we had no room at the time, so AC did their best to fatten him up. When we pulled him over to the HSHC on Oct 5th, he was up to 48 lbs. We could tell something else was going on with him. He tested positive for Lyme's disease, as are over 50% of new intakes. We just had lost Chance to advanced renal disease from Lyme's, so we decided to get blood work to rule out anything similar with Murph. Thankfully his blood work looked great. So we treated with antibiotics, did a few rounds of good dewormer to rid him of any parasites, lots of great food, and then he was deemed healthy enough to be adopted! Murphy was adopted November of 2022 healthy at 60 lbs, with a smooth coat and bright eyes. We thought he had found his perfect home, but unfortunately he was returned in August of this year because he got a little too excited over a toy the young girl in the home was holding, and as he grabbed the toy he also grabbed the girl. There were no major bites or cuts, but the family felt it best to return him. He was returned to us obese at 85 lbs, which was definitely not good for his joints that had been affected from Lyme disease. So now we had a new challenge for Murphy to lose weight. He took that challenge head on, with lots of green beans and exercise we soon got Murph to a healthy 60lbs. We never understood how in all this time he was not adopted, because he was a staff favorite. He did great at adoption events, had yard buddies, and was all around an excellent dog. Friday December 1st of 2023, we came into a very bloody, messy Murphy kennel which was very out of the ordinary, even though he was up and moving and chipper. We were worried about him possibly ingesting a toy or blanket so we got a veterinary visit for him that day. Our news was not what we ever expected. He had numerous tumors in his stomach, one of which had ruptured causing the mess, and another ready to go at any minute. He was also in active liver failure. Fairmont Veterinary Clinic helped him to pass over, with one of our staff members at his side, and his ashes will join us here at the shelter with so many of the others we have lost.

Once a HSHCWV pet, always an HSHCWV pet. We love them as our own, whether adopted for their rest of their lives, whether they are returned, or whether they would happen to live their whole lives here. Murphy will be missed.



Jacks was returned to us earlier this year after his owner had some family/living arrangement issues. He was originally came to us in 2017, adopted in 2018, and returned April of 2023. He is a dapper older gent. He is mellow and although he has spurts of play, he would much rather be lounging in your lap and watching TV. He has found a few dog friends here, but when he does decide to play he is rough—like a bull in a china shop not knowing his size. He seems to prefer sharing his space with smaller animals like cats as well. He will be your protector and show you all the love and security you need.

Please consider adopting him. We hate for any senior dog to spend their last years in the shelter. No matter the love we give them, it is just simply not the same as a home.



Thank you to everyone that participated in the 22nd Annual Hogs 4 Dogs Dice Run WV. We cannot thank Traci & Grump, sponsors, family & friends, staff, board members, and volunteers for all the hard work it takes to put this event together. Our high roller was Davey Streets with 113. Our low roller was Amy Ashcraft with 65. We will see you June 15, 2024!



We are so thankful for our community as we can not continue what we do with your support! We have had many businesses have us for adoption events this year including WV Fitness 24, Jenkins Subaru, & Harry Green Chevy/Nissan. We have had community business and groups hold us supply drives such as the Thrasher Group and Newpark Mats & Integrated Services, to Christina Murphy hosting the Harrison County Pet Expo, and to the schools and individual children that hold donation drives for us. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.



Paws & Claws 5k Run/Walk



Thank you to all who participated in our 5k on October 14th. Our number was a little low this year, but it was rather rainy that morning. We tried a new course at the Shinnston Rail Trail.

Our top 3 Males: Noah Copley with 19:46

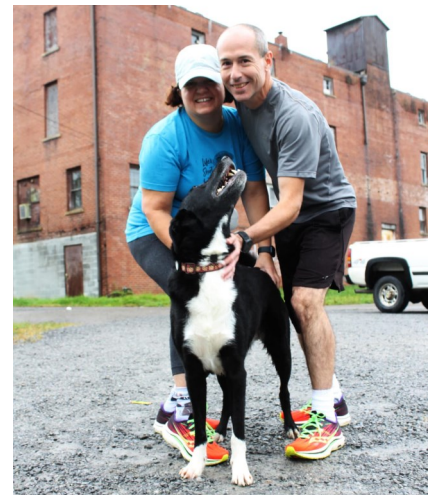
Jay Adams with 30:31

Michael Murphy with 50:00

Our top 3 Females: Laura Myers with 26:16

Ashley Oliverio & Riley Vinson with 29:01

Thank you to our Sponsors, volunteers, and staff for your help.



Our Elimination Dinner November 4th at Clarksburg Country Club. We had a wonderful turnout, and amazing food from Sweet's Tees at the Club Restaurant. It was exciting as we had some people that didn't want to split.

Congratulations to our Final 2 Winners! Diana Bedell & Paula Carpenter



Memorializing or Honoring a loved one, whether it's a person or a pet, through a charitable gift is a meaningful way to pay tribute. The following have contributed to our shelter in Memory or Honor of someone special in their life. We the staff, Board of Directors, and animals thank you.

IN MEMORY

We apologize if we missed or misspelled any In Memory and In Honors. Please let us know if so.

In Memory of Buster from Karen & Vernon Louk

In Memory of Adam Shartle from Mickey Gerba

In Memory of Lucy from Karen Kassis

In Memory of William Betler from Joan & Terry Spencer, Thomas & Karen Betler

In Memory of Buck & Molly from Vince & Margaret Collins

In Memory of Smokey, Lady, Katy, Nibbles from Vance & Sandra Swentzel

In Memory of Ann Marie Mick Villers from Leeson's Import Motors

In Memory of all my past pets from Phyllis Moore

In Memory of Jeeves the best cat ever from John & Leota Folsom

In Memory of JoJo Tomaro from Sandy Tomaro

In Memory of William McTheny from: Pamela Delillio, Karen Oberst

In Memory of John Edward Ciesla from his Daughter Gabrielle and the Mitre Corporation

In Memory of Shirley Jean Messineo from Robert & Mary Straley

In Memory of Maggie Smith from Barrackville Church of Christ

In Memory of Dottie Andre from: Terry & Margaret Moore, David & Peggy Allman, Susan Marsh

In Memory of Chino, Angel, Angel Baby, Bubby & Molly and in loving memory of my husband David from Donna Bowers

In Memory of Terri Jo Swiger from Jenkins Subaru

In Memory of Brandon & Ruby from Cathy Stalnaker

In Memory of Oscar from Jessica Harvey

IN Memory of Huck from Theresa Moore

In Memory of Judy Evans from: Christy Pauley and Richard Bartlett

In Memory of David Gaines from Joe & Carla Caruso, and Jackie Gaines

In Memory of Janis Harris & Baxter from Roberta Kay Cottrill

In Memory of Muffin from Stephen Maxwell

In Memory of Sam Brunetti from: Barb Brunetti, Karen Slaughter, Eva Vitello, William McKibbin, ND Class of 1969, Jennifer Schellenberg, Dwight & Tina Yankosky, Carol & Richard Anderson, Sandy Tomaro, Gloria Jean Henry, The Spatafore Irrevocable Trust, Alice Poling, Michael & Carol Lafferty, Pam & Bob Walling

In Memory of Erica Wilkes from Chris Strogon

In Memory of Christine Stanton from Bill & Kris Stanton

In Memory of CJ, Waffles, Juno & Cherrio from Roger Lindsay

IN Memory of Debra Marie Price from FBI WV Complex Flower Fund

In Memory of Marion Richard Dick Anderson from: William & Linda Schweikert, Donna Leaseburg, Barbara Povroznik & Family, Michael & Sheeba Noe, Evelyn Anderson, David & Sue Harman

In Memory of Oscar & Gabana from Monica Cerone

In Memory of Keith Cutlip from Helen Perine & Beth Wilmoth

In Memory of Davy L. Wetzel, Jr from The James & Law Company

In Memory of Janis Harris, a cat lover from Carol Baker

In Memory of Janice Leeson from: Marcelline Smith, Diversified Marketing, Diane Mick, Sandra Daniels

In Memory of the best mom ever, Janice Leeson from Leeson's Import Motors

IN Memory of Dr. Aristotle Rabanal, MD from Spelter Satellite Senior Citizens, Jeanie Davis

In Memory of Mary Jane Engel from Bill & Terri Dearth, Linda Engel, Mike & Carol Fulks, Gary & Judi Byard, Jennifer Spring

In Memory of Larna Bohone from: Irvin Tietz, Robert & Deborah Workman, Phillip & Renee Wyatt

In Memory of Sarah Knight Rogers, Captain of Worthing Volunteer Fire Department from Ashley Higginbotham

In Memory of Gracie, Emma, and Sara from Bob & Susie Pastorik

In Memory of ZZ Mari from Diana Bedell

In Memory of Laura Harki from: Jennifer Walker, James Harki, Diana Bedell, Theresa Bracken, Michael & Karen Hall, Jane Post, Ruth Smith, Bill & Beverly Stewart

In Memory of Marjorie Ritchie from Jo Pitrolo

In Memory of Darla from Mary, Daisy, & Slick

IN Memory of Klum the Best Whippet ever from Shalimar Obrien

In Memory of Miss Molly from Rebecca Lear

In Memory of Mary Pat Lake from The Harrison's Kids: Marchia Felosa, Debi Willard, Dianne Hennis, Thomas Harrison, Robert Harrison

IN HONOR

In Honor of Bob Steptoe's 80th Birthday from Jeep & Janet Wilson

In Memory of Tammy Abraham from Kenneth Schreiber

In Honor of Becky Steptoe from Ben & Jeannie Hardesty

In Honor of Skana Aluminum Co from John Bell

In Honor of Luci & Rikis 12th Birthday from Lynne Nutter

In Honor of Adora, Tigger, Hope, Gizmo from Roger Lindsay

In Honor of Hailey & Zack Schumaker on their marriage from Cynthia Williams

In Honor of Mr. Florio from Larry Abela

IN Honor of David & Becky Swartz's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Anne Davis

In Honor of Andy from Jeanne Kelley

In Honor of Melba Martin's birthday from Susan Meredith

In Honor of Becky Steptoe birthday from Terry Lamm

In Honor of Rachel Barnes birthday from Stacey Wolfe

In Honor of Vicky Everly from Cassandra Everly

In Honor of Angela Policano birthday from Clarksburg Beauty Academy

In Honor of Darlena Doak Birthday from Terry Spencer

In Honor of Franko & Friends of Freida from Matthew Jamison

<p>1 Female Cat + 1 Male Cat X 7 Years = 420,000 Cats</p>		<p>1 Female Dog + 1 Male Dog X 7 Years = 50,000 Dogs</p>
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We are so grateful for the Spay & Neuter voucher programs we are able to offer residents of Harrison County. We have two types: Low Income which is for owned cats and dogs to help offset the costs that is funded by the Harrison County Commission, and our TNR (trap/neuter/return) program for feral and stray cats that is funded by the WV Department of Agriculture Spay Neuter Fund. In one year we were able to spay over 200 Harrison County animals between these two programs. Based on the numbers in this picture, we are making a difference! Please let our County and State governments know how important it is to keep funding these programs, because they benefit all tax payers in the long run. If you know of an animal that needs altered—please reach out so we can help you. And thank you to SNIPWV for the low cost clinic, and grant that helps to spay strays/ferals for free.

TNR HELP FOR HARRISON COUNTY RESIDENTS
TNR is Trap Neuter & Release of Feral & Stray Cats



*We don't just place pets.
We complete families.*



Trap, Neuter (or spay) & Release of stray or feral cats

Please make your appointment before applying for this voucher! Voucher is only good for 30 days.

Make sure the veterinarian office will accept this voucher.

Make sure the animal is old enough to be spayed/neutered.

If it is not used in 30 days, you forfeit it to someone else.

Mail to: P.O. Box 4397 Clarksburg, WV 26302 or Drop off to: 2450 Saltwell Road Shinnston, WV 26431

Have questions? Call: (304) 592-1600 or Email: info@hshcww.org

Harrison County Residents Only

No proof of income needed but need proof of residency (IE ID, Drivers License, Copy of Utility Bill)

SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR US TO RETURN THE VOUCHER.

BOTH PAGES OF THE APPLICATION NEED COMPLETED.

VOUCHERS MISSING ANY INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Each voucher is only good for 30 days.

Thank you for your understanding of importance of spaying and neutering to control the pet overpopulation crisis.

Application for TNR Voucher

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Total Household's Yearly Income: _____ Are you a Senior Citizen: Y / N

CAT INFORMATION

Veterinarians will often not spay or neuter until at least 5 months old.

Age _____ Weight _____ Location _____

Male / Female (if you can tell) Description/Color _____

**Did you know that almost all calico and tortoiseshell are female? And most orange are male?*

COLONY INFORMATION

Do you feed/care for a colony? Circle One Yes / No Approximate number in colony _____

How Many Years have you cared for the colony? __ Have any been spayed/neutered? _____

Where is the colony located? _____

Please contact your veterinarian to see if they will accept this voucher.

Name of Chosen Veterinarian Clinic: _____

Surgery Date: _____

By signing my name on this form, I swear to or affirm (1) the completeness and truthfulness, to the best of my knowledge, of the information I have provided, and (2) my belief that I qualify for assistance through the Humane Society of Harrison County, Inc. to assume the cost of having my pet spayed/neutered at a reduced rate. I do not hold the Humane Society of Harrison County responsible in any way regarding the medical treatment received as a participant in the spay/neuter immunization program.

If not used in 30 days this voucher will be available for someone else to use.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of HSHC Representative: _____

Date of Approval: _____ (must be used within 30 days of this date)



Sugar & Spice, Fur & Nails—what all makes up your dog? Well Wisdom Panel tests can tell you so much! Genetic makeup, relatives to your pet, and health insights. We love to do them for our own pets, as well as shelter pets. If you have adopted from us and did one—please add it to the HSHCWV Alumni group on Facebook. We love to see how much of our breed guesses are correct. If you haven't—well make sure to use our code if you are interested in finding more about your dog.
<https://share.wisdompanel.com/director12>

It is almost time for New Year Resolutions!

ResQwalk is a free mobile app that lets you raise money and resources for your favorite animal welfare organization, and all you have to do is walk!

Also don't forget while training and the day of the race! Support the HSHCWV simply by walking. For every mile you walk, a donation is made to our shelter. View more info here:

bestfriends.org/resqwalk
bestfriends.org/resqwalk/faq

Or simply go to googleplay or applestore on your phone and get the free app.

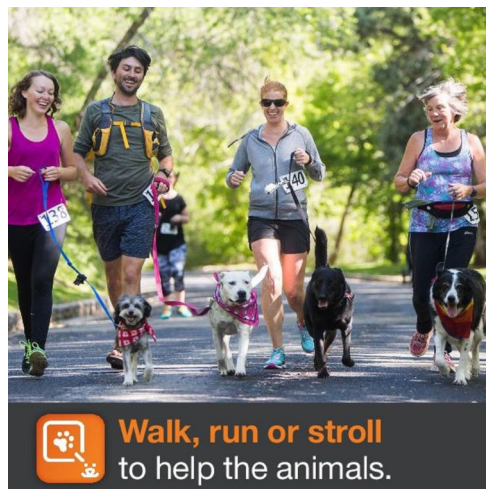
If You're Cold. So is Your Pet!
 Pets can get frostbite on their ear tips, noses, tails and paws. Don't leave your dog outdoors for too long and make sure your pets have a warm place to sleep.

Keep Your Cat Inside!
 When outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, be stolen, injured or killed. Cats allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies from other cats, dogs and wildlife. Outdoor cats live about 3 years. Indoor cats live 15-20 years.

Winter Pet Poisons!
 Anti-freeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle and consider using products that contain propylene glycol not ethylene glycol.

Clean Paws!
 Rock salt used to melt ice on sidewalks may irritate footpads. It can cause burns and cracks. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk. Use a warm wet towel. Don't miss between the toes.

Never Off Leash!
 Never let your dog off the leash during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure your dog always wears a collar with ID tags. Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, creeks or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in.



Walk, run or stroll to help the animals.

ResQwalk is a free mobile app that lets you support your favorite animal welfare organization — just by getting out and moving!

Make sure to select **Humane Society of Harrison County** as the ResQ you would like to support.

ResQwalk
 Helping animals one step at a time.
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Happy Paw-lidays
 from **HSHC**
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 Open 10:30-3:30 - Seven days a week
 Find us on Facebook & Instagram @HSHCWV
 We offer fostering, volunteering and spay/neuter vouchers for Harrison County residents.

Come and Adopt the Love of Your Life!

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at krogercommunityrewards.com

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and register your card with your organization

Congratulations! You've selected **HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISON COUNTY INC OF WEST VIRGINIA** as your Spark Good charity.



Every time you shop, you can round up and direct Network for Good to support this charity. You can change the local charity you recommend at any time.

Now every time you shop at Walmart- you can round up your change and that change will come to us!

We also have a wish list on the same page so you know what items we need the most for the shelter animals. <https://www.walmart.com/sparkgood>

2024 Friends of the HSHC Drive

Mail to: Humane Society of Harrison County, Inc. PO Box 4397 Clarksburg, WV 26302



*We don't just place pets.
We complete families.*

Dear Friend of the Humane Society of Harrison County, Inc.,

Once again we need your help. Every year the cost of operations increases, and sadly the numbers of homeless animals stays steady. It takes both time and money to keep these animals safe and healthy. By becoming a Friend of the HSHC, you are sharing your voice and love for the cause. Your continuing support helps to ensure these companion animals have the chance to find their homes. The money you share is appreciated, and the value is immeasurable.

Your contribution to the 2024 Friends of the HSHC Drive not only provides you with a tax free contribution to support the cause, but also gets your our biannual newsletter to keep you informed of our efforts and events.

Seniors & Students \$20 _____ Individuals \$30 _____ Family \$45 _____
Benefactor \$150 _____ Lifetime \$250 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Watch our Facebook or Website for upcoming events!

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You can help the unwanted, abandoned, and homeless pets of Harrison County by donating today. Please make checks payable to: HSHC and mail to: P.O. Box 4397 Clarksburg, WV 26302. All donations are tax deductible. The animals thank you!

General Animal/Shelter Donation: \$ _____

Pet Sponsorship: \$ _____

Memorial or Honorarium Donation Amount: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



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