



# PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS

Since 1986 speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves

## Be Part of Something BIG!

### 2085 Surgeries in 2013

For every HUMAN born...  
15 DOGS are born



**Too Many DOGS & CATS**

...never enough humans

For every HUMAN born...  
45 CATS are born



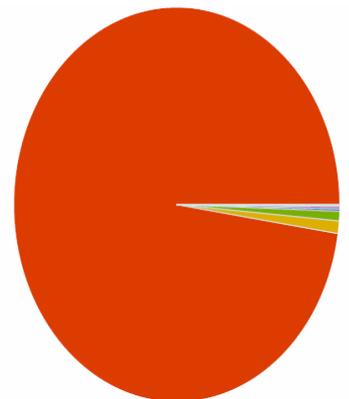
People make choices to support a non-profit organization for different reasons. Probably #1 is how they *feel* about that organization's mission. For PFA that mission is simple: to decrease the number of unwanted dogs and cats born, by spaying & neutering because there will never be forever homes for all of them. Even if math wasn't your favorite subject in elementary school, you'll get this. For humans,  $1+1 = 2$  (usually in about 9 months). For dogs & cats,  $1+1 = 4, 6, \text{ or } 10$  (and in about 63 days). There's a mismatch in the human to dog or cat birthrate! That is undeniable. So let's stop wringing our hands and crying "Why can't we get this problem under control?" We know the answer!

Some will ask, "How can I allocate my time and resources to spay/neuter when so many are being born that need help right now? Because any other approach is a losing battle. At least share your time and resources because without more spay/neuter, we will leave most of those being born in the cold. That will never change. The math doesn't lie. Some just choose to pretend it doesn't exist.

If you're ready to face the problem head-on, here's what you can do: (1) Spay or neuter your own pet(s). (2) Help by encouraging those you know to spay and neuter. (3) Support non-profits—like PFA—whose focus is to increase spay/neuter and reduce birthrate so that dogs and cats don't suffer homelessness or face euthanasia only because there is no home for them. (4) *Adopt from a shelter!* Be proactive. Do something!

Without our intervention, dogs and cats will continue to multiply AND helplessly suffer the consequences. You have the power to change that for them. Magnify that power by donating and/or volunteering with us and together we'll make animals healthier and reduce their excess #s .... through spay/neuter. That is the only approach that has a mathematical possibility of success. **Over 97 cents of every dollar you donate to PFA pays vet bills for spay/neuter surgeries—NOT salaries, buildings or fundraising costs....spays and neuters. You can bank on it!**

(Check our updated website at [www.peopleforanimals.net](http://www.peopleforanimals.net) for our running, monthly spay/neuter surgery total.)



Spay/Neuter Surgeries 97.8%

## SNAP STORIES

### “The Momma Asked Me for Help!”

About four months ago a Montgomery County disabled woman whose husband had been laid off called People for Animals’ hotline. They’d just used their last unemployment check, but a cat had placed a plea for help at the woman’s feet: four hungry kittens. Once the kittens finished nursing, the woman called us to help spay “Momma.” Three months later People for Animals helped pay for the kittens’ surgeries. Then came the surprise: the wild father cat returned in bad shape; the woman trapped him to get care and be neutered, also with PFA’s help. The cats are now safe and healthy, and hundreds of homeless cats were prevented.

### Not Much Money-- Lots of Love



A Dickson County couple subsisting on disability called PFA about a starving dog found abandoned at a trailer. The woman explained that the skittish “Gracie” had “bite marks all over her face” from an attack, and “her eye was missing.” They fed her by hand until they earned her trust. She’d had pups, and suffered from pyometra from never having been spayed. PFA collaborated with Lovie’s Legacy for this medical emergency. Now Gracie is a happy, healthy-- much loved--dog who enjoys fetching, especially from the water; riding in the car; and getting hugs from her mom and dad.



### Stowaway



A Perry County senior citizen went grocery shopping, and did she have a surprise when she started to drive home! She kept hearing a rhythmic noise by the wheels. Unknown to her, a cat had crawled up into the engine of her car. Worried that “Kitty” was injured, the woman detoured to her veterinarian. He confirmed “Kitty” was pregnant, almost ready to deliver. After the cat had finished nursing three kittens, PFA sent “Kitty” to the vet to be spayed. “There’s no telling what would have happened to that cat if she had gotten into the wrong car or stayed in the parking lot,” said the kind woman, “but now she’s part of our family and her babies are safe and well.” They’ll need to be spayed & neutered too!

### Cold Night, Warm Hearts



A maintenance man at a Williamson County restaurant found a one-year old dog digging in the trash one night. Always an animal lover, he decided to feed him, get him vaccinated, and find him a home. With a low income and a disabled wife, he knew they couldn’t afford another dog. Yet the family quickly fell in love and pledged to care for the hound. Of course they didn’t want him to get another dog pregnant, get hit by a car, or run off; so on the advice of their pastor, they asked PFA for help with neutering him.

### From Runaway to Homebody



A Hickman County student subsists on a Pell Grant and part-time work. She already had four rambunctious dogs that live with her parents but remain her financial responsibility. Daily she’d play with, feed, brush, and walk them; but one giant pup, mixed breed, kept escaping. She could not afford surgery and worried every time he disappeared. Her veterinarian gave her PFA’s number, and the next week, the veterinarian performed the surgeries for all five dogs. “I never could have solved this problem without PFA,” she said. Now the dogs don’t fight and the pup stays home.



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### Lucky

A woman with many bills and an un-neutered male dog at home, found a pit bull pup in the road, and she couldn't just leave her there. She explained, "I'm struggling to stay afloat cleaning houses." Her neighbor saw PFA's poster in a local Piggly Wiggly and called on her behalf. The family named the dog "Lucky" when PFA paid the majority of her spay. Timing was of the essence because she had just gone into heat! A month later the family called to get help with neutering their male. PFA volunteers routinely inquire whether all pets in the household are already fixed. Often money is the only obstacle people face in getting life-saving spay & neuter benefits for their animals.



### Win-Win

Having moved to public housing in Nashville after living in her car with her dog for three months, a woman was given 30 days to have her small dog neutered. Her fixed income from SSI meant she couldn't afford "extras." The People for Animals volunteer explained the health benefits of neutering, located a veterinarian close to her, and arranged for low co-pay so she could keep her apartment and her dog companion.



### Walmart Cat + 3

It isn't easy to pass by those owl eyes peering up at you from the box at Walmart. You want to cry, "Too many cats, not enough homes!" When a Marshall County couple made their weekly trek to the store, they didn't even have to speak to know that their home would be the best one for the gray Tom cat. "We always spay and neuter our animals, and a litter has never been born on our farm," explained the woman. "We have found all but one of our animals." They wanted one other cat to keep Tom company, but times were rough, with the wife unable to find a job. Tom won, nevertheless, and at their veterinarian's suggestion, soon they found themselves at the home of a woman needing to give away some cats. "They were so sweet we took 3," to the PFA screener on the call; "so now we have to spay and neuter all of them and money is so tight." The cats thrived on the farm with constant affection, food, mice, shelter, and excellent care. With the woman being out of work and bills mounting, the couple was very grateful for PFA's help with all 4 surgeries at their regular veterinarian's office. Shortly after their surgeries healed, the woman sent PFA a picture of the cats on a stump with a thank-you note. Apparently, what she said is true: "Where you see one of them, you will see them all!"



### Tied Up

A Williamson County man who earns \$300 a week, pays \$300 per month in child support, and has bills, managed to save \$75 to spay his mixed-breed dog. He couldn't afford a fence, so he had her tied in the yard. Unfortunately, she became pregnant by a roaming dog. A veterinarian said her surgery would cost \$210. The situation was urgent and the veterinarian suggested he call PFA. The screener discussed alternatives to tying the dog and arranged to have the dog spayed immediately within the man's means. Relieved, he said: "I just can't deal with ten puppies on my income."

### Clinics (by county) participating in the PFA Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

Bedford--Cascade Veterinary Hospital Cannon--Woodbury Veterinary Hospital Davidson--Animal House Apache Trail Animal Hospital Bellevue Animal Hospital Dickson--Animal Medical Hospital Giles--Animal Clinic	Hickman--Hickman Veterinary Hospital Houston--Houston County Animal Clinic Lawrence--Shoal Creek Animal Hospital Lewis--Greenview Veterinary Hospital Hohenwald Animal Hospital Marshall--Meredith Warner Animal Clinic Marshall--Veterinary Services Maury--Animal Medical Clinic	Veterinary Wellness of Columbia Montgomery--Animal Medical Center Perry--Linden Animal Clinic Sumner--Sumner Spay Neuter Alliance Williamson--Caring Hands Animal Hospital Fairview Animal Clinic Wilson--New Leash on Life
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## Message from The President

We often see great obstacles overcome by those who follow the mantra...Don't give up! Don't ever give up! A great tool for never giving up is to ground your high expectations in reality. With animal welfare issues, I think that means tempering our passion and goals with the patience and endurance needed for a marathon.



People For Animals has always been focused on one issue...pet overpopulation. In the 27 years since our founding, we might hope that it would be time for a final victory lap but that's not realistic. Dogs and cats without homes and the millions more suffering neglect in low-quality homes are not an illness waiting for a miracle cure. They are symptomatic of a pervasive condition we call pet overpopulation... caused by many things. Sometimes pets lose their homes because they are not valued enough to survive the stressors that people face. Communities often allocate inadequate or no resources to addressing this persistent condition in humane, constructive ways.

By offering spay/neuter assistance, education *and* promotion of adoption from shelters, PFA tries to address the issue in the most effective ways possible. As a result, we see great impact from our efforts. Since dogs reproduce about nine times faster and cats fifteen times faster than humans do, the math of adoption/rescue can never be our sole solution. It is mathematically impossible!

We are committed to a spay/neuter strategy that provides a mathematically possible solution to a heart-wrenching condition. We take great pride in how many we help with the resources we have, not on how much we spend on one animal leaving many others with nothing!

In PFA we do not delude ourselves by insisting that an end to pet overpopulation and poor-quality homes is just around the corner. We know it's a huge, long-standing problem and giving up is not an option. Changing our *collective strategies* to more efficiently focus on the real solutions of spay/neuter, education and shelter adoption *is* an option. As more individuals, groups and communities do that, we will see more rapid signs of progress that will help propel us all...energize us for the marathon. Don't give up. Don't ever give up!

Founded in 1986. **People For Animals** is an all volunteer, not for-profit animal protection organization dedicated to preventing intentional or unintentional harm to all animals in our community with a focus on dogs and cats. Our Mission is to enhance pet quality of life and address pet overpopulation by reducing the number of healthy pet euthanized in shelters with programs that:

Reduce the birthrate of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Help people make a lifetime commitment to responsible, caring guardianship of their pets. Promote adoption from shelters.

Support animal friendly legislation.

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### Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for all your help! All my cats are happy & healthy & you had such a large part in it. Thank you, Wanda & Cats of Lawrenceburg, TN

Thank you so much for what you & all the volunteers at People For Animals do for these animals. We were able to get our "new" friend neutered. He is finally getting more comfortable with his new home. He loves our dogs and our female cat (all already spayed/neutered). Thank you for the support you offer to our community. With love, Ana of Centerville, TN

A few months ago you helped us find an affordable spay option for our puppy. We were very pleased with the care LuLu had while she was at the veterinarian's office. They were wonderful! We hope this donation will help someone else as it did us!! Thank you again! Alan & Beth & LuLu of Franklin, TN

Thank you for all you do and your assistance when I needed it. Mary of Columbia, TN

## “About Your Pets”

**A current rabies tag**, In addition to microchips and identification tags, can be his ticket home if all other efforts to keep him safe fail and he is lost. Usually a call to your local animal control shelter is a good starting point.

**Five fresh foods** you can give your pet in moderation as treats that may help maintain healthy weight: apples (without seeds), carrots, boiled or scrambled eggs (yolk & white), pumpkin (can help with chronic digestive issues), and sugar-free yogurt. Three foods NOT to give your pet: chocolate & caffeine, onions and even small amounts of grapes & raisins. Always consult your vet if your pet has any health issues. Diet may be a cause. Source: vetstreet.com

**Vaccination Protocols** — Pet vaccination is a medical decision that should be made based on the age, health, and lifestyle of each animal. The conclusion of leaders in veterinary medicine is that annual vaccinations often are unnecessary—except in the case of a one-year rabies vaccine. The recommendation remains that the full puppy or kitten series be given followed by a booster at one year and after that re-vaccination of adult dogs and cats can occur only at three-year intervals (except in cases of animals at high risk of exposure) and generally will not be needed after 10-yrs. old. Do your own research and talk with your veterinarian.

**Dental Health** -- Dental care is critical to our pet’s health, but is often overlooked. According to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), 85% of all dogs over one year have some degree of periodontal disease, but only 3% get treated. That makes it the most commonly diagnosed infection. Symptoms of dental disease are bad breath (an early sign), yellowish-brown crust of tartar on teeth near the gum line, red & swollen gums (gingivitis), pain or bleeding in the mouth, decreased appetite or trouble eating, and loose or missing teeth. When the disease reaches that latter stage, the heart and kidneys are particularly susceptible to infection. As usual, the best treatment is prevention. Regular dental check-ups and teeth cleaning (anesthesia required) about every six to twenty-four months are advisable depending on your own pet’s mouth and age. The AAHA also recommends brushing your pet’s teeth on a regular basis with pet flavored toothpaste and toothbrush—NO human toothpaste. If begun when teeth are clean, regular brushing could prevent or delay the need for future cleaning.

**Exercise** –Appropriate exercise is good for all of us...including our pets. Exercise and a good quality diet are essential in maintaining or achieving a healthy weight for our pets. Exercise can also help with your pet’s behavior issues if they stem from boredom, anxiety, or too much energy and no acceptable way to get rid of it or. Physical exercise provides your pet an outlet for his body and his mind. If it involves you—like a walk or playing ball—it also helps to create a bond between you. If you can’t offer that, go to a shelter and adopt an energetic playmate and your 2 pets can exercise each other!

**Itching** – Itching and scratching are common reasons to see the vet. It is not only miserable for your pet but if it continues can cause irritated skin, open sores, even infections. Causes include fleas, “hot spots”, food allergies, thyroid disorders and poor nutrition. It is important to break the cycle of itching so that skin damage is minimized. Let your veterinarian advise you.

## Did You Know?

**PFA is an all-volunteer non-profit.** We need 2 things: volunteers, especially screeners to take calls from pet owners seeking spay/neuter assistance (See below) and donations. Since we are funded COMPLETELY by donations, we make it easy for you:

- (1) mail a check in the self-addressed envelope included here or
- (2) use Paypal on our website at [www.peopleforanimals.net](http://www.peopleforanimals.net)

Over 97% of every dollar of our revenue goes directly to spay or neuter a dog or cat! We spend no money on salaries or buildings...donating all of our time and working out of our homes.

## Description of Our Screening Process

All PFA assistance begins when a pet owner makes a call to our spay/neuter phone line, answered 365 days a year. A volunteer returns the call. In a conversation that begins with “Tell me about your situation,” the screener learns of the circumstances that create a need for assistance. A decision is made about the type and level of assistance that will be offered and which participating clinic works best for that pet owner. We strive to send pet owners to clinics near their homes so that they can establish relationships and be encouraged to return to them for other pet care their pet will need.

When the financial agreement and clinic location have been concluded and the conversation is complete, pet owners are asked to make their appointment. When that has been done, the screener then faxes the PFA certificate to the designated clinic, All surgeries are performed in private clinics by qualified, licensed Tennessee veterinarians in good standing.

## What you should know about Williamson Co Animal Control & Adoption Center

Laura Chavarria, Director of WCAC&AC  
B.S. in Biology from Ohio State University

Shelter animals can make amazing companions. Additionally, shelters often offer proactive programs that save lives, e.g. spay/neuter clinics and other services that improve animal welfare- lost & found, pet food donations, cruelty investigation, etc. Why then, are some people still hesitant to adopt shelter pets or visit their local shelter? Experience has shown me that the main reason is their misconceptions about shelter animals or shelters in general. I can tell you first hand that these misconceptions are not true at Williamson County Animal Control and Adoption Center.

The first misconception is that WCAC&AC “euthanizes everything.” We actually do everything possible to avoid euthanasia. We rely on heavily on foster homes. Because we are an “open admission” shelter—accept all animals that are stray or surrendered by owners living in Williamson County-- we have animals of all ages, colors, sizes, temperaments, and health at our shelter. You can imagine then how many animals we take in that are elderly or ill. If these animals have a good temperament, we will utilize donations to provide needed medical



We recently had a dog named “Delores” come in who was a stray and morbidly obese. She weighed 86 pounds and could barely move due to tumors. She had a wonderful temperament and would be very adoptable if she received long-term, loving care. The staff found a local clinic willing to provide water therapy to facilitate weight loss and a foster home dedicated to supporting her continuing need for weight loss. She has now lost 30 pounds and is a wonderful companion. (As we go to print, she is still waiting for her forever home.) Delores is just one prime example of WCAC&AC’s commitment to each animal in its care.



A second misconception is that the animals at WCAC&AC are on a time constraint; if they are not adopted within a certain time frame or if space becomes limited, they will automatically be euthanized. Some animals are adopted in days; others stay with us for many months. We have animals that have been here for months that are shelter favorites. The longer an animal is here at the shelter, the more chance that staff and volunteers develop a deep connection with the animal. We had a cat named “Mark” that was brought in as a stray in May of 2013 and was adopted last week! We provided Mark with love and care and never gave up that a great family would one day come and adopt him. It’s bittersweet when our “long-timers” get adopted, because they’ve become part of our daily lives, but knowing that they are now in their forever home makes all the worry and work worthwhile.

More briefly, a third misconception is that our shelter is full of only “stray” dogs and cats. While many wonderful animals do find themselves abandoned through no fault of their own, about half of our animals walk through our “open” door belonging to the person bringing them. They are being surrendered to us...also most often through no fault of their own. We care for them all—mixes, pure-breds, owner surrenders and strays--with all of the energy and resources that we have.

### Other misconceptions and enlightening facts to the contrary about our shelter:

- \*The shelter is just a dog pound with no proactive programs, like our **community spay/neuter clinic**.
- \*Shelter animals are just left in cages. There is no enrichment, **like cat toys and a screened cat porch or 3-6 walks a day for dogs!**
- \*Adoption efforts only take place at the shelter. **We have almost weekly off-site adoption events in the community.**
- \*Tennessee animal welfare laws are very archaic. **Williamson County has strengthened its Rules and Regulations governing dogs and cats and animal control officers enforce them regarding tethering, provision of food, water and shelter, running at large, etc.** You may call 790-5590 with any concern you may have about a Williamson Co. animal’s care or condition.



Our mission at WCAC&AC is to take in stray and owner surrendered animals of Williamson County and provide stellar care for them while in our guardianship, ultimately adopting them into the community as healthy, loving pets. We also provide proactive spaying and neutering services and enforce rules and regulations to ensure a safe community for both people and pets. We are passionate at WCAC&AC about changing the public’s perception of what our shelter does. We are not the “dog catchers” of yesteryear. We are your local shelter that gives of ourselves and our resources to provide a better quality of life for the animals of Williamson County.



### Special Gifts & Memorials

*For all of us who make a lifetime commitment to our pets, that last day does come; and unless it comes suddenly, we will be faced with a decision. Certainly it is a solemn decision to be made with your veterinarian's advice and your own love and commitment to your animal companion, But what greater gift of unselfish love could you offer?*

**In Honor Of:**

**Ann and David Logan...Barbie Lovet**

**Ann Logan**, so proud of the great work...**Jo Williams**

**Toby**...my best friend ...**Ann Conway**

**Lucas and Bo**---for your unconditional love...

**Bobbie Cupp**

**Ronnie Douglas**

**Theresa Douglas**

**Adrienne Robins** –In honor of **Adrienne Robins** and in appreciation of all you all do to end animal suffering. I hear about your efforts practically on a daily basis and I admire your good work. You make a difference. Thank you again for your hard work and great program. Anonymous

**Carol Wissman – India Watterson**

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**Boaz, Rufus, Tom & Tabitha -- Christopher and Ida Marie Carlough**

**In Memory Of:**



My beloved **Beau.....Kay Montgomery**

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**Sugar and Ewok...Barbie Lovett**

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**Smokie . . . .Gail Miller**

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**Hobie**, our beloved yorkie. . .**Theresa Douglas**

**Jake Rittiner**, beloved and cherished dog of **Robin and Ron Rittiner. . .Suzanne Berrey**

**Baxter (Yorkie) and TJ (Beagle) . . . Todd and Amy Harrison**

**Amber**, beloved 15 yr old Rescue Dog of **Dr. Anne Fottrell. . .Jessica Jennette**

All the animals she has had and loved in her 86 yrs. . .**Libby Halliburton**

**Frances Dillard . . .Mrs. Linda Brophy**

**Thank You for Your Donation**

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**Gift:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$75** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other**

All donations are Tax-deductible and are greatly appreciated. You can now also make your donations, honorariums, and memorials online at [www.PeopleForAnimals.net](http://www.PeopleForAnimals.net)

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