

# NARDECCHIA NEUTER NEWS



A Non-profit,  
Tax-deductible  
501 (C) 3,  
All Volunteer  
Organization

*Special events coming up in  
2014*

*Mark your Calendars*

*Spring Basket Party  
Richland Fire Hall  
March 30 2014*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Comedy Night  
Ace's Lounge  
May, 2014*

*Check out our participation at  
local events on Page 7*

## YOU – Can Lend a Helping Hand



Nardecchia Spay & Neuter Fund is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3, all volunteer organization founded in 1999 by a group of friends wanting to make a difference in the pet overpopulation in our community. We are a small, dedicated group of animal lovers who fundraise and donate 100% of all proceeds to benefit our mission to spay and neuter. Tax deductible information is available upon request.

About 4 million cats and dogs are euthanized each year. That's about 1 every 8 seconds. Spay/neuter is a proven way to reduce pet overpopulation. Many of these unwanted animals are abandoned, left to starve or freeze to death while some end up in shelters waiting their fate. By spaying and neutering just one breeding pair of cats or dogs, we can stop more than 2,000 unwanted births in 4 years and over 2 million births in 8 years. Our area is no exception! We need your help more than ever to stop this endless cycle.

We are always looking for volunteers, suggestions on new fundraising events, and interesting articles for our newsletters. Right now we are running our annual membership campaign. A membership to Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund is a \$10.00 minimum donation. When you become a new member or renew your membership, you will receive our quarterly newsletter mailed to you so that you will be the first to know when all of our events are happening. Do you have someone who is hard to buy for... why not give them a "gift membership" to Nardecchia! We will even send you a post card for you to give to the recipient telling about their gift membership. Simply fill out the gift membership form on Page 5 and we will do the rest. A membership would make a great stocking stuffer too!

Check out our revamped website @ [www.nardecchia.org](http://www.nardecchia.org) – We love it & hope you will too! Give us some suggestions as to what you would like to see on there!

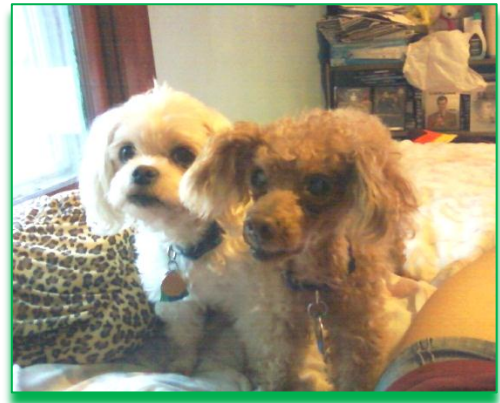
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*Thanks for  
sharing your  
pets with us!*

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
FROM ALL OF  
US AT THE  
NARDECCHIA  
SPAY NEUTER  
FUND**

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*OSCAR & SHERLOCK*



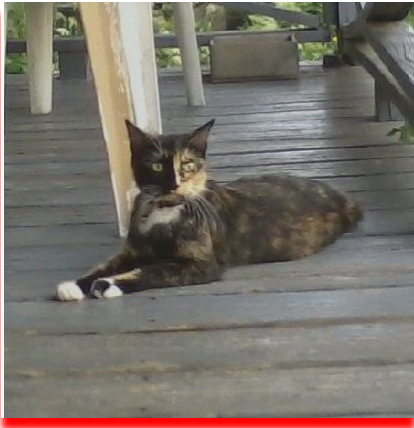
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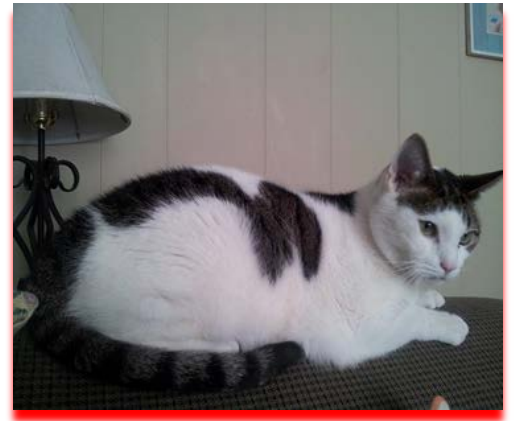
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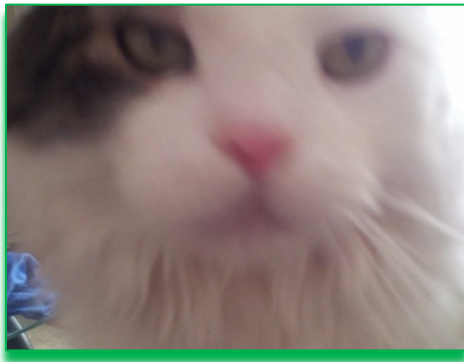
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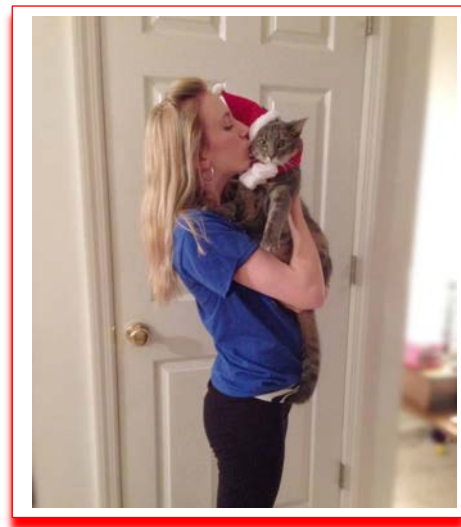


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**The Holiday Season**

'Tis the holiday season, and all through the house  
the puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.  
The decorations which had merrily hung on the door  
are scattered in pieces, all over the floor.  
The stockings that hung in a neat little row,  
now boast a hole in each one of the toes.  
The tree was subjected to bright-eyed whims,  
and now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.  
I catch them and hold them, be good I insist.  
They lick me, and then run off to see what they've missed.  
And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me,  
that theirs is the spirit all holidays should be.  
Should Children and Puppies yet show us the way,  
and teach us the joy that should come with this season?  
Could they bring the message that's written above,  
and tell us that, most of all, Happiness is Love!!

**A Dog Poem By: Author Unknown**





## **Pets are homeless everywhere – TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S., there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. Barely half of these animals are adopted. Tragically, the rest are euthanized. These are healthy, sweet pets that would have made great companions.

The number of homeless animals varies by state—in some states there are as many as 300,000 homeless animals euthanized in animal shelters every year. These are not the offspring of homeless "street" animals—these are the puppies and kittens of cherished family pets and even purebreds.

Many people are surprised to learn that nationwide, more than 2.7 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters annually. **Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats.**

### **Your pet's health**

A USA Today (May 7, 2013) article cites that pets that live in the states with the highest rates of spaying/neutering also live the longest. According to the report, neutered male dogs live 18% longer than un-neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than un-spayed female dogs. The report goes on to add that in Mississippi, the lowest-ranking state for pet longevity, 44% of the dogs are not neutered or spayed.

Part of the reduced lifespan of unaltered pets can be attributed to their increased urge to roam, exposing them to fights with other animals, getting struck by cars, and other mishaps.

Another contributor to the increased longevity of altered pets involves the reduced risk of certain types of cancers. Un-spayed female cats and dogs have a far greater chance of developing pyometra (a fatal uterine infection), uterine cancer, and other cancers of the reproductive system.

Medical evidence indicates that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. (Many veterinarians now sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.)

Male pets that are neutered eliminate their chances of getting testicular cancer.

### **Cost cutting**

When you factor in the long-term costs potentially incurred by a non-altered pet, the savings afforded by spay/neuter are clear (especially given the plethora of low-cost spay/neuter clinics).

Caring for a pet with reproductive system cancer or pyometra can easily run into the thousands of dollars—five to ten times as much as a routine spay surgery. Additionally, unaltered pets can be more destructive or high-strung around other dogs. Serious fighting is more common between unaltered pets of the same gender and can incur high veterinary costs.

Renewing your pet's license can be more expensive, too. Many counties have spay/neuter laws that require pets to be sterilized, or require people with unaltered pets to pay higher license renewal fees.

**“Like” us on FACEBOOK –**

[www.facebook.com/nardecchiaspayneuterfund](http://www.facebook.com/nardecchiaspayneuterfund)

***The perfect stocking stuffer --  
A gift membership to Nardecchia***

***Officers:***

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Call 814-535-2379

Email: [info@nardecchia.org](mailto:info@nardecchia.org)

***Contact us for  
information on how you  
can help us help animals  
by becoming a member!  
Membership is only  
\$10.00 a year.***



Do you need a little extra gift for that animal lover in your life? Why not give them a one year membership to the *Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund*? It's only \$10. We are sure they will enjoy the quarterly newsletters with all the information on our yearly events, like the Spring and Fall Basket Parties, Comedy Night, and the Fall Luncheon just to name a few.

Please complete the form below and mail it along with your donation to:

**Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund  
131 Damian Drive  
Johnstown, PA 15905**

A post card will be sent to you that will make the perfect stocking stuffer letting the recipient know of your donation and their membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

***On a personal note:*** My 24 year old niece recently lost her 19 year old cat "Lilly". I want to share how she expressed her feelings regarding her loss. She wrote to Lilly: "Thank you for showing me that to love and care for an animal is one of the greatest privileges a human can experience" Every animal should experience that devotion in their lifetime.

*(by: Jackie Williamson)*



## SPOT LIGHT



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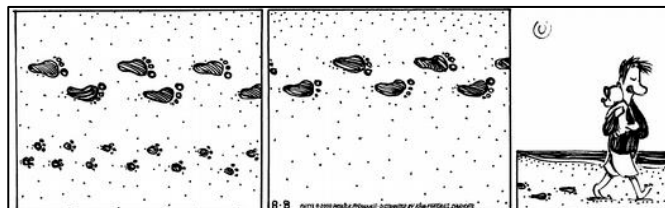
# Dr. Johanna Vena, V.M.D A New Veterinarian in Johnstown

Cambria Veterinary Care opened in the historic Cambria City area of Johnstown, PA on October 9, 2013. Dr. Johanna Vena V.M.D. went to Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania and has been practicing for approximately 20 years. She is very interested in exotics – birds, reptiles, and pocket pets. Staffed with seven employees and one vet, they are accepting new clients. The office is a full service office, scheduling routing office visits, surgeries, x-rays, and also lab work. The office has had emergencies coming in since they opened, and they strive to take the best care of any animal that needs help! If you are looking for a veterinarian and would like to schedule an appointment, their hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. They are on call rotation for emergencies.

They can be reached at 814-288-8821. For more information, check out their website at – [www.cambriavetcare.com](http://www.cambriavetcare.com).



I will  
carry  
you!



## Upcoming Events

**Spring Basket Party**  
**Sunday, March 30, 2014**  
**Richland Fire Hall**  
**Doors Open 11:30**  
**Drawing Begins @ 2:00**  
**Light Lunch will be served**

Over 100 baskets with a value of \$25.00  
and higher

Money Tree & Lottery Tree

Admission: \$7.00 includes  
25 basket chance tickets  
and a light lunch

Additional sheets of 25 basket chances can  
be purchased for \$5.00

Tickets will be available soon for this  
Anticipated event!

For advance tickets please call:

Jackie – 814-242-6403

Lindsay – 814-418-2393

Kathi – 814-242-6792

Watch...For...More...Details...About...

**Nardecchia's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Funny Fundraiser  
Coming in May of 2014....**

**You don't want to miss this event!**

**Petco Adoption Days**  
**Johnstown Petco 11-2 pm**

December 7-8, 2013  
January 4-5, 2014







# Announcing.. Pet Memorials



Losing a pet is one of the hardest things a pet owner will ever have to face. We will never forget them and we will always love them. That's why we are offering Pet Memorials on our website [www.nardecchia.org](http://www.nardecchia.org). With any donation amount you can memorialize your pet with only their name and a few words. If you would like to add a photo we are requesting a \$25.00 donation. Visit our website ([www.nardecchia.org](http://www.nardecchia.org)) for more information.

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**Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the flat  
not a creature was stirring except for the cats.  
They ran and they played and they jumped 'round with glee.  
They played with the ornaments 'til they came off the tree  
all bright and shiny the ornaments were, now all the ornaments  
were just one big blur.**

**Then all of the sudden came a crash, bang and boom. Yes... it was Santa  
and not a moment too soon.**

**So with a wink of his eye and a twitch of his nose...  
he magically fixed my tree; I suppose.**

**Now all bright and shiny my Christmas tree is – thanks to the magic of  
Good Ol' St. Nick.**

**The kitties were bad but oh well I say  
geez after all... it is Christmas day.**

**By Anonymous**





## About Us!

Nardecchia Spay Neuter's mission is to battle the canine & feline overpopulation problem in the Cambria & Somerset Areas.

We can achieve this goal by financially assisting low income persons and providing help to stray, abandoned, and homeless animals.

Vouchers will be made available to approved persons and redeemed by certified veterinarians. Help is granted on an individual basis according to the amount of funds available.

Are you low income?  
We usually help monthly incomes of \$1,000 or less.

## How We Can Help?

Do you have a pet or know of a cat or dog that is in need of spaying or neutering?

Have you rescued or have litter after litter and can't find homes?

Do you have extenuating circumstances and are not able to fix your pet?

If you need help and have nowhere to turn, call and see if we can help you!

For More Information Write or Call

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**Johnstown, PA 15905**  
**814-535-2379**

Email: [info@nardecchia.org](mailto:info@nardecchia.org)

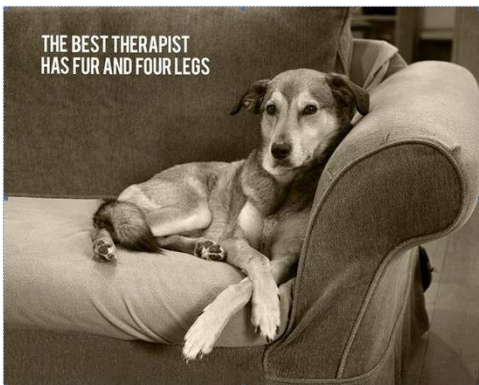
**Please do not email requests for financial assistance.**

## What is a Cat?

Gentle eyes that see so much,  
Paws that have the quiet touch.  
Purrs that signal "all is well"

And show more love than words can tell.  
Graceful movements touched with pride  
A calming presence by your side!  
A friendship that will last and grow  
Small wonder that we love them so!

... Author Unknown



Do you have a story about how Nardecchia has helped you or a friend with a pet, or just an interesting article that you would like to share for our next newsletter?

Contact Jackie Williamson, Nardecchia volunteer and President at (814-242-6403)  
or [Jackie@nardecchia.org](mailto:Jackie@nardecchia.org)

**Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund  
131 Damian Drive  
Johnstown, PA 15905  
814-535-2379  
2014 Membership Drive**

Hello Again Friends,

2014 will soon be here, and once again the Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund asks for your support.

We have been very busy again this past year, fundraising and helping our animal friends. At times, the group feels overwhelmed by the endless begging for money and the thousands of animals that need our help. But...here we are again!

In 2013 the Group was able to come to the aid of over 1,350 animals. So many cats were seen thrown away to fend for themselves but ending up freezing to death or slowly dying of starvation and disease. So many dogs we find beaten, chained, or thrown into the woods to die in some horrible fashion, wondering what they did wrong.

By spaying or neutering, so many of these horrific endings never come to pass! Please help us again this year to help the hopeless. You make our work possible.

Thank you,

The Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund

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**Nardecchia Spay Neuter Membership Form  
Checks Payable to Nardecchia Spay Neuter  
131 Damian Drive  
Johnstown, PA 15905**

**2014 Annual Dues: \$10.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a basket for the basket party held on the first Sunday of April.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a basket for the basket party held on the last Sunday of September.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to attend the luncheon at Sunnehanna Country Club held on the last Sunday of October.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sell tickets for our fundraisers.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be informed of meetings and help the group.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate a scratch off PA lottery ticket.