

# NARDECCHIA NEUTER NEWS



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

*Special events  
coming up in 2013  
Mark your Calendars*

*Spring Basket Party  
April 7, 2013*

*Eat Out For a Week  
Drawing May 6, 2013*

*Comedy Night  
May 10, 2013*

*Fall Basket Party  
September 29, 2012*

*Fall Luncheon  
October 27, 2013*

*"We have helped  
spay or neuter 1,350  
animals in 2012"*

*This is a record for  
our group*

## 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.

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!

**Call 814-535-2379**

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

Please do not email requests for financial assistance.



## How We Can Help!

Do you have a pet or know of a cat or dog that is in need of spaying or neutering, call us.

Help is granted on an individual basis according to the amount of funds available.

For More Information Write or Call

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



Three of the many pets that  
we helped spay/neuter in  
2012

## VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT



on

LuAnn Walker of Somerset  
Nardecchia Spay/Neuter,  
Volunteer for 6 Years.

LuAnn has helped 100's of  
cats to be spayed or  
neutered.

Thank you LuAnn for  
everything that you do!



The following article, written by Matthew Hoke appeared in a local paper.

The Boys & Girls Club of Somerset County receives a great deal of support from those in the community, and without that goodwill, the club would not be here today. That is why when club members have the opportunity to give something back to the community, it is a welcome chance to say "thank you."

Recently members of the Keystone and Torch Clubs, service groups within the Boys & Girls Club of Somerset County, focused their efforts on raising money for the two worthy causes and cooking dinner for some friends in need. Nardecchia Spay/Neuter Fund Volunteer, **LuAnn Walker**, spoke to club members about the **Nardecchia Organization**. Nardecchia is a non-profit organization dedicated to spaying and neutering of local animals. Since "fixing" its first cat in 1999,

Nardecchia has helped pay for the surgeries for thousands of local dogs and cats across Somerset and Cambria counties.

As a side note, LuAnn organized a very successful pet food drive called Feed Um & Fix Um which was then donated to food pantries and shelters in our local area.

## Feed Um & Fix Um



## Cold Weather Tips!

Brrrr—it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially 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 yours always wears ID tags.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.

Like coolant, antifreeze 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 rather than ethylene glycol.

Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

## Useful Information

Find us on FACEBOOK –  
[www.facebook.com/nardecchiaspayneuterfund](http://www.facebook.com/nardecchiaspayneuterfund)

### Officers:

**Jackie Williamson,  
President**

**Lindsay Locher,  
Vice President**

**Natalie Ramos,  
Secretary**

**Ruth Luther,  
Treasurer**

Call 814-535-2379

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

### Some Local Vets

#### Cambria County

Alfes Home Vet Care  
3366 Snake Rd, Colver, PA  
(814) 748-7255

Ebensburg Animal Hospital  
812 Rowena Dr  
Ebensburg, PA  
(814) 472-6263

Forest Hills Veterinary  
132 Maxine Dr  
Sidman, PA  
(814) 487-6231

Hilltop Animal Hospital  
5377 Admiral Peary Hwy  
Ebensburg, PA  
(814) 472-8947

Johnstown Veterinary  
Associates  
215 Messenger St  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
(814) 536-5105

Penmar Veterinary Clinic  
104 Donald Lane  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
(814) 269-3446

Richland Veterinary Hospital  
1003 Eisenhower Blvd  
Johnstown, PA  
(814) 266-6412

Winterset Veterinary Hospital  
791 Manor Drive  
Ebensburg, PA  
(814) 472-9452

#### Somerset County

Animal Medical Center of Somerset  
County Inc  
1911 N Center Ave  
Somerset, PA  
(814) 443-6979

Casselman Veterinary Services  
PO Box 60  
377 Hemlock Dr  
Grantsville, MD 21536  
(301) 895-3109

Country Roads Veterinary  
2288 Lincoln Hwy  
Stoystown, PA  
(814) 629-8500

Laurel Highlands Animal Health  
876 Stoystown Road  
Somerset, PA 15501  
(814) 445-8971

Mason Dixon Veterinary Services  
7052 Mason Dixon Highway # 2  
Meyersdale, PA 15552  
(814) 634-1772

Somerset Veterinary Hospital  
1322 Berlin Plank Rd  
Somerset, PA  
(814) 443-1323

#### LOW COST CLINICS

Action for Animals  
386 Route 217  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
(724) 539-2544

### Some sobering statistics

#### THERE IS A PROBLEM

One minute is not much time, but every minute... 10 companion animals are put to death. That is:

570 animals per hour  
13,700 animals each day  
5 million animals every year

Some animals find homes but many of these unwanted animals are abandoned, left to starve or freeze to death. They are hit by cars, killed by thoughtless humans or in shelters awaiting their fate.

By spaying or neutering one breeding pair we can stop more than 2,000 unwanted births in 4 years and over 2 million in 8 years.

## Upcoming Events

**Spring Basket Party**  
**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Richland Fire Hall**  
**Doors Open 11:30 – Drawing Begins @ 2:00**  
**Light Lunch will be served**

Over 100 baskets ranging in value from \$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

Hurry to get your tickets as they sell out quickly for this  
event!

Extra basket tickets will be available for purchase at the  
door.

For advance tickets please call

Lindsay – 814-418-2393

Or

Kathi – 814-242-6792

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Funny Fundraiser

Another night of laughs, May 10, 2013! Come join  
us at Aces Lounge as we host another Funny  
Fundraiser with 3 great comedians, PG 13, light  
music, and small basket raffle. Doors open at 6:00  
pm with show starting at 8:00 pm. Cash Bar and  
a' la carte menu will be available. Pre-tickets sales  
as well as tickets at the door. Cost is \$15.00 a  
ticket. Book your table now! A great Mother's Day  
weekend night out event.

Pre-ticket sales available at:

Aces Lounge – Chestnut Street – 814-536-4176

Gittlers Aquarium & Avery – Ohio Street – 814-  
536-2525

Wolf Furniture – Scalp Avenue – 814-266-8987

Tony's Pets - N. Center Avenue, Somerset – 814-  
443-6106

Businesses large or small –

Become a table sponsor by purchasing 8 or more  
tickets to a great night of laughs and we will feature  
your business in our program.

For additional information please call Michelle at  
814-536-8373

### Springtime Smells Sweeter With Scentsy !

March 10 – 24, 2013, we will be hosting a fundraiser with  
Scentsy! Lynn Eash is our hostess.

We will have books available as well as on-line ordering. If  
you would like to see a book,  
please contact Michelle at 814-536-8373 or  
Lynn Eash at 814-262-5095.

On-line orders can be placed by going to  
[www.lynneash.scentsy.us/scentsyhome](http://www.lynneash.scentsy.us/scentsyhome).

Just make sure when placing an order, you click on “buy from  
parties” then click on  
“Nardecchia Spay & Neuter Fund Fundraiser”,  
that is how we will get credit for your order!

#### Check it out:

Calculate your dog's age in human years @  
[pedigree.com](http://pedigree.com)

Like to travel with your dog? Check out:  
[bringfido.com](http://bringfido.com)

Check out [drsfostersmith.com](http://drsfostersmith.com) for great tips on taking  
care of your pet's skin during this cold weather and also  
to see their great pet products.

#### Helpful Facts:

Small quantities of grapes and raisins can cause renal  
failure in dogs. Chocolate, macadamia nuts, cooked  
onions, or anything with caffeine can also be harmful.

Apple and pear seeds contain arsenic, which may be  
deadly to dogs