

NARDECCHIA NEUTER NEWS



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

*Special events
coming up in 2013
Mark your Calendars*

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

*Comedy Night
May 10, 2013*

*Fall Basket Party
September 29, 2013*

*Fall Luncheon
Sunnehanna
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.

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

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?

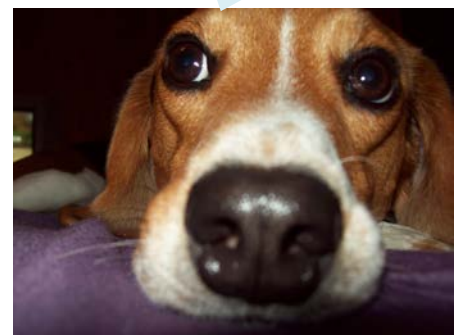
If you need help and have nowhere to turn, call and see if we can help you!

Call 814-535-2379

Email: info@nardecchia.org

Please do not email requests for financial assistance.

Hi my name is Sammy!
This wonderful group of
volunteers helped me
take the
No Daddy Pledge



Did you know that February was National Spay/Neuter your pet month?

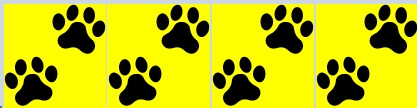
BUSINESS SPOT LIGHT



on

Kritter Cuts of Johnstown
Karlee M. Sabol, Owner &
Certified Groomer
814-266-2001

HELP WANTED:
EXPERIENCED
GROOMER NEEDED –
CALL TO SCHEDULE AN
INTERVIEW!!!!



During the month of February, we asked our Facebook friends to upload a photo of their pet if Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund provided a grant to help with their surgery!!! Thank you to everyone who entered our contest. The winners in both the Cat and Dog category were randomly picked because there was no way we could possibly chose two as the cutest... they were all adorable and just by entering, they gave Nardecchia permission to use the photos in future newsletters or future articles about our group.... So keep looking...

We are also planning future contests on our Facebook page so “like” us and spread the word to all of your friends.

Congrats to
Sammy & Creamsicle

I thought you said I
was getting
tutored!!



I'm Creamsicle

Now Why Didn't We Think of This???

A Great Article Found in USA Today... K9 Fit Club,

People in Chicago are moving beyond the usual dog walking routine.. Members of K9 Fit Club are taking Oh My Dog Boot Camp, Bow Wow Boot Camp and Tai Chi Wa Wa – and both species are losing weight!

The club was launched last year by a Chicago resident who said she had been overweight her whole life and felt like she had tried every diet and workout on the market...

It was a visit to her veterinarian that really made the change for her.

“I was fat and so was my dog,” she said. “Because we as a nation get more and more obese, our pets get more and more obese beside us.”

She created a workout regime with her dog, Louie, and lost 130 pounds. Louie lost more than 20% of his body mass.

“Like” us on FACEBOOK –
www.facebook.com/nardecchiaspayneuterfund

She decided that she had to share her idea with others, and K9 Fit Club was formed. The company now has multiple locations and more than 150 members.

Each class has a personal trainer and dog wrangler to make sure everyone involved gets the best workout possible. Single classes start at \$20.00.

Motivating a room full of rowdy pups to follow directions can be difficult so K9 Fit Club keeps classes small – eight to 10 people per class. Both humans and dogs aren't always exercising at the same time; sometimes they're just there to give each other support. A small dog might sit on a lap during a wall sit or a big one might give the owner loving licks every time she makes it to the top of a sit-up.

“You're integrating both dog behavior and human behavior,” the participant stated...

Is our area ready for something like this????? YES, YES

HAVE A HEART FUNDRAISER

Officers:

*Jackie Williamson,
President*

*Lindsay Locher,
Vice President*

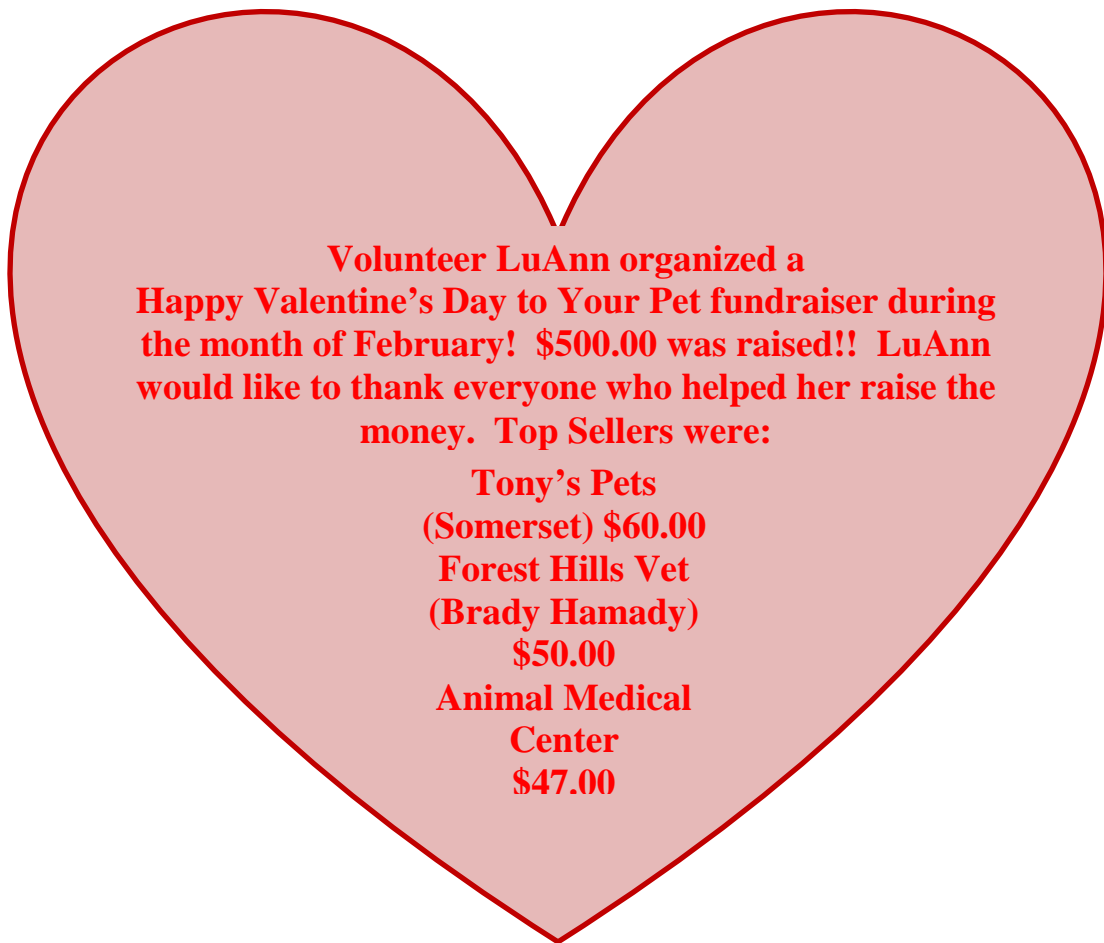
*Natalie Ramos,
Secretary*

*Ruth Luther,
Treasurer*

Call 814-535-2379

Email: info@nardecchia.org

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



**Volunteer LuAnn organized a
Happy Valentine's Day to Your Pet fundraiser during
the month of February! \$500.00 was raised!! LuAnn
would like to thank everyone who helped her raise the
money. Top Sellers were:**

**Tony's Pets
(Somerset) \$60.00
Forest Hills Vet
(Brady Hamady)
\$50.00
Animal Medical
Center
\$47.00**

The Rainbow Bridge inspired by a Norse legend

By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill,
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.
Where the friends of man and woman do run,
When their time on earth is over and done.

For here, between this world and the next,
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.
On this golden land, they wait and they play,
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,
For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness.
Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,
Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued.

They romp through the grass, without even a care,
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.
All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,
Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just at that instant, their eyes have met;
Together again, both person and pet.
So they run to each other, these friends from long past,
The time of their parting is over at last.

The sadness they felt while they were apart,
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.
They embrace with a love that will last forever,
And then, side-by-side, they cross over... together



Top Seller: Tony's Pets
1601 N. Center Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501
814-443-6106

THANK YOU!!!!

SEASONAL ALLERGIES AFFECT OUR PETS AS WELL

Spring is just around the corner -- a time when many of us simply dust off the neti pot or load up on Benadryl in preparation for allergy season.

It's a little harder for dogs and cats with environmental allergies to avoid the elements. Fortunately, experts offer cool tips to help keep hot spots and other problems at bay during allergy season.

Watch for allergy symptoms

Itchy pets are hard to ignore. Allergy symptoms in dogs can include excessive licking, redness ("hot spots") or hair loss. Dr. Drew Weigner, a board-certified feline veterinary specialist and owner of [The Cat Doctor](#) in Atlanta, says that few cats actually suffer from seasonal allergies; they simply sneeze more due to physical irritation from pollen.

But cats with true allergies will typically show signs of hair loss and have scabs or open sores. Discharge in a cat's ears or excessive scratching also are common symptoms.

Monitor the pollen count

Allergy season for dogs and cats can mirror that of humans, so bookmark the [pollen forecast](#) in your area and monitor your pets for symptoms.

Experts suggest wiping your dogs' paws with a cool towel to remove pollen residue or scheduling a weekly cool water bath. Also, help all the animals (and humans) in your house and avoid tracking pollen into the house by removing your shoes at the door.

Don't ignore household allergens

Do what you can to reduce the amount of dust in your home by vacuuming carpets well. Focus on your pet's favorite spots in the house such as under beds and near windows. Don't forget to clean window treatments regularly. Experts also suggest removing bedding and washing it on a regular basis using a gentle detergent that is free of dyes or perfumes.

Maintain monthly flea and tick treatment

One flea can wreak plenty of havoc, so maintain your pet's monthly flea and tick treatment, especially if there is a chance your animal is allergic. Topical solutions such as Advantage and Frontline are popular because you simply apply a liquid solution once a month.

Pick another protein

If your pet appears itchy long after the last flower has bloomed, it may be time to focus on the food. Pets can be allergic to grains, proteins or even preservatives, and the symptoms resemble symptoms for environmental allergies.

To address the problem in your dog, your vet may suggest a food trial, limiting the dog to a novel protein such as duck, venison, or even fish, along with a vegetable. Treats and table food will be off limits until the vet can determine the allergy source. Over time, you can reintroduce your pet to other proteins, using the process of elimination to determine the source.

Take an active approach to food issues by investing in a quality dog food that lists its protein among the first few ingredients.

Cat owners have one more option: Omega-3 fatty acid supplements can keep the normal immune barrier of the skin healthy and reduce secondary infections. Of course, cats won't mind getting their omega-3 in the form of cold water fish such as salmon, trout and sardines either.

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 me, Jackie Williamson, Nardecchia volunteer, and President (814-242-6403) and I will provide with an e-mail address to send your story directly to me.

Upcoming Events

2nd 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. You can buy tickets early as well at the door. Cost is \$15.00 a ticket. Book your table now! It's 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

Annual Fall Luncheon – Sunnehanna Country Club

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Sunnehanna Country Club

Club Drive, Westmont, PA 15905

Donation \$30.00

Doors open at: 12:00 Noon Lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Door Prizes – Chances on Lovely Gifts –Animal Novelties

GUEST SPEAKER FROM OPERATION PIT BULL

Fall Basket Party

Sunday, September 29th, 2013

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

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

For advance tickets please call:

Jackie – 814-242-6403

Lindsay – 814-418-2393

Kathi – 814-242-6792

WE WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING VENDOR EVENTS – STOP BY AND SAY “HI”

Operation Pit Bull Springalooza

Come join us May 11, 2013 at the Jerome Fire Department Grounds for this unique weekend event to unite dog lovers everywhere!

Jackson Heritage Festival

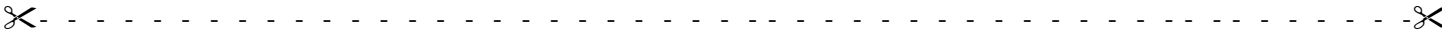
Stop by our booth at the Jackson Heritage Festival
Friday, July 19, 2013 6 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, July 20, 2013 12 pm to 9 pm
Sunday, July 21, 2013 12 pm to 6 pm



To everyone who helped in my time of need **THANK YOU** so much! My new family is very appreciative of all you have done in getting me the help I so desperately needed. I have a great new home with a sister and 3 brothers which I love very much, I even have a dog now to chase through the house.
 Just know you are very special to me,
THANK YOU again!
 Love always, Will

This handsome fellow was found as a stray with a wound so bad on his front leg that it had to be amputated... But with lots of networking from dedicated volunteers and compassionate animal lovers who donated money for his veterinary care and surgery, he not only survived but is thriving and has been adopted by a loving family who named him "Will"... One can only guess that is because of his WILL to survive...The picture to the left is Will saying thank you to everyone who helped him.

**Your membership is greatly appreciated... already a member?
 Please share with a friend!**



**Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund Membership Form
 Checks Payable to Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund
 131 Damian Drive
 Johnstown, PA 15905
 2013 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