

NARDECCHIA NEUTER NEWS



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Special events coming up in
2013

Mark your Calendars

*Fall Basket Party
Richland Fire Hall
September 29, 2013*

*Fall Luncheon
Sunnehanna
October 27, 2013*

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local events on Page 6

THANK YOU PETCO FOUNDATION!!!



Our mission is to
raise the quality
of life for pets and
people who love
and need them.

Helping
pets in need
find hope
and homes.

Animals give us so much. Give back today.

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A Big Thank You goes out to the Petco Foundation for their generous \$1,200 grant that helped cover the cost for our 2nd Annual Funny Fundraiser held on May 10, 2013 at Ace's Lounge. By their generous grant and agreeing to be our 'All Tails Wagging' sponsor, we were able to raise \$3,138.00 from the event.

The funds raised by the Funny Fundraiser were used to help low income people get their pets spayed or neutered. We also helped fix strays. Fixing these animals prevented unwanted kittens and puppies from being born in this world where so many are put to sleep, wind up in shelters or thrown out leaving them to die.

The animals thank you, too!

SPOT LIGHT



Steven Hoover St. Marks Animal Mission

Church's pet food bank a wonderful endeavor!

Many of the volunteer family-assisted programs in our communities have had their beginnings in God's house. We naturally and normally look to our churches and synagogues for spiritual guidance and humanitarian support.

And now, thanks to the congregation of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in downtown Johnstown, families can find help for their pets, too.

Called the Animal Welfare Ministry, the organization has opened a pet food bank. Financially struggling Cambria County residents can obtain pet food from the ministry to feed their hungry animals.

What a great idea, and we're sure the volunteers at the new ministry wouldn't object if others would like to copy the idea.

There are always people who fall upon hard times", Steven Hoover, the animal ministry's director said. This gives them a hand." Unfortunately, we've had plenty of examples over the past several years of individuals and families falling on hard times.

While we often associate hard economic times forcing families to seek help with obtaining food and paying utility bills, perhaps we overlook the effect those times have on the welfare of our beloved pets who provide us with joy on a daily basis.

We applaud St. Mark's efforts.

And here's the really good part: St. Mark's also has a regular food pantry at the church for people in need.

If you have a pet, a pet is part of your family.

Anybody in need of food for a pet, please contact Steven Hoover at 410-3832 or stevenhoover19@yahoo.com. You can also contact any of the Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund volunteers referenced in this newsletter.

Donations of pet food and money are being accept at the church as well, located at 335 Locust Street in Johnstown and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Keep your pets safe this summer

With the arrival of summer, and with it summer vacation for your kids, you will probably be spending as much time as you can outdoors. As diligent as you are about sun and heat safety for your family, you have to be just as cautious for your pets. Here are tips to help you keep your pets safe and cool during the hot and steamy summer months.

1. Keep plenty of cold, fresh water available. Your dogs and even cats need to stay hydrated in the heat. If your dog is outside, their water bowl will heat up quicker than usual. A great way to keep the water cool - toss a few ice cubes in the bowl.
2. Make sure there's a shaded area of the yard for your pets to lie in. Some animals love to lounge in the sun, but even so, make sure there is space in the shade for them to relax and cool off.
3. Give them enough room. If you have your dog on a leash or lead in your yard, be sure to give them enough slack so they can reach their water bowl or the shady area to keep cool.
4. Pool safety is the key. If you have younger children, chances are you have a pool gate or fence set up already. If not, make sure you're aware of where your pets are around the pool. Some dogs and cats love to swim, but others may not.
5. Have the right summer gear. If you have a pool in your backyard, you may want to consider getting your pet a life jacket. They are available at a number of retailers in every area. A cooling pet bed can keep your pet comfortable in the heat. Also, have pet sunscreen on hand. Your pets can get sunburned too, and as painful as it is for you to get burned, it's even more so for your pets, especially for breeds with sensitive skin, like English Bulldogs.
6. Check for fleas ticks, and insect bites. With extra time spent outside, the chances of your dog or cat getting bit increase dramatically. Be sure to check your pets coat regularly for fleas, ticks, or insect bites. Early detection can prevent an infestation, and in some cases of insect bites, allergic reactions.
7. Do NOT leave your pet in the car. This should go without saying, but still people insist on leaving their pets unattended in their car as they run into the store. Even with the windows open, your pet can suffer a heat stroke in MINUTES. Whatever you went into the store for - IT IS NOT WORTH IT. Would you leave your kids alone in the car?
8. Consider keeping your pets inside with a fan or AC on at the hottest points of the day. It may be wise to bring your pets inside from noon to around 3pm, when the sun is the hottest. If you do, be sure to keep the area cool with either a fan or AC.
9. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet. A good rule of thumb - if you can't stand the heat, your pet can't either. This applies to outdoor or indoor pets.
10. Know the signs of heatstroke. Dark red or purple gums, vomiting, lethargy, and restlessness are just some of the signs your pet may be overheating and is in danger of a heatstroke. Be aware of your pets' symptoms, and if you think he or she may be overheating, apply ice packs to their skin, move to an air conditioned area to lower their body temperature, and get them to the vet ASAP.

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A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

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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.*

A few weeks ago, Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund received an envelope in the mail from Harris Funeral Home (500 Cherry Lane in Richland) with a very generous donation inside! Debbie Harris explained that her son talked them into having a garage sale and they decided to match dollar for dollar everything that was sold, and to then donate it to two animal related organizations in our local area. Nardecchia was one of the lucky recipients.

A heartfelt "THANK YOU" goes out to Bill, Debbie and John Harris, Hayley Collins and Bill and Elaine Datig for their selflessness. The volunteers at Nardecchia thank you so very, very much for your generosity. We cannot begin to tell you in how many ways this will help our organization to help animals in need!

Hurry mom's not looking... ready.. set.. go....



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**Stay tuned for information on our
special Holiday Edition newsletter
featuring photos of your pet!**

The Creation- Author Unknown

When God made the earth and sky
the flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals
the fish, the birds and bees.
And when at last He'd finished
not one was quite the same.
He said, "I'll walk this world of mine
and give each one a name."
And so He traveled far and wide
and everywhere He went,
a little creature followed Him
until it's strength was spent.
When all were named upon the earth
and in the sky and sea,
the little creature said, "Dear Lord,
there's not one left for me."
Kindly the Father said to him,
"I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
and called you dog, My friend."

According to Alley Cat Action (an alley cat allies newsletter) Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is working in thousands of communities across the country! It's a way of protecting cats, building communities, improving cats' lives, ending the breeding cycle (no more unwanted kittens), and is saving taxpayer dollars. For almost a century, our nation's animal control system has perpetuated the never-ending, inhumane, and ineffective cycle to control cats living outside faced with the reality that trapping and killing cat's cost millions of dollars and millions of cat's lives but has failed to decrease outdoor cat populations, more and more localities are turning to Trap-Neuter-Return. In one area using the TNR method, cat and kitten shelter intake has been reduced by 25% over the last three years. Some shelters that are faced with an endless influx of cats and kittens have decided to adopt TNR. Since officially launching the TNR program in October of 2008, a shelter in Virginia has achieved a 58% decrease in the number of feral kittens in its foster care program. By January 2013, 2,453 feral cats have been through the TNR program with the assistance of 330 Fairfax concerned citizens.

If you would like to read more about this life saving program, and lots of other very interesting articles, check out Alley Cat Action at their website – alleycat.org, or like them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/AlleyCatAllies](https://www.facebook.com/AlleyCatAllies).

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 you an e-mail address to send your story directly to me.

“People who have a backyard pool and a dog really need to teach the dog how to go in and out of the pool using the steps.” One way is marking the stair area with an easy-to-spot visual, such as a large potted plant, to help the dog orient and find the way out, especially if in a panic.

“Put something where the stairs are, so when the dog falls in and he's scared and turning around trying to figure out which way is out, he just has to spot that one thing to know where the stairs are and be able to find the area of safety,”

Many dogs benefit from a swimming lesson or two. A common misconception is that all dogs can “dog paddle” and keep themselves afloat in the water. Inexperienced (or panicked) swimmers often concentrate their efforts on the front legs, forgetting to fire up the back end. Front-end-only swimming is rather ineffective and uses a tremendous amount of energy. As a result, dogs end up near-vertical in the water, with lots of splashing.

Getting in the pool with the dog and supporting his back-end as he swims a short distance is often a great way to prompt him to begin effectively using his back legs. Using a dog life jacket to help keep him afloat can help anxious swimmers relax enough to paddle with all four legs. As a dog gets the hang of using his front and back ends in unison, the body evens out and splashing becomes minimal.

The “make and model” of your dog can have a lot to do with how effectively he can handle himself in the water. Breeds with broad chests and shorter legs (Bulldogs, Corgis, Pugs, etc.) aren't really designed for effective swimming, and heavily muscled breeds (like many of the so-called “bully” breeds) exert a lot of energy in the water due to their greater body mass. Sighthounds (Whippets, Greyhounds, etc.) often have the double disadvantage of heavy muscling plus little body fat to help with buoyancy, especially if they regularly partake in recreational racing and coursing. A well-fitting life jacket helps provide an added layer of safety during water play.

Upcoming Events

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

Annual Fall Luncheon –
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

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

Stay tuned for more details on some beautiful new baskets.

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawaken.” ~ Anatole France



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

Petco Adoption Days
Johnstown Petco 11-2 pm
July 6 & 7, 2013
July 13 & 14, 2013
August 10 & 11, 2013
September 7 & 8, 2013

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

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.



**A high 5 for
another success
story happy
ending!!!**

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.

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

Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund

131 Damian Drive

Johnstown, PA 15905

814-535-2379

Email: info@nardecchia.org

Please do not email requests for financial assistance.

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

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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
- _____ I would like to receive the quarterly newsletter