

Paw Prints

Winter 2018

"To speak for those who cannot speak for themselves"



You are invited to join us for our



annual



*Christmas with the Animals
Celebration.*



**December 8, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Pet Pictures with Santa
for a free will donation**

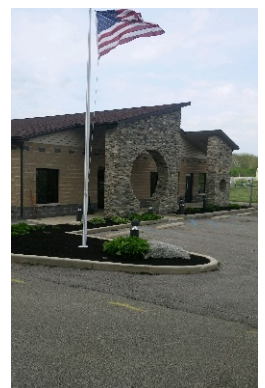
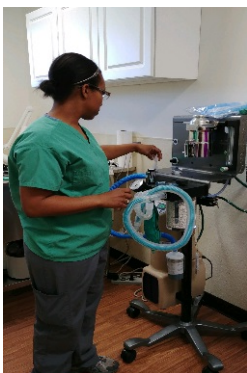
Happy Tails



Introducing the staff of Pat's Pet Clinic ready to serve the needs of your pets. Kaylee Bray (Receptionist), Dr. Rachel Williams (Veterinarian), Miranda Gorman, (CVA) Anna Lyall (RVT).

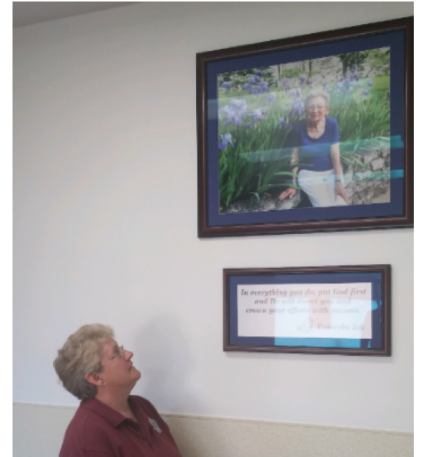


Members of the Henry County Humane Society Board of Directors, along with all of Pat Burton's family, cut the ribbon on August 4th opening our very own low cost Vet Clinic.



Remembering our past as we look to the future...

It is written in the Henry County Humane Society by-laws that the objective of our very existence is the prevention of cruelty to animals, the promotion of kindness to animals through humane education, with emphasis on neutering and spaying of all animals. As we continue to fulfill the promises set forth by the founders of our Humane Society we built Pat's Pet Clinic in honor of one of our founding members, the late Pat Burton. Pat's Pet Clinic was built to service the stray and abandoned animals house at the New Castle Henry County Animal Shelter and provide a low cost spay or neuter option for the economically strapped citizens of our community. Pat played a large role in this vision, we believe she will forever guide and bless us from her heavenly home.



Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened.



Words of Wisdom from Dr. Williams



Heartworm Disease: Prevention is Key

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets. Heartworms are filarial worms which can grow to over 13 inches in length and live in the heart, lungs, and blood vessels of dogs and cats. The worms are spread via mosquito bites. When an infected mosquito bites a dog (or coyote, fox, or cat), the infective heartworm larvae (babies) are passed to the dog. The larvae then migrate from the skin to the blood stream of the dog, all the while growing and developing. Once the larvae reach the vessels in the lungs, they mature into adults and mate. This process takes 6 months from the time of the mosquito bite to the time the adults mature. If an uninfected mosquito bites an infected dog at any time during the heartworm's lifecycle, that mosquito will become infected with larvae and therefore can spread heartworms to other animals. "Inside only" pets are not protected from heartworm infection because infected mosquitoes can easily come inside.

Heartworm disease, if detected early enough, can be treated. However the treatment is expensive (often in excess of \$1,000), lengthy (3-4 months minimum), and can lead to potentially fatal complications. A heartworm infection can permanently damage a dog's heart, lungs, and blood vessels. Heartworm disease can easily be prevented. Heartworm prevention is safe, simple, effective, and readily available by prescription from your veterinarian. There are several forms of heartworm preventative medications, which work by killing the larvae before they can mature into adults. Monthly preventatives come in pill form, chewable form, and topical form. An injection given by your veterinarian every 6 months is also an option. Some monthly preventatives also protect pets from other parasites such as fleas, ticks, mites, and/or intestinal parasites. Puppies should be started on heartworm preventative by 2 months of age. Dogs should be kept on heartworm preventative year-round.

Annual heartworm testing is recommended for all dogs, even those who receive monthly preventative. Annual testing is an important part of ensuring that heartworm prevention is achieved and maintained; and should an infection be diagnosed, more timely treatment can be provided to minimize organ damage. A heartworm test is performed on a blood sample collected from a dog or cat; often these tests are run in the veterinary clinic and return results in 10 to 15 minutes. Maintaining year-round heartworm preventative and annual heartworm testing can help to ensure the continued health and vitality of your dog.



Training Tips from Tina



Holiday Training Tips

As you begin to prepare for the upcoming holidays, don't forget to prepare your dog too.

Plan Ahead

If you know your dog is nervous around guests, set up a safe space for him to go when feeling overwhelmed. This can be a crate or a room away from the activity. Be sure to provide some toys, and turn on a radio, to give your dog something to do. Also, be sure to inform guests your dog is nervous and don't let them bother your dog!

Know your Dog

If your dog is shy or fearful, do not force them to interact with guests. Just because we enjoy the holidays doesn't mean our dog will! If your dog is a counter surfer, make sure nothing is left out and remind guests not to leave where your dog can reach it. Be vigilant! Some of our favorite holiday treats can be particularly dangerous to our dogs. If you know your dog jumps on people, be proactive. Start working on this behavior now instead of later when guests are arriving.

Keep your Dog Safe

It only takes a second for a sneaky pet to get out of the house; teaching your dog to wait at the door will help prevent them from darting out. If you are traveling with your dog, be sure to keep them secure in the car, either tethered or in a crate. Be especially aware of your dog when you are getting out of the car. This is another time to be proactive. Work on recalls now so if your dog does get away from you, they will come back when you call them. And always have proper ID, with a valid phone number, on your dog!

Keep your Routine

It can be easy to get caught up in the busy holiday season, but don't forget about your dog in the process. Your dog still needs exercise and mental stimulation. Don't miss that daily walk with your dog. Not only will walking reduce his stress level, it will reduce yours, too.

If you are interested in working on some of these behaviors, we will be offering drop-in classes on Saturdays in December. Check our website (NCShelterTraining.com) or Facebook page ([NewCastleShelterTraining](https://www.facebook.com/NewCastleShelterTraining)) for more information.

**We do not have enough space to publish all the hundreds of names of the amazing people that donated to the Pat's Pet Clinic building fund. Please know that without you, none of this is possible! The Humane Society, the Staff and most especially the animals
THANK YOU!**