

Holiday Edition 2024



Creating Change One Paw At a Time



A Time 4 Paws Affordable Spay & Neuter Clinic is OPEN!



It's been a long time coming and we are happy to announce that we completed our first successful surgery on August 29th. Since opening, we have completed 600 surgeries!

AT4P volunteers and staff worked tirelessly with Dr Kathy Gates DVM for 8 months to prepare the building for its opening. Dr Gates is a well known spay & neuter veterinarian in Putnam County, TN where she helps animals at Major Mike's Spay & Neuter Clinic. Her skills, experience and big heart are the reason we reached our goals of opening an affordable S/N clinic in Cumberland County. "Because Dr. Gates offered to assist and become the driving force behind this endeavor, we have been able to help more pets due to our affordable services", stated Karen McMeekin, our President/Founder. "The original outlay of funds to prepare the clinic and pay staff has been astronomical for our organization, but we hope donors and the city/county government will support us as we continue to grow. We are eternally grateful to Dr. Gates for her time, effort, skills and kindness to get us open" said McMeekin.

Our future plans include more surgery days along with stand alone appts for vaccine/testing. The goal of our clinic is to reduce unwanted litters before the pet has the chance to breed. We offer affordable, high quality services delivered by our professional veterinarian and technicians. We are NOT a full service vet and we urge you to seek your own private vet for routine and emergency pet care.

Surgery appointments are made through our website at4p.org under the spay & neuter tab.



To support our clinic we offer PayPal, direct bank deposit and welcome any level of donation to help us succeed as well as create a community grant fund for lower income pet owners.

We are grateful to announce the arrival of Dr Neelie Rapien DVM on our staff. Dr Neelie is a University of Tennessee Veterinary School of Medicine graduate and former private practice vet from East Tennessee. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a huge heart for animals to our community and we are excited to embark on this journey with her on our team of animal heroes.

A special thank you to Gregg Van Oss for his volunteer construction services as he prepared, rehabbed the clinic over the past 8 months. Not only did he put all the finishing touches on the building, he also helped transport, lift and prepare equipment and kennels for the clinic. Not enough words of thanks for this man and his service dog Laika.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

We want to introduce you to our amazing thrift store associate Kathy Lowe. Kathy joined our team this year as our Lead Cashier. She has been a wonderful addition to our leadership team and works hard to welcome every customer to the store. Ms. Lowe is a Crossville native and proud of her hometown roots. You may remember her as the waitress at the former Edgewood Restaurant which was next to our thrift. We are so grateful she joined our team this year and congratulate her on near perfect attendance for all work shifts. Only missing one day of work due to illness in over 6 months of work. **THANK YOU KATHY FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO A TIME 4 PAWS!** Stop in and say hi to your ole friend Kathy while picking up some great deals and helping us raise money for our Community Outreach Programs.



Kathy Lowe

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



Pat Racklyeft



Sue Atkinson

What would we do without you both? This dedicated team of cat caretaker volunteers make the cats lives so much nicer while living at our adoption center.

The time and effort and attention to detail they show the cats, the facility and the care needed to keep the facility operating is endless. Both ladies have worked together on Fridays for a long time now, but that's not their only day. At any given time, Sue or Pat can be found making phone calls to adopters and vets, inputting data, dispensing meds, mopping floors, brushing cats, creating flyers, running errands or to the vet. It goes on and on. We can't thank them enough for their service and are grateful to have them as a part of our team.

In their spare time, Sue can be found enjoying home projects and her grand baby. Pat is an active member of the Neighbors & Newcomers in Fairfield Glade and enjoys making hand made greeting cards for family and friends. Please say hello to these ladies when you are visiting the adopt center and pick up a volunteer application today!

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A STORY OF LOSS & LOVE

Oliver & Dean & Tuey to the Rescue

Ten years ago, the lives of two homeless cats and one human family changed forever. A beautiful young pet loving family came to our adoption center looking for a "mouser". We knew we had a few cats that would fit the bill but the request for an indoor/outdoor cat made us a little nervous. Our policy had always been that if a cat never lived outdoors with their surrender family, then we encouraged and asked that the new pet stay indoors.

Something made us feel that we should reexamine our policy when this family came. The look in their daughter's eyes, and the love the adults had for pets was radiating from them.

There was just one catch, the cat they fell in love with had a friend. After a short hesitation, Pamela Brackett said "We can't separate them, we'll just take them both." Our hearts were happy. Soon the duo went home forever.

The following stories we received over the past 10 years are what keeps us going as rescue advocates. We love to hear and see pics of the good stuff the new bonded family experiences.

Fast forward 3 years after adoption and many, many hunting captures later by the duo, that's when Dean became a real "Animal Hero". Oliver was more of a "talker" between the two of them. One morning at 3 am in July of 2017, Dean was creating a ruckus in the hallway of their mobile home. It was so loud and continuous that it made Dean's human get out of bed. Those cries and meows led Pamela to the kitchen where she saw a blazing fire. Quickly she grabbed her two kids and as many animals as she could find and ran out the door. Dean saved their lives. Princess the Basset Hound they also adopted from us, and Wendy a shelter adoption didn't make it out and sadly crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Fast forward again to 2024 and 3 cats later and a few more dogs, the Brackett family faced another difficult time. Dean suddenly became ill and passed away. Hearts were shattered, he wasn't that old at 13. Then suddenly Oliver died, we believe of a broken heart just one month after Dean. Before Oliver passed, the sweet thoughtful animal loving family came to adopt a friend for Oliver and now the next chapter begins for Two Two aka Tuey.

If we can share anything at all through this story, please consider the number of animals in need at local shelters, on the streets and in rescue organizations across the country. They have beautiful stories and love to give. PLEASE HAVE IT IN YOUR HEART TO OPEN IT AGAIN FOR ANOTHER WAITING PET. Our hearts break but the cracks allow light and love to mend it.

Save a life ADOPT- DON'T BUY A PET.



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ADOPTING!

SUCCESS ADOPTION STORY - CUDDLES - A STORY OF TRUST & LOVE

Our 14 year old senior girl has left the building!! Yessss!!! After a 9 months stay at our adoption center facility , and being pampered and spoiled by our beloved volunteers, Cuddles aka Diva, has found her new family.

Backstory- her owner loved her since she was born, then she became ill and needed surgeries but kept putting them off because of her worry of not having someone to care for Cuddles as well as she did.

We offered temporary foster, but she believed her diseases would keep her from caring for her after surgery. She had no money to give us to help get her up to date on vetting which is a requirement for caring for a cat for the rest of its life in our facilities. We turned to our donors and you made it possible.

This decision was a very difficult one for Cuddles' owner, and she cancelled our surrender meeting several times. Our President and our Cat Intake Coordinator Pat D, both traveled to Cuddles' home to create a plan for her to stay with her human. After some time, the owner decided to trust us and allow Cuddles to find a new family. We are so grateful to her and to our many volunteers who have cared for Cuddles.

Her new family adores her and we are so grateful they decided to open their home so quickly after losing their senior cat. Often times, adopters feel too sad to adopt again because of their broken heart. We encourage all pet lovers to quickly open their hearts and homes to the millions of homeless pets across America.



Best of luck Cuddles you are loved!!!!

Thank you to our donors and volunteers who keep our mission going as we continue "CREATING CHANGE ONE PAW AT A TIME"



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