



KV-POP Update

Kirksville-Protect Our Pets
Smart, Compassionate, Proactive

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Kirksville – Protect Our Pets is a 501(c)3 non-profit public charity that was founded in July of 2013.

Our mission is to control pet overpopulation in Kirksville, Missouri, and in the rural area within 30 miles of its city center; to reduce the number of dogs and cats who are neglected, surrendered, or abandoned within this area.

Membership levels:

Individual: \$36
Student and Senior: \$12
Junior Pet Lover: \$6
Family: \$50
Business: \$120

KV-POP Board:

Bridget Thomas – President
Claire Peckosh - Secretary
Laci Cook - V President
Mark Laughlin - Treasurer
Shelly Berman - V President

THANK YOU to our members and donors! Your generosity and compassion make NEMO a better place for pets and their people!

Spring Spay/Neuter Campaign 2017

Know someone who really needs to fix their pet? Make sure they see this!

World Spay Day Coupon Giveaways!

Saturday, February 25
10:00-11:00 AM
Lancaster
Schuyler County Public Library

Tuesday, February 28
4:30-6:00 PM
Kirksville
Adair County Public Library

- **Coupons are good for \$25 off spay/neuter of a cat or dog.**
- Limit of 2 coupons per household.
- Supplies are limited. First-come, first served!
- Coupons must be redeemed by May 31, 2017

Combine these coupons with discounts at local vets for the best deal!



WORLD SPAY DAY

February 28, 2017



Finding Fido – by Mark Laughlin

At some point most dog owners deal with a pet that goes missing. In the first moment of awareness that “Fido” has left his fenced-in yard, or that he has slipped out the front door, it’s natural to dash around screaming, “FIDO!, FIDO!, HERE BOY!!” After a jog around the neighborhood and a car search that yields no clues, the desperate owner often phones neighbors and friends for help. *(continued on page 2)*

MO Pet-Friendly

The Missouri Department of Agriculture recently awarded KV-POP a \$1,000 grant from the Missouri Pet Spay and Neuter Fund. This program is designed to assist low-cost spay and neuter options for dogs and cats throughout the state. The Pet Spay and Neuter Program is funded through the sale of “I’m Pet Friendly” license plates through the Missouri Department of Revenue. Each plate sale generates \$20 to the fund. Are YOU pet friendly?



Order your plates today at
<http://www.mostatehumane.org/>

Finding Fido (continued from page 1)

I've followed those steps whenever my "Muffin" burrows under her fence to freedom. But when those measures fail, the question becomes: What can I do next?

Only recently I discovered what a powerful help the Internet can be in reuniting lost pets with their owners. Fortunately, I learned this lesson not from losing Muffin again, but rather from finding a stray dog.

I was doing yard work one morning when I noticed a brown Labrador tiptoeing behind me. The friendly dog was easily caught, but sadly, he had no collar or tags to identify him. One neighbor helpfully suggested that I post a notice on Facebook.

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What an inspiration! I snapped a photo of the Labrador forthwith, and posted it on the "Lost Pets Kirksville, Missouri" website. Within a few hours the news spread to

"Fido's" owner, and the dog was back home in time for supper. In another instance, I was connected to a wandering terrier's owner within 30 minutes after I posted her photo on Facebook.

My experience has taught me what a fabulous help Facebook can be in returning lost pets to their owners. I hope your Fido never goes missing, but when he does, please remember you have a friend in Facebook.

Join facebook group LOST PETS KIRKSVILLE MISSOURI to get connected!



Did you know that
Kirksville City Tags are FREE with
proof of rabies vaccination?
Pick them up at the City Police
Station at 119 E. McPherson St.
during normal business hours.

How Much Do You Love Them? – by Bridget Thomas

As I write this note to you, there is an up-side down terrier sound asleep against my right hip. He trusts me not to make any sudden moves. He likes the heat we generate. (Maybe it reminds him of his first 6 weeks of life in a puppy pile.) He won't wake up until I close this laptop (one of his favorite sounds!) and we go out for our afternoon walk. He is our boy, a 13 year old mutt named Skip, and we would do pretty much anything for him.

Lots of people feel this way about their dogs and cats. This includes people with the necessary funds to pay for vet services, and those who lack those means. And if you love an animal, it breaks your heart to see her hurting, pregnant again, struggling to nurse her babies, not to mention the heartbreak of sending those babies away to an uncertain future. There aren't enough homes for all of them.

This is why we started helping people pay for spay/neuter three years ago. And that's why we keep helping. We want to help people with their pets, because we can imagine what it would feel like to be unable to intervene on her behalf, unable to stop the cycle.

We are getting close to a landmark of fixing 1,000 pets. If you want to be a part of our smart, compassionate, and proactive response to animal homelessness in northeast Missouri, please donate today!



“I can't thank you and your donors enough for all of your help. It means a lot to someone who is disabled but wants to have great companion animals.”

Thanks, Kirksville Motor Company!

We were thrilled to accept a \$1,000 donation from Kirksville Motor Company (local Toyota dealership) on August 8, 2016. This new business has made a practice of philanthropy in our community. We are so honored that KV-POP (benefiting local people and their cats and dogs) was chosen as a recipient.



WhenToSpay.org

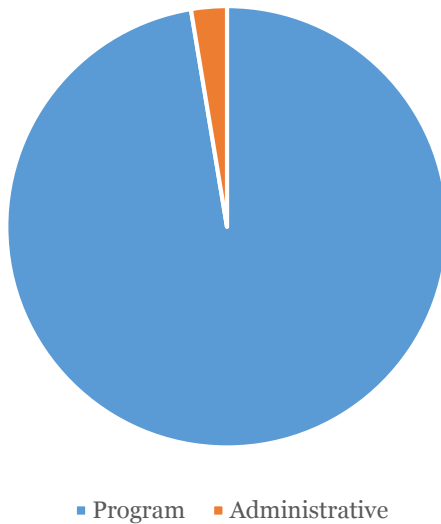
Seriously?

Kittens and puppies can get pregnant as early as 4-6 months old



spay & neuter early.

Expenses 2016-2017



KV-POP has no paid staff.
97% of all donated funds goes
directly to spay/neuter.

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Your Contributions Continue Our Work -- by Claire Peckosh

Since we started our work in 2013 we have helped nearly one thousand pets lead healthier, safer lives and contributed to the well-being of their owners by lowering their cost of pet ownership and preventing unwanted litters. In 2016 alone KV-POP helped people in our area spay or neuter 206 pets.

Please help us continue our work with your financial contribution. Our costs for spay/neuter services are \$60-\$95 for dogs and \$40-\$60 for cats. On average we spend about \$620 per month. As the number of applications increases, our funds can be quickly depleted.

In addition to supporting Kirksville's Trap-Neuter-Return program within the city limits, we are receiving more and more requests for help in neutering rural cat colonies and while we want to help, we can only do so much.

Can you help to spay or neuter one or two (or more) cats or dogs this year?

Your contribution is tax deductible and deeply appreciated by all the needy owners we serve. One owner wrote: "Thank you for what you are doing for the animals in our community! It is a huge blessing to have help to fix our pet."

Donate online or send your check to KV-POP, P.O. Box 173, Kirksville, MO 3501, and thanks again for protecting our pets.

