



Washington County

SPCA

Holiday Newsletter 2020



Upcoming Events

December 1st

Giving Tuesday—Online Event

Sponsored by: Sutterfield Financial

Check out our Facebook page for details

December 5th

Drive-thru Open House

16620 State Hwy 123, Bartlesville, OK

December 9th to 12th

Empty the Shelters

Reduced fee adoption event sponsored by the Bissell Foundation

Not Everyone Gets to Go Home For the Holidays

While the holidays can bring good times and cheer for many, they also can be very lonely for both humans and companion animals missing their families. Thousands of shelter animals across the country are often overlooked because they are too old, not groomed, depressed or scared. These animals need the right person to see their potential and show them patience and understanding. Would you considered opening your home and heart to a shelter animal?

Thanks to the Bissell Foundation, WCSPCA will be participating in Empty the Shelters December 9th through 12th. Adoption fees will be drastically reduced to \$25 for dogs and \$15 for cats. All adoptions include current vaccinations and preventatives, deworming, spay /neutering and a microchip.

Choosing an animal is a big decision and long term commitment. If you are considering giving an animal as a gift, put together an adoption kit filled with toys, a bed, treats and an adoption gift certificate from WCSPCA. Then plan a day after the holidays to visit the shelter to find your new best friend.

If you are not in a position to adopt a new animal but want to help, there are many ways you can support WCSPCA this holiday season. Support our Giving Tuesday event by donating online on December 1st and Sutterfield Financial will match up to \$2,000 total. Purchase items for the shelter animals from our Chewy or Amazon wish list (available on our website) and have the items directly shipped to the shelter or drop them off in the parking lot during the Drive-thru Open House.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Get more details on our website at wcspca.org/getinvolved



**MONETARY
DONATION**



**SET UP A
RECURRING
DONATION**



VOLUNTEER



**DONATE
SUPPLIES**



**LEAVE A
LEGACY**



**HOST AN
ONLINE
FUNDRAISER**



**SHOP FOR
A CAUSE**

Meet Michaela:

Michaela is our Cat Adoption Specialist. She has been with WCSPCA for almost a year. She loves how curious cats are and the healing powers of kitty cuddles in the morning. Michaela is responsible for our adoptable cats, nursing moms and kittens, working with our foster parents and the adoptable cats at Petco in Bartlesville and PetSmart in Tulsa Hills. The most satisfying part of her job is watching a person connect with an animal and seeing it go home. What is the best way to adopt an animal? Come in to the shelter and let the animal pick you!



Cats and People

By: Clova Abrahamson

In late summer, WCSPCA had over 200 cats and kittens in the shelter and stashed in foster homes. By any standard, that is simply too many. Humane organizations, with the help of an army of volunteers, have spent decades educating the public about pet overpopulation. Individuals have always played a key role in the effort.

As individuals who understand the scope of the problem, we need to kick our efforts up a notch. We need to address the problem at its source and that means leaving our comfort zones. We have to find a way to effectively reach those who own unaltered pet cats and/or feed unaltered strays, especially those in lower income groups. We have to start the conversation with them. Then help them find a way to cross the bridge that separates people who are part of the problem from people who are responsible pet owners. There is no one size fits all answer as to how to proceed, except to say that all efforts must be tactful, kind, and presented in a manner that shows you want the best for the cat owner as well as for their cats or the strays they feed.

In reducing cat overpopulation, focus first on the female cats. It is impossible to neuter all of the male cats which would show up when a female cat is in season.

Each cat admitted to WCSPCA costs on average \$50 right up front in services received, cats start breeding as young as 5 months and can produce 3 litters of 4 to 6 kittens annually. Do the math. Taking even one cat out of the breeding pool is a huge accomplishment!

When a cat needing to be spayed belongs to somebody only you can reach, only you can make it happen! For more information on local spay and neuter services, go to wcspca.org/spay-neuter.

**The 2 Pound
Spay/Neuter Rule:**

**The wait is over
when her weight is
over 2 pounds.**

**2 MONTHS • 2 LBS
TIME 2 SPAY/NEUTER**



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alleycat.org/SpayNeuter



Adoption Updates:



From the day we adopted Lucy, she already felt like family. She has two new brothers and a sister, and a fur brother named Bear. She loves playing fetch and with whatever toys she can find, and curling up on the couch for lots of snuggles. We are so grateful to the Washington County SPCA for taking care of her until she could find her furever home with us. We love Lucy!

-The Nix Family



I adopted George (now Chester) and he's been a complete love bug. He curls up with me and my toddler and demands love 23 hours of the day. Thank you for letting me adopt this small furry piece of sanity during these times.

-Katie Gomez

I came to the shelter looking for a senior dog. I had recently lost my beloved Marshmallow, an elder lab that was adopted at WCSPCA. I walked through the kennels and saw so many great dogs, but I didn't see "my dog". I was leaving the kennels planning to come back another day when I heard a kennel door rattle and looked to my right. There was this face. Oh what a face! I fell in love immediately. I had no idea how old this face was, if it belonged to a boy or a girl, or what the body attached to that face was like. It was a one year old bird dog mix. Good grief! I left him there. He was too young, he wasn't what I wanted. An hour later I let the shelter know I would be back for this sweet boy in the morning. No, he wasn't what I was looking for, but he was exactly what I needed. We are having so much fun and he has brought so much joy and laughter and happiness to my life. So, even if you don't think you see what you want on the website, go look, you may find your perfect match. Oliver and I did!

- Helen Bresson



Bahiti (not pictured) is a sweet loveable yet shy little girl. She loves to play with anything she can find. Her and Rian are best friends. They sleep together, they groom each other and when they are separated Rian will call for her and she goes running to him. It's so sweet. Rian is my beautiful soft boy. He was shy at first and now he can't get enough loving from us. He loves his belly scratched. He is the man of house. Queenie, we call her Queen B. She is the most laid back cat and loves everyone. She sleeps where her people are. She has become good friends with my cat that was born here. She loves to be petted all the time. These babies have become family to us all!

-Summer Phillips

Do you have a great adoption story? E-mail story and pictures to director@wcspca.org

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Monday: 8 am to 12 pm (Reclaims only)

Tuesday - Friday: 1 pm to 6 pm

Saturday 11 am to 4 pm

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