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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

See this pile of puppies?

This is what celebrating a community's impact looks like!

What you can't see from this photo are the multiple agencies working across county lines to save the lives of these puppies.

The SPCA Pet Adoption Center is where the new chapter of their life begins. But the story of how these pups came into our care started in rural Randolph County, an hour west of where I am sitting now.

While collaboration between animal shelters has been a constant in our field, strong and positive partnerships with other shelters in our region is the most effective and efficient way for the SPCA of Wake County to save animal lives and facilitate lasting change across the region.

Which brings me to wonder: What's in a name?

In 1967, when a forward-thinking group of community leaders in Raleigh came together to form the region's very first animal shelter – the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Wake County (SPCA) – they wanted the name to reflect a larger community than just the Capital city.

Ever since its founding, the SPCA has extended help to pets and people in surrounding counties, without any loss of service to the population centers of Raleigh, Wake County, or the Triangle.

The SPCA functions with the core belief that organizations working to save animal lives in our region are stronger together than we are apart. We are fortunate to partner with shelters and rescue groups across the state, and we work

President/CEO
Kim Janzen
at the SPCA
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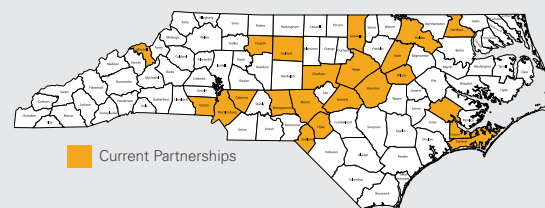


Three kittens, transported from a partner shelter, are placed up for adoption.



Dr. Hunsucker performs an initial wellness exam on Wilma the day she came from Nash County to the SPCA.

OUR WORK: WHAT'S IN A NAME THE SPCA = BOOTS ON THE GROUND



**Our Reach Far Beyond
the Triangle Area**

regularly in 25 NC counties through collaborative and mutually beneficial partnerships.

Between July 2018 and June 2019, the SPCA took in a total of 3,785 homeless pets. Through these critical partnerships, 2,923 pets were transferred into our care, including more than 1,000 from Wake County Animal Services. These lifesaving transfers help reduce the need for euthanasia and expand each shelter's capacity to take in more homeless pets.

An additional 862 pets were taken in from private citizens, preventing those pets from needing services at other shelters.

So, what's in a name? Nothing and everything.

A name is often the first thing we learn about someone or something. This first impression can form lasting ideas and set the stage for the future.

While our name with its geographic descriptor, *Wake County*, does not restrict our areas of service, it does put a geographic box around the community's understanding of where we help.

As we work to create regional, lasting change for pets and people, is it time to revisit the name SPCA of Wake County? Do we keep the name because we have had it for 52 years? Or do we honor the founders' intent to have a name that reflects the larger area of our work? If so, what would our new name be?

How about sharing your point of view? As a valued supporter, YOU are a part of every life saved, from these puppies from Randolph County to the 5-week old kitten found under a car on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh.

I'd love to know your thoughts! Send us an email at info@spcawake.org.

Thank you for all you make possible.

Warmly,

Kim Janzen
President/CEO

BECAUSE OF YOU — PREVENTION IS POSSIBLE

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO SAVE LIVES



Clinic Director, Julia Malatesta, DVM, understands for some pets, this may be the only time they receive veterinary care.

BECAUSE OF YOU, PREVENTION IS POSSIBLE!

The SPCA of Wake County's Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Clinic in the Susan & Randall Ward Center has had a makeover. Though the outside looks the same, on the inside, you'll find new paint, new equipment, and a new veterinary team.

Meet the Clinic Director

Heading up the new team is Julia Malatesta, DVM. Dr. Malatesta was working toward a career in shelter medicine long before she was hired by the SPCA. She uses the knowledge she received

from her Fear Free Certification and time training with the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance to ensure each animal receives the best care possible

during their visit. Dr. Malatesta and her team are on the front lines of the SPCA's mission to create change through the most effective and humane method around – prevention through spay/neuter.

Prevention is Possible

The uncontrolled breeding of stray, abandoned, and even owned pets results in more pets than there are adopters. The traditional way of dealing with so many animals is euthanasia. But the SPCA believes that is not a long-term solution to the overwhelming number of pets entering shelters.

The vision of the SPCA is to create a humane community. Achieving that vision begins with ending the euthanasia of all adoptable animals.

Since opening in early 2009, more than 55,000 pets have been altered through the Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Clinic. The impact of this effort is profound and can be seen in the dramatic reduction of both shelter pet intake and euthanasia in Wake County over the past decade.

New and Improved

The reboot of the Saving Lives Clinic comes with a renewed plan of how our community can



succeed in ending shelter pet euthanasia. Therefore, the SPCA is strategically targeting two key audiences.

1. Families in economic need remain a core focus of the clinic service. A recent study found that owned pets living in the South were less likely to be spayed/neutered than those living in other parts of the country. The study also found that pets in households with income below 138% of the federal poverty level were less likely to be spayed or neutered.*

Providing affordable service through the clinic gives pet-owning families access to basic care, vaccines, and surgery. Clinic services range from \$50-\$125.

2. Regional animal shelters, with little to no access to spay/neuter resources, see the positive impact of the Saving Lives Clinic and the

SPCA's shelter transfer program. The high number of surgery slots makes it possible for the SPCA to take in thousands of pets from nearby shelters who otherwise would not receive this surgery.

Your Support

The low-cost pricing for families in need is offset by the incoming spay/neuter service revenue. The surgery fees help create a self-sustaining program. Other essential funding needs, including the shelter transfer program, the purchase of new infrastructure equipment and technology, **are all made possible with donor support.**

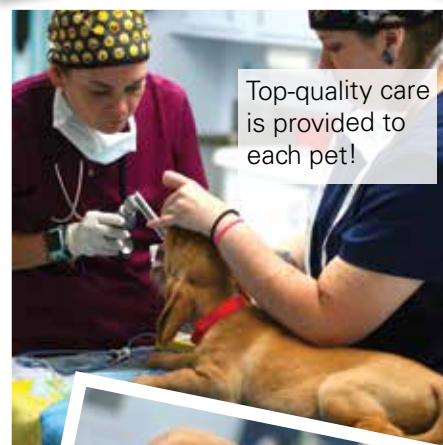
Your continued generosity will bring about a time where no pet is euthanized simply because they don't have a home.

We are thrilled to have you with us on this journey! Thank you for your support. 🐾

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS THIS WORK

Want to know more about the impact of your financial support on the SPCA's regional spay/neuter efforts? Contact:

Mondy Lamb | VP of Philanthropy at 919-532-2086 or email mlamb@spcawake.org



Top-quality care is provided to each pet!



Pre-surgery cuddles are mandatory at the clinic.

While Dr. Malatesta performs a spay or neuter for one pet, another pet is being prepped for surgery. This maximizes time and efficiency, while continuing compassionate, high-quality care.



*Access to Veterinary Care Coalition
avcc.utk.edu/avcc-report.pdf

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NO MORE BULLYING

AN SPCA INITIATIVE TO STOP ABUSE BEFORE IT BEGINS



*Studies show that people abused by people often abuse animals. People who abuse animals abuse people. And so the cycle goes — **until now.***

Stopping abuse before it begins – this is the goal of the No More Bullying program starting this fall through the SPCA of Wake County. This ground-breaking **cruelty and**

violence prevention program teaches elementary students responsibility, compassion, integrity, and the importance of treating living beings with care.

Researchers have been studying the connection between various forms of violence for many years. **We know that bullying, domestic violence, and animal cruelty are linked in a deadly cycle.** We also know that kindness leads to more kindness, and we believe more kindness is the key to breaking the cycle of violence and abuse.

The No More Bullying program not only **teaches students to recognize bullying when they see it, and to take safe and**

effective actions to stop it; it also helps children understand the core character values and practice the types of behaviors that can prevent bullying in the first place. Participating children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will have the opportunity to practice the values and concepts in a supervised environment with a completely non-judgmental study partner: a companion animal!

The SPCA is dedicated to creating a humane community for animals and people alike. The **No More Bullying program creates a lasting change by engaging youth and young adults with these lessons of responsibility, compassion, and integrity.** 🐾



THE SPCA OF WAKE COUNTY

FUR BALL

THE MOST IMPORTANT
NIGHT OF THE YEAR
FOR HOMELESS PETS

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 2019
5:30pm–9:30pm

Angus Barn Pavilion
9401 Glenwood Ave.
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Enjoy live and silent auctions,
wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres and
a seated, 3-course Angus Barn
dinner with wine pairings.

Contact Amy Crum at
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or acrum@spcawake.org or
visit spcawake.org/furball
more information about
sponsoring this premier event.

Black-Tie Optional

NEW THIS
YEAR!

GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE



YOUR CHANCE TO GET 1 OF 3 AMAZING PACKAGES FOR JUST \$100

Only 300 tickets are available -- purchase yours today! Aren't able to make it to Fur Ball? No problem! This is your chance to win your choice of one of the following Live Auction Packages for only \$100 a ticket:

- 3-Night trip for Four to Cuba; or
- NCAA Semi-Finals & Championship Game Tickets for Two; or
- The Game of Thrones Adventure - 6 nights in Dublin, Antrim Coast, Belfast for Two

To Purchase Golden Raffle Tickets Visit:

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Drawing will be shown live on the SPCA's Facebook page during the Fur Ball, if at least 200 tickets have been sold by 7:30 PM on Oct. 12, 2019. Otherwise, the drawing will happen the day after the 200th ticket is sold, also live on Facebook. All ticket holders will be notified of the drawing date via email or text. Winner does not have to be present to win. Winner will be contacted via phone and email.

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Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 | Angus Barn Pavilion

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Santa photos
with your pet!

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SYMBOLIC PET ADOPTION

ALL OF THE LIFE-SAVING, NONE OF THE SHEDDING

SYMBOLIC ADOPTION

NAME: Wilma
AGE: 7 years old
GENDER: Spayed female

BACKGROUND: Wilma was pregnant and very underweight when she arrived. The SPCA medical team only had a few days to feed her well food before she gave birth to 9 puppies.

FAVORITE PASTIME: Cuddling while watching Netflix

FAVORITE TOY: With 9 puppies, she hasn't had much time for toys. We hope her new family will let her try a little of everything to find her favorite – she deserves it!

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YOUR SYMBOLIC ADOPTION WILL SAVE A PET IN NEED.

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- Senior Cat
- Orphaned Puppy
- Orphaned Kitten
- Family of Puppies
- Family of Kittens
- Overlooked Dog
- Overlooked Cat

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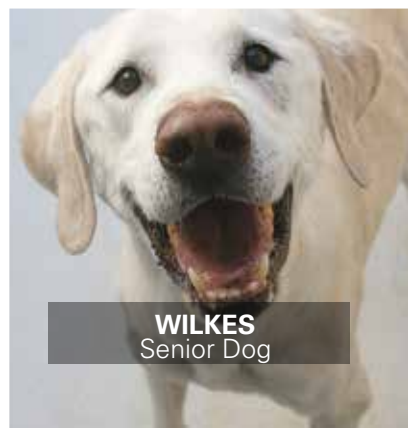
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