

June 4, 2012

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HISTORIC RESOURCES
 Topic Tourist Map - In Re: Historic Bldgs.
Henderson County Historic Resources

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2. SUSAN SNEERINGER
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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
 Topic Wants Support - Pass

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3. BETTE CARTER
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Historic Resources Comm
 Topic Wants approval of guidelines

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4. Stephen L. Fosberg
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Heritage Resources Commission
 Topic Laurel Park Representative -
Guidelines need to be OK'd

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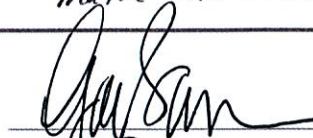
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Henderson Public Works Commission
Topic Rep. for District 2 - Pass Gaddlons
make into Ordinance so we can move
on.

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Pardee Hosp. Stroke
Topic Good News Pardee - Only Stroke
Capable Hosp. in Henderson County

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Pardee Hosp Accreditation
Topic Good News Accreditation
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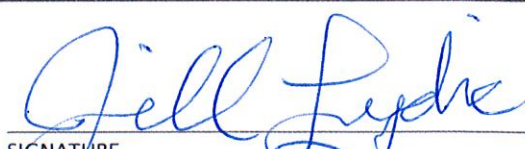
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Community Partnership for Pets
Topic Spay & Neuter

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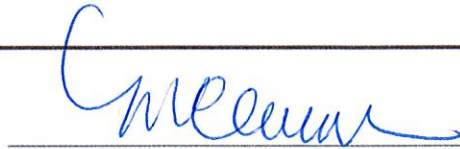
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Community Partnership for Pets
Topic Spay & Neuter

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Spay-Neuter Sunday
Topic Foundout - Partnerships for Pets

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McCormac

Free Rabies Vaccination when spayed or neutered

Topic

Spay-Neuter
Co-founder + Treasurer

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NEED FOR SPAY/NEUTER in HC
Topic From Blue Ridge Humane Society

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need for spay/neuter
Topic Vaccination - for the spay
and neuter -

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SPAY/NEUTER HC
Topic Business Mgr. for Animals R-US
CPPI - Cooperation + Easy to work with

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ABC Permit
Topic Owner Blue Ridge Pizza Co. in Etowah

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SPAY NEUTER
Topic

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CPPJ - Spay/Neuter

Topic

Independent Rescuer

Program Funding
Seeks Co. Money

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Rat de Lemoz

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Animal Centre

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Legally Blind - Comments Royfidd

Topic

Money for CPPJ Spay/Neuter

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Helen Banks

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Topic

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Topic

HENDERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 4, 2012

I am here on behalf of the Blue Ridge Humane Society to speak in support of public access and financial assistance for low cost spaying/neutering for companion animals to address the pet overpopulation in Henderson County.

I would like to read a value statement of the Blue Ridge Humane Society. "We recognize that pet overpopulation is the Number One cause of needless euthanasia that claims more than 50% of the lives of animals taken into shelters across the US. Furthermore, we believe that spaying/neutering is the only responsible solution. To that end, we dedicate education, advocacy, and public awareness within Henderson County. "

It is estimated that our county has over 59,000 companion animals (AMVA, 2010). Imposing national statistics on Henderson County, approximately 20% of these remain unaltered. Eighty percent of animals taken in by shelters have NOT been spayed or neutered (Humane Society of the US, 2011).

Think about this: It is estimated that there are up to 70 million UNALTERED animals in the US and 3-4 million animals are euthanized annually.

A poor economic climate and joblessness continue to plague Henderson County. This economic stress compels households to direct their care and money to family needs and expenses rather than the care of their pets; thus, exacerbating the homelessness and abandonment of animals. Henderson County's 12% population resting below the national poverty level, low per capita income of \$22,000 (US Census, 2010), and lack of a mandated spay/neuter ordinance further heighten the risk for neglected and unaltered animals.

According to the American Pet Products Manufacturer's Association (APPMA) analysis of companion animal statistics, the annual cat or dog expense may reach \$1600. Low cost spay neutering averages \$45. Private veterinary costs for spay/neutering range from \$250-\$400. The lifetime average expense of owning an animal is \$6000-9000. In recognition of households owning an average of 1.7 dogs and 2.2 cats in this economic climate, these expenses present an untenable burden to families who limit medical attention and often spay/neutering of their pets.

Here in HC, we are remarkably lucky to have Humane Alliance in Asheville, a national model of low cost spay/neutering. This enables our community close access for spay/neuter procedure at a reasonable cost, in a convenient time frame, and in a safe environment. However, many pet owners cannot afford even this minimal expense.

In 2011 the county shelter took into custody over 3799 cats and dogs. A stunning 57% (2178) were euthanized. (Henderson County Animal Shelter Report, 2010). Most of these are put down for lack of space. The Blue Ridge Humane Society works in close collaboration with the county shelter by rescuing and adopting animals at risk for euthanasia, almost 450 in 2011. These intake and euthanasia rates DO represent a decrease from 2010. We believe these to be the results of the collaborative work among the animal welfare groups in Henderson County through education, advocacy, aggressive spay/neuter programs, and financial support for the public to spay and neuter their animals. And so our efforts ARE paying off and saving the county thousands of dollars by the adoptions of county dogs by BRHS and the spay neutering efforts by BRHS, Community Partnerships for Pets, and the county shelter.

Public assistance for spay neuter programs are essential to continue on course in reducing the euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals who lose their lives due to lack of space. If ignored and

unsupported, the county will doubtless face escalating costs to keep pace with the increasing overpopulation. Clearly, Henderson County has a compelling financial need and moral responsibility to reduce these burgeoning rates of euthanasia and the dramatic growth in our domestic animal population. Increasing the access and availability of low-cost spay/neuter service is the only humane alternative.

Blue Ridge Humane Society Value Statements

1. We acknowledge and honor the fundamental value and dignity of companion animals.
2. We believe that the well-being of an animal includes not only the basic requirements of adequate shelter, clean water, food and humane treatment, but also veterinary care, adequate exercise, and the experience of consistent positive human contact. BHRS is committed to the best practices and facilities know to us from the animal welfare industry, so that we may offer the best of care to our charges.
3. We recognize that pet overpopulation is the Number One cause of needless euthanasia that claims more than 50% of the lives of animals taken into shelters across the US. Furthermore, we believe that spaying/neutering is the only responsible solution. To that end, we dedicate education, advocacy, and public awareness within Henderson County.
4. We regard humane euthanasia to be acceptable when an animal is deemed either to be experiencing extreme pain and/or suffering or to be incapable of rehabilitation.
5. We recognize that knowledge is power. To that end, BRHS is committed to obtain and disseminate current research-based education and information regarding animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.
6. We respect the synergistic bond between man and animal - a mutually beneficial effect that is research-based. We believe that animal well-being is necessary to the physical and mental health of our community. We, therefore, commit to the education and counseling that generates the most successful matches for animal adoptions and other programs and activities that nurture animal and human well-being.
7. BRHS is dedicated to responsible, relevant, articulate, and informative communication internally and externally to maximize informed animal welfare decisions, programs, and activities.
8. As a nonprofit we accept our obligation to transparency - accountability to the public, our animals, donors, volunteers, employees and Board of Directors. We hold ourselves responsible for the judicial oversight of our assets and are vested in the best ethical standards and practice.
9. As a nonprofit we believe that one organization cannot address or fulfill all the animal welfare needs within Henderson County. As part of a larger community, we commit to collaboration and cooperation to share and delegate responsibilities across capable and willing organizations within the county and across the region, as appropriate.