

Humane Society of Greene County

FACT SHEET

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The Humane Society of Greene County (HSGC) is a 501(c)3 non profit volunteer organization located in Xenia. The HSGC is not affiliated with any government office and receives no funding from the county or any national level animal organization.

The HSGC has four key initiatives:

1. Reduce pet over population by way of a low cost spay/neuter (S/N) subsidy program for pet owners and a monthly S/N clinic for outside cats.

- The subsidy program is for low to medium-level income residents allowing them to, after a co-payment, have their cat or dog spayed or neutered at one of our participating veterinarian offices.
- Monthly spay/neuter cat clinics **are not** income dependent but are available to any Greene County resident caring for outside cats. The cost is \$15 for males and \$20 for females.

Results: 1,581 cats and dogs were S/N through both programs in 2022. A grand total of 10,004 cats have been spayed or neutered since the cat clinics began in 2006, preventing thousands of unwanted litters.

2. Respond to calls regarding the potential abuse or neglect of livestock, including horses, ponies and goats.

- There are volunteer Humane Agents within the HSGC who respond to complaint calls and offer guidance and advice on proper care of livestock and assist the owner, when possible, with food or veterinary care. In some cases, a neglected or abused animal must be removed and placed in foster care and the humane society covers the costs involved in that care.

Results: In 2022, our agents responded to 59 calls and conducted 26 site visits.

3. Provide education to the general public regarding the care and treatment of animals, both domestic and livestock.

- The HSGC volunteers, along with the call coordinator, respond to approximately 300 calls and emails each month concerning animal-related issues. They provide counseling, referrals to assistance agencies and guidance related to humane issues.

4. Maintain a pet food pantry for low income residents.

- 100 plus clients are registered for this program at any given time. Participation is limited to low-income Greene County residents who need help feeding their pets. This provides a compassionate alternative for pet owners who might otherwise relinquish their animals to the county shelter.

