

Humane Society of Greene County

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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 or feral cats.

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

Results: 1,747 cats and dogs were S/N through both programs in 2021. A grand total of 9,353 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, goats and llamas.

- There four volunteer Humane Agents within the HSGC. In responding to complaint calls, the Humane Agents will offer guidance and advice on proper care of livestock and, on occasion, the HSGC will assist with food and veterinary care. In some situations, a neglected or abused animal will need to be transferred to foster care. HSGC covers the costs involved in these relocations.

Results: Last year our agents responded to 73 calls and conducted 30 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 or more 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 to pet owners who might otherwise relinquish their animals to the county shelter.

