

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

How We Serve

Sadly, try as we may, AFNCWV cannot help everyone who calls on us. We do as much as we can with our limited resources.

Animal Friends is not a tax-supported entity and is not funded by any government body. We are supported by your contributions, our fund-raising events, our thrift shoppe, and an occasional grant. Our no-kill animal sanctuary is small, and it is frequently at full capacity, with as many as 50-60 animals. Our staff is small—1.5 employees. For these reasons, we are unable to accept animals from the general public.

Cooperative efforts with a variety of agencies help us save as many animals as possible, and many of our animals are from kill-shelters in five counties in north-central West Virginia.

Our sanctuary has also been a haven to pets from area homeless shelters, rape and domestic violence centers, the American Red Cross, and Hospice.

Nursing home social workers sometimes call us about patients who must relinquish ownership of their beloved pets. If we have room, we accept them.

Thank you for understanding that we are not a large organization with a large staff and a large budget. Please help us spread the word.

Save the Date

March 31 – Canine Egg Fetch

April 28 – Cash Bash

August 26 – Dog Day in the Pool

More Than 4,000 Reasons To Be Thankful

Animal Friends of North-Central West Virginia (AFNCWV) has many reasons to be thankful during this holiday season:

- The lives of more than 4,700 animals saved since our founding, either through direct adoption or through transport.
- Our 10th anniversary.
- Our no-kill animal sanctuary, which celebrated its 5th anniversary on November 18.
- Our dedicated volunteers and foster families, who donate countless hours to care for the animals that come through our doors.
- The wonderful people who provide forever homes by adopting from us.
- Our generous contributors, both individuals and businesses, who donate money, supplies, and services to make our work as a non-profit organization possible.
- The many area residents who support us by attending our fund-raising events.
- The customers who shop at the Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe, formerly known as Lucky's Attic, as well as those who donate merchandise or who staff the Shoppe as volunteers.

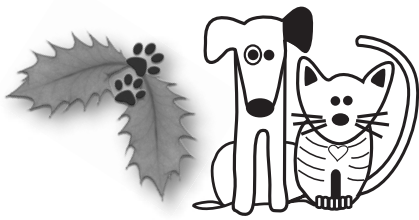
This is a special time of year. We at Animal Friends have a great deal to be thankful for, and we want all of you reading this to know how very much we appreciate YOU.

Wish List

- Bleach and cotton mops or mop head replacements
- Medium and large Latex® gloves
- Clumping cat litter—preferably Scoop Away®, Tidy Cat®, or pine litter
- Fuzzy blankets, but no polyfill stuffing
- Straw for bedding and mud control
- Shelving units or gift cards to Lowes, Sears, Target, Home Depot, Sam's Club, Walmart
- Gift cards to stores that sell high-quality pet food, such as Woofs, Exotic Jungle, Petco

The Mission of AFNCWV

To operate a high quality, non-profit sanctuary and foster program, providing refuge, aid, and care for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals, free from the threat of unwarranted euthanasia.



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New Name, New Location, New Look for Thrift Shoppe

Never fear! Lucky's Attic has not disappeared! We've just made a few changes.

To help customers know what they're supporting when they shop with us, we've changed the name to The Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe.

In addition, we've moved to a new location down the hall from our old one at the Mountaineer Mall—almost directly across from Senior Monongalians. More room and more bargains!

A special new feature is that once a month, we'll bring pets from our no-kill Sanctuary to the Shoppe, and they'll be ready for adoption, after completion of the application process.

Shoppe hours are:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m.-5 p.m.

All merchandise is donated; all clerks are volunteers; all proceeds support Animal Friends' no-kill animal sanctuary.

To volunteer, contact Shoppe manager Kathy Orosz at 304-290-0161. The Shoppe number is 304-291-5825.

Progress Is Made on Spay/ Neuter Clinic

As soon as Animal Friends established our no-kill animal sanctuary five years ago, we began planning an expansion—a low-cost, high-quality, spay/neuter clinic. We're making progress!

To-date, we have added a second donated modular building to the complex, and it has been painted to match the original structure.

The new building has been divided into two sections, with one-half for the clinic, and the other half for areas for medium and large dogs, a canine isolation room, and a food bank.

Other work has included an electrical upgrade and the installation of new flooring and shelving in the food bank section.

Volunteers with the Winter Weather Posse installed underpinning and constructed an additional dog pen.

Boy Scout Troop #44, working with Eagle Scout Jason Domasky, enhanced the overall environment by building a 4' x 28' planter and planting a butterfly garden.

The clinic is not yet operational, and there is much still to be done, but we are very grateful to everyone who has helped us progress this far.