

Opinions

Letters To The Editor

Nuetering program should cover all animals in pound

To the Editor:

Thank you for your recent Editorial regarding the necessity of neutering animals adopted from the Hoke County pound. The sad statistics are that each year 25 million animals die, in one way or another. Ironically, the luckier ones are those that end up in a pound and are at least humanely "put to sleep." This is a national tragedy and is the result of uncaring humans, who allow their pets to breed litter after litter with no regard for the offspring.

It's easier for people to just allow their pet to breed and then dump off the litters on the side of the road or in the pound, etc. This is shameful and we all need to be educated regarding the necessity of neutering these animals to prevent this recurring tragedy.

One reason, of course, for this burgeoning pet population is the high cost of neutering animals. People simply do not want, or cannot afford, to spend forty or fifty dollars to have a cat spayed and fifty to seventy five dollars to spay a female dog.

I wish I had a dime for everytime my phone rings with someone wanting to know how to get their animal neutered at a reduced price. It is saddening to me to inform them that we do not have a low cost spay and neuter program in our county anymore, because I know what the ultimate fate for a lot of these animals will be. But it doesn't have to be this way.

We have a local veterinarian who is willing to neuter the first 30 pets adopted from the pound for free.

I have been informed by this

veterinarian also that he will neuter pets adopted from the pound at a reduced fee.

I hate to see any dog, purebred or "mongrel" put to sleep. But the simple fact is, if a purebred dog ends up in a pound, then it should be obvious to all that we have too many dogs, purebred and mutt alike.

The fact is there are simply too many unwanted and unloved animals. Why compound this situation by making exceptions for pure blooded animals? It is highly unlikely that these animals will even have papers. There are certainly plenty of private breeders and a myriad of pet stores from which to choose a pureblooded animal.

I fervently hope that no one misunderstands what I am trying to say. I don't want to see any animal put to sleep. But the longer it takes the commissioners to do something about this situation, the more pups and kittens will be born to those un-neutered animals adopted from the pound.

If a person is unwilling to adopt a pet with the provision that it be neutered, then the chances are greatly increased for that same pet to breed a litter that ends up where? You guessed it -- in our pound.

Very few animals are lucky enough to find good homes, and I would like to stress "good" homes. That cute little puppy or kitten that is given away free, soon outgrows its cuteness and novelty and ultimately becomes a burden for the owner, whether it is a female producing litters or a male wandering all over the neighborhood in search of females.

Either way, national statistics prove that the odds are against

them right from the beginning. I know there are many people in this county like myself, who have taken in strays, had them neutered and given them a good loving home. But there are far too many unwanted strays, whether they be purebred or mutt. We need to reduce their numbers -- now.

If you can bring yourself to do it, please visit our new pound. It's really not so bad. The cats quarters have been improved and the dogs are in clean cages. There are many beautiful animals out there begging for a "good" home. And please, if you do adopt, please neuter.

Help them and Hoke County too.

Sincerely,
Sheryl McGinnis

Dr. Monroe helping

To the Editor:

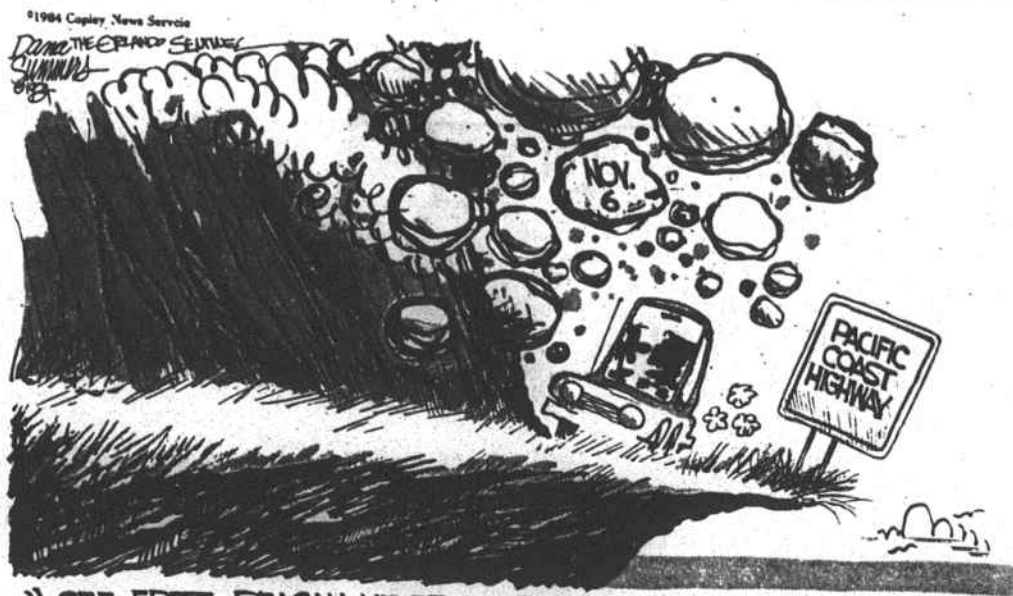
Allow me this opportunity to call attention to Dr. Monroe, local resident, and prison doctor. Dr. Monroe displays all of the fine qualities required as a physician.

Inmates tend to forget about the dedication of some staff, like Dr. Monroe. While being treated at the McCain Hospital prison facility, I've received very professional care under the supervised medical treatment from Dr. Monroe.

This letter provides a chance to "outwardly" express an "inner" appreciation. The Hoke County occupants should be proud of community members employed at this facility.

Please note that I have no angle or intent to gain from this letter. I just wanted to say "thanks" to Dr. Monroe and other staff before discharge next month.

Respectfully,
Arthur Collins



"GEE, FRITZ, REAGAN NEVER DID FINISH THAT RIDICULOUS RAMBLING STORY ABOUT DRIVING ALONG THIS ROAD!"

Election results predicted

Writing a few days before the election is a shaky thing to do.

However, any day before Tuesday, November 6 is not a good time to write about the outcome as was demonstrated in 1948 when almost all papers were predicting Gov. Tom Dewey of New York as the presidential winner over Harry Truman. Truman went to bed early Tuesday night when the returns were coming in. Later on, after mid-night, the man he was rooming with, got up and turned the radio on and Truman was winning. President Truman jumped up and victory was his!

Right now, before the weekend when this column is written, it looks like President Reagan will be elected by a large majority.

However, I still remember that

Cliff
Blue



People and Issues

in the outlook for Truman's win was as slim as Walter Mondale's was over the weekend.

However, my personal feeling is that Ronald Reagan will be the top roomer at the White House four more years.

OTHERS...The poll prediction in the Charlotte Observer last week was that Edmisten and Hunt, may go down to defeat along with the head of the Democratic ticket.

Personally, I doubt that members of the Council of State will bite the dust as may the national ticket. But anything can happen once the dam begins to break.

OLD CARS OLDER...During the four-year automotive recession that began in mid-1979, many people kept their cars longer than usual. This raised the average age of cars in use last year to 7.4 years.

About 3,000 dealerships, or 13% of the total number in January 1979, have gone out of business in the last five years.

TIMES GOES BY...A week after the general election which will be November 6, people will be forgetting about it and turning to their issues and planning for holidays ahead.

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