

However, this was one of the very few "victories" that President Truman attained on the domestic front. More typical was the 1947 passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, which became law in spite of his veto. This measure significantly reduced the power of labor unions.

President Truman had greater success with the Congress when it came to foreign affairs. The Truman Doctrine, which called for containment of communism, received bipartisan support. Another benefactor of this support was the Marshall Plan, designed to help rebuild post-WWII Europe. He was also successful in a plan to strengthen the nation in its cold war efforts against communist aggression by approving the National Security Act of 1947. Truman also gained Congressional approval for the formation of several new agencies and departments, including the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Council and establishing the Air Force as a separate branch of the military from the Army.

With President Truman's support, the United Nations General Assembly in 1947 approved a plan to partition Palestine. On May 15, 1948, Great Britain announced it would no longer occupy Palestine. This announcement stimulated support in the United States for the establishment of a Jewish state in the land. Shortly after this announcement, leaders of the Jewish state identified it as a nation. On the next day the president officially recognized this new nation as the State of Israel.

At the conclusion of WWII, the Allies divided Germany into two blocs—East

and West. The Soviet Union was given responsibility for East Germany and the three remaining Allies—Britain, France and the United States—were jointly responsible for the Western bloc. Germany's pre-war capital, Berlin, was located in East Germany and was similarly divided. On June 24, 1948, the Soviets closed land access to Berlin. Rather than maintaining access by military force, Truman and the Western Allies proposed an airlift to fill the needs of the blockaded city. On the very next day the Berlin Airlift was initiated. Supplies of food and other materials were flown into the city each day. This massive use of military aircraft to supply goods to the people of Berlin worked so well that on May 11, 1949, the Soviets lifted the blockade and ground access to the city reopened.

In 1948, Harry Truman ran for re-election and was opposed on the ballot by Republican Thomas E. Dewey from New York and two former Democrats: Strom Thurmond from South Carolina, a candidate from the States' Rights Party (a.k.a. "Dixiecrats"); and FDR's previous two-term vice president, Henry Wallace from Iowa, who ran on the Progressive Party ticket. In addition, the Socialist Party's Norman Thomas was on the ballot for the eighth consecutive year. Because of this obvious split in the Democratic Party and his low approval numbers as regularly reported by the national press corps, Truman was given little, if any, chance of being re-elected.

*Stay tuned for the continuation of the story of Harry S. Truman in the August edition of The Shoreline.*

## Spay 2 Save Mobile Clinic

### Back and ready to roll

The Spay 2 Save Mobile Clinic is returning to the Crystal Coast, providing high-quality and low-cost spay/neuter services for dogs and cats. The experienced medical team is headed by Dr. Julie Uherka-Parker, who shares the mission of reducing the overpopulation and euthanasia of dogs and cats to ensure a quality of life for every animal. Currently residing in Swansboro, Dr. Julie has practiced veterinary medicine in the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, New York state and now North Carolina. "In my experience as a vet working in these different places," she said, "I have seen first-hand the burden of unwanted kittens, puppies, cats and dogs on our already-full shelters. The only way to address this problem directly is to spay and neuter our pets."

In preparation for the new schedule, the entire medical team received two weeks of one-on-one training from the ASPCA National Spay/Neuter Project in New York City as well as "on the ground" training in the program's state-of-the-art mobile surgical van in Carteret County. Emphasis has been on learning the newest surgical techniques and procedures for spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

The Spay 2 Save Mobile Clinic, a custom-built, fully equipped 33-foot mobile van, will operate as a year-round, low-cost spay and neuter clinic at various locations throughout Carteret, Craven and Onslow Counties. Pet owners, shelters and caretakers may call 622-2373 to schedule an appointment. Drop-off is typically at 8:15 a.m., and pickup is later the same day. Payments are cash only; no checks or credit cards will be accepted.

The spay/neuter cost is \$95 for dogs (additional charges will apply for dogs over 60 pounds), and the cost to spay/neuter a cat is \$60. A reduced rate is available for feral cats. Prices include a wellness check, rabies vaccination, distemper-parvo vaccine for dogs and feline distemper vaccine for cats. Every patient will receive a physical exam by the veterinarian prior to surgery.

Cats and dogs can be spayed or neutered when they weigh two pounds, typically as young as two to three months of age. It's recommended that female pets are spayed before their first heat, which can be as early as four months old. Clients will be referred to local veterinarians for regular follow-up care.

After July 4, the clinic will be at the following locations on the specified days:

- Mondays: Newport (VFW on Hibbs Road)
- Tuesdays (except July 22): Cedar Point (Sound Bank)
- Tuesday, July 22: Beaufort (Free Will Baptist Church)
- Wednesdays: Morehead City (Sound Bank)
- Thursdays: New Bern (A Dog's Dream)

For more details about the clinic, fees for services, scheduled locations and times of operation, call 622-2373. If you would like to inquire about hosting a clinic or making a donation, call 269-3160 or visit the Spay 2 Save website at [www.mobilespay.org](http://www.mobilespay.org).



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