

To Prevent Strays

Low-price Spay Program Starts

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HAVE YOUR PET SPAYED

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A low-cost neutering and spaying program was started this week to try to eliminate the population of stray dogs and cats in Hoke County in the near future.

Sheryl McGinnis said Monday the Hoke County-Raeford Humane Society had been formed and associated with the national Friends of Animals, based in New York.

The low-cost program is open to any pet owner, regardless of his or her level of income.

Mrs. McGinnis said the costs are \$15 for spaying a female cat, \$30 for spaying a female dog, \$10 for neutering a male cat, and \$18 for neutering a male dog.

The Friends of Animals pays the difference between what the pet owner pays and what the regular fee of the veterinarian is.

She added that the Humane Society would subsidize operations for pets of low-income owners who cannot afford the low prices of the program. They would be required to show evidence they can't pay even the reduced price.

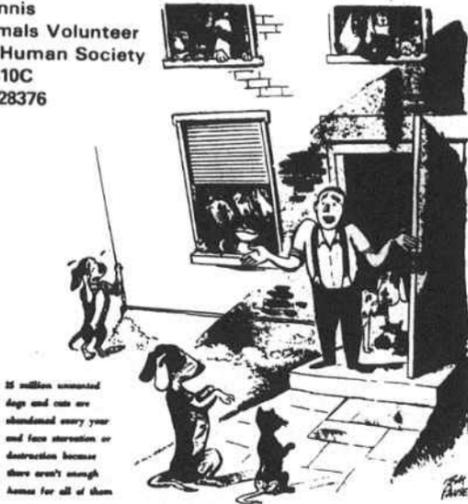
Mrs. McGinnis also said that the FOA won't pay for spaying or neutering of animals of people who plan to have their pets de-clawed.

The procedure works like this, she explained.

The pet owner obtains a registration form by mail by writing Mrs. McGinnis, Hoke County-Raeford Humane Society, Rt. 4, Box 410C, Raeford, 28376; or by coming to the office at 112 S. Main St., between 8 and 9 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. After filling out the form, the pet owner returns it to Mrs. McGinnis with payment for the desired spaying or neutering. In turn the pet owner is given a Friends of Animals certificate. Then the pet owner gives the certificate to the veterinarian, and the operation is performed.

Pet owners interested also can reach Mrs. McGinnis by telephone at home, (875-3283) or office (875-8861). If no one is at the home when the call is made, the caller will be answered by a recording, and may leave his or her name and telephone number so the call can be returned.

Mrs. McGinnis and Dr. Russell Tate, owner of Raeford Animal Clinic at College Drive and Harris Avenue (near the intersection of US 401 South Bypass) is the only veterinarian in this area (including Cumberland County) who is participating in the new program so far.



Cruelty to Animals begins when YOU allow the birth of litters of puppies and kittens which YOU don't want.

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Cartoon appeals to pet owners. Mrs. McGinnis's name, address and phone numbers are stamped on the picture at upper left.

Mrs. McGinnis said the local Humane Society is trying to raise money for the Friends of Animals for the county contribution and also to help pay for a proposed new Hoke County animal shelter or for improvements to the present pound. The fundraising will be done by bake sales and sales of educational materials and novelties (like the \$1 key ring), as well as receiving donations and benefactors. She said volunteers will be sought to help with the special events, such as the bake sales.

Mrs. McGinnis also said that eventually she hopes to get to the schools to give the children information about humane treatment of animals. The society also will spread the word through the public

about the importance of having pets vaccinated against rabies particularly, and other contagious diseases.

The Humane Society is nonmembership, she said, since the primary purpose at present is to get people to have their pets spayed and neutered to prevent production of stray animals.

The membership of the Humane Society consists of Mrs. McGinnis, her husband, John, and her father, Jack Letzgas, who are listed as the directors of the nonprofit Humane Society's charter or incorporation issued by the state.

She said the society also is listed officially by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, so that all donations are tax-deductible.

Folk Festival May 8

Do you crochet, knit, carve, paint, grow vegetables, bake cakes? If so, you should be part of this year's Saint Pauls Folk Festival, on Saturday, May 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's event will be the Fourth Annual Celebration of the heritage and culture of the area, with music, dancing, food, arts and crafts.

There will be almost continuous stage show, featuring singing, instrumental music, and clogging by the Down Home Folk and the Capital City Cloggers. Festival organizer Tommy R. Belch, also invites anyone who wants to sell their wares to do so.

"Anything that is home-made or home-grown can be sold. There is no charge for the exhibition space, and no pre-registration is necessary. All you have to do is show up -- bring your own card table or whatever to display our wares".

Some of the things people could sell are pottery, woodcarving, leather crafts, knit goods, hand-made jewelry, crocheting, macrame, string arts, cross-stitch, needlepoint, decoupage, cloth flowers, latch hook, home-made stuffed animals and other toys, home-made clothing, weaving baskets, quilts, original paintings, drawings, prints, etchings, photographs and sculptures.

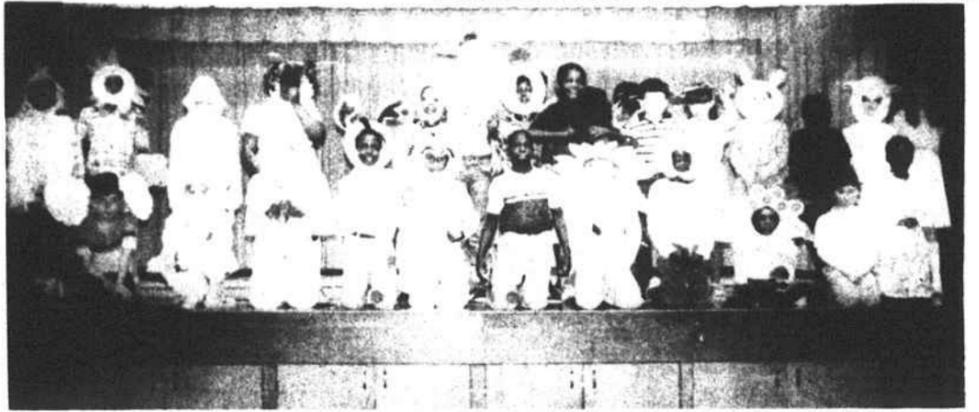
Also, home-cooked and canned goods, baked goods, pickles, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, honey, home-grown vegetables, fruits, house plants, and herbs.

Does that leave you out? Festival planners say, "Surprise us". Anything that is home-made or home-grown is welcome.

It's kind of like an old-time open market. We don't want to turn it into a yard sale, so don't bring your old clothes and electric fondue sets to unload -- keep it home-made and home-grown. It'll be a place for people to show their work and make a little cash -- there's no admission charge, no entry fee, no red tape -- just folks getting together.

The Festival will be held on the grounds of the Saint Pauls High School, and is sponsored by Saint Pauls City Schools and the N.C. Arts Council.

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The students of the cast, just before the play started. (Staff photo).

Based On 3 Books, 'Mary Poppins'

W. Hoke Third Graders Give Play

"Journey Through Storyland" was presented April 21 by the Third Graders of Jane Rockwell's and Mary Morrison's class at West Hoke School in school auditorium.

The play was based on three classic children's books and the Walt Disney film, "Mary Poppins."

The books the play drew from are "Horton Hatches the Egg," by Dr. Seuss; "Charlotte's Web," by E.B. White; and "Alice In Wonderland," by Lewis Carroll.

The cast:
Storyteller -- Matthew Warren;
"Horton Hatches the Egg"; Horton -- Shayne MacDonald; Maysie -- Melissa Purcell; Tree -- Matthew

Kelly; and Friends -- Dorothy Chambers, Chris Harris, Tonya Hamilton, Ely Jacobs, Monique Mack, Sherman Locklear, and Anthony Harris.

"Charlotte's Web"; Charlotte -- Marsiell McKenzie; Wilbur -- Bobby Jacobs; Sheep -- Katie Matthews; Fern -- Angela Kearns; Cow -- Larry Perhealth; Rooster -- Carrie McNeill; and Horse -- Barbara Campbell.

"Alice in Wonderland"; White Rabbit -- Rodney Williams; Caterpillar -- Rodney Johnson; Mushrooms -- Ely Jacobs, Henry McNeill, James Harris, Donta Chambers, and Matthew Kelly;

Flowers -- Carrie McNeill, Barbara Campbell, Angela Kearns, Sean Vest, Sherman Locklear, Monique Mack, Demesia Bridges, and Denise Lovin.

"Mary Poppins," songs by Sherman and Sherman; Mary Poppins -- Denise Lovin; Jane and Michael -- Demesia Bridges and Sean Vest; and the entire class sang these songs: "Chim Chim Cheree," "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," and "Let's Go Fly A Kite."

After the program ended, refreshments were served to the children and parents in the classroom.

4-H Corner

Ten 4-H members and 2 adult 4-H leaders attended the Spring Leader's Retreat and District Junior Retreat in Kenansville, on Saturday, April 24.

The workshops for 4-Hers covered "Home Energy Conservation," "Energy In The Kitchen," and "Using Physical Energy To Cope With Stress." Each member was able to select two workshops during the morning. Their afternoon was devoted to various artists, instrumental and pantomime.

The leaders attended two workshops in the morning, dealing with 4-H record keeping and "Marine Science," a new project offered to 4-H members. The instructor cooked "shark meat" for the class to sample. Shark is quite tasty, and is an inexpensive seafood.

On Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. the Hillcrest 4-Hers will attend a CPR class in the Lester Building Conference Room. We invite our parents to participate in this class also. We do need to know approximately how many plan to attend, so please call your leader or the 4-H office to register for that class. We anticipate the class will last approximately two hours.

The next regular meeting of Hillcrest Club is scheduled for Monday night, May 17, 7-9.

4-Hers are reminded to come prepared to present their demonstration. Please invite all family members, relatives, and friend to join us. Refreshments will be served.



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