

A HOPE MEWSWORTHY

April 2021 Edition



WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

Spring has sprung and kitten season has begun! Our rescue and rehabilitation program was able to save 44 needy animals last month. Our feline fighter count went up by 35 and our little RAT-scals increased by 9!

We're proud to share 22 of those kitties and 7 rats found their forever homes!

Aside from rescue and rehabilitation, our access to vet care program assists animals every month with affordable spay/neuter services. In March, our organization transported 140 cats and 10 dogs to Operation Spay Bay in Panama City.



Our outreach program is nothing short of necessary for the people and their pets in our community. In March, the Pet Food Pantry provided pet food for 8 families with a total of 27 animals. Through the Bowl Fillers program, we feed animals belonging to senior citizens in collaboration with the West Florida Center for Council on Aging.

Special thanks to Lynn Peters Realty for sponsoring Bowl Fillers last month!





WHO HELPED?

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help the neediest of kittens in our community? Liz Ohlhorst has never been one to sit and 'wonder', herself! She started a GoFundMe which raised \$5,000 to purchase 7 incubators to help the kittens who need us most.

Our other hero this month, Cynthia Tilghman, purchased cameras for our foster parents to get a little more sleep in between feedings. Our foster parents are extremely grateful for the comfort these devices brought.

Thank you, Liz, Cynthia, and everyone who donated to help us get this much-needed equipment!



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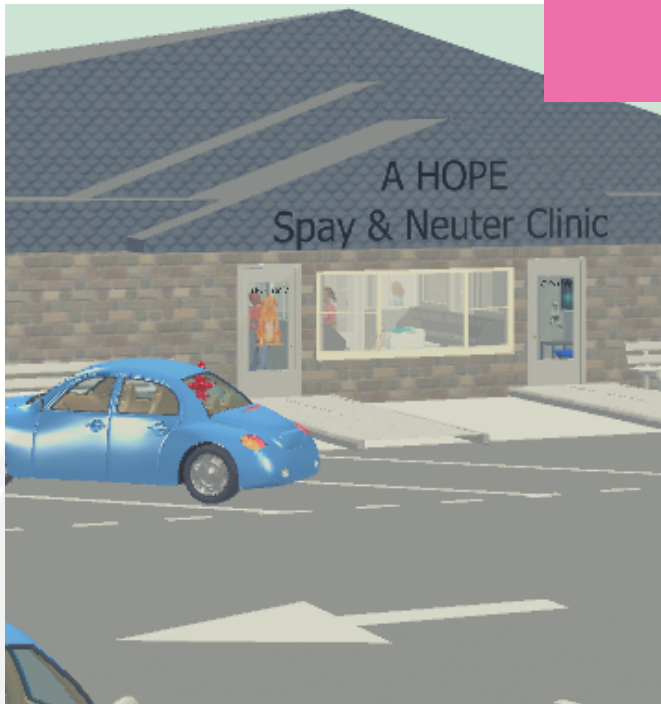


Congratulations to our March Volunteer of the Month:

Chelsy Sweetman

We always want to thank our hardworking and dedicated volunteers, too! Our volunteers drove many hours for our spay/neuter trips, spent more hours cleaning up after our new animals arrived, stacked on even more hours assisting the community through the Help Desk, plus the many other things it takes to keep A HOPE running smoothly. We had a total of 876 volunteer hours for March. Thank you!

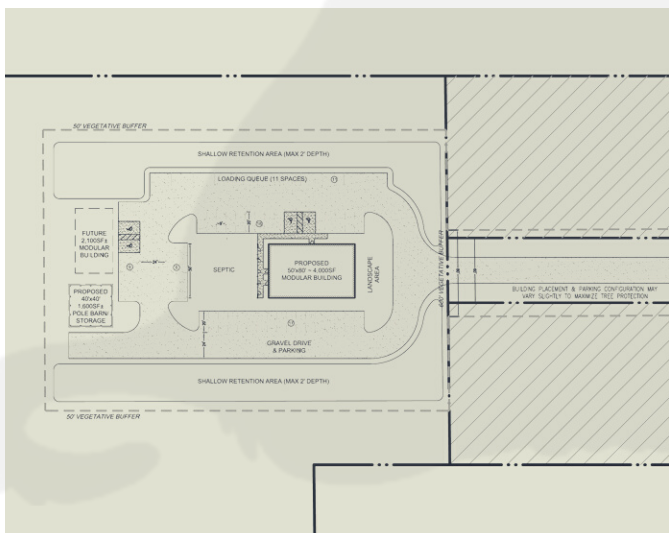
WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?



We're getting closer to having our own Spay/Neuter Clinic. After a year of pandemic-caused delays, we have broken ground by clearing away the brush and small trees that densely clogged the site where we expect to construct our nearly 4,000 sq ft clinic.

The 3 acre site sits about 600 feet off the road. This gives us some privacy and helps our neighbors by muting out any noise from our business operation.

This preliminary clearing only thins out the site to enable the surveyor and geotechnical contractors to come in and accurately map out the terrain and soil conditions. When they finish in about a month, our project engineer will have all the data she needs to complete the site design and submit to the county for approval.



In the meantime, we're actively lining up site development contractors to do everything from constructing foundations to paving our driveway and parking areas once we have our final permits in hand.

With luck (and donor funding), by this time next year we won't be making the long drive to Panama City. Instead, we'll be able to do much more to help pets and their owners with our affordable services. Learn more at www.ahope4src.com/cliniccomingsoon.



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WHAT DO WE NEED?

Greatest donation needs:

- Breeder's Edge Kitten Milk Replacer
- Yesterday's News Cat Litter (unscented)
- 1cc slip tip syringes
- Playpens (any size)

You can find these supplies and other items we need on our website at www.ahope4src.com/donate. We appreciate everything you give in order for us to continue our mission!

WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Education is an important part of our mission. Do you have questions about how you can help needy animals in your community? We're an open book! Ask us anything, and we'll do our best to answer in next month's issue. Send topics to ahopehelp@gmail.com with the title "Tail Me About It"



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