



April 2015

H.O.P.E. for Animals

What is Kitten Season?

Kitten season is the time of year when cats give birth, flooding animal shelters and rescue groups across the nation with homeless litters. Kitten season is really three seasons in one, starting in spring, peaking in late spring or early summer, and ending in fall. As the amount of daylight begins to increase the reproductive cycle of intact females kicks into gear. During Kitten Season females will go into heat every 14-21 days until she is bred which can occur as young as four months old. [H.O.P.E. for Animals](#) can help you spay and neuter your cats this season. Call 260-420-7729 to schedule your appointment.



Your Support is Vital this Season

H.O.P.E. will be spaying or neutering over 1,500 community cats this kitten season. We charge \$35 per surgery but it cost us \$42 to spay or neuter, rabies vaccinate, microchip and ear-tip each community cat. Thanks to your [monetary support](#) we're able to charge the public that lower price so they're more enticed to bring in free-roaming cats. Some items we are in-need of this season that can be found on our [Amazon Wish List](#) are:

- ***Wet Canned Cat Food** (every cat receives a can before going home)
- ***Tuna/Sardines** (used to trap cats)
- ***Bleach** and **Paper towels**

Donations can be dropped off at HOPE 1333 Maycrest Drive Mon-Fri 8am-6pm or Sat. 8am-2pm.



Meet Hope

Hope is a Community Cat from 46803. Her caretaker, Tommy, didn't want her to have kittens in his yard this summer, so he called H.O.P.E.! We soon discovered that he cared for a handful of cats in his neighborhood, and they all needed fixed. Since meeting Tommy and Hope, the [Community Cat Crew](#) has been to the property a few times and has spayed/neutered the entire colony! There will be no more fighting or kittens in Tommy's yard this summer, thanks to the free Community Cat Surgeries we have available for zipcodes 46802, 46803, 46806 and 46807.



Kenneth A. Scott Grant

The [Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust](#) awarded H.O.P.E. for Animals a \$15,000 grant to help fund our Return to Field [Community Cat Program](#). Under this new program which started in August 2014, when a free-roaming cat is turned in to Animal Care and Control, has no obvious owner and is healthy, it is transported to H.O.P.E. for Animals, sterilized, vaccinated, chipped, tipped and then the Allen County SPCA returns to the area it came from. This money will allow us help 428 community cats. In the nine months this program has been running live release rates, alone, have increased from 12% to 49%. Learn more about this program and get involved by calling 260-440-8893.



In Loving Memory or Honor of

To Honor Loved Ones, Please Visit our [SUPPORT](#) Page

In Loving Memory of Sammy 02/23/2015
In Honor of Alexis Baker's Birthday from Julie Brin



Events Coming Up

April 18th-19th- [Pet Expo](#) (Come find us)

May 2nd- [Cinco de Mayo Charity Bash](#)

May 9th- [Games! Dogs! Play! Activity Day](#)

May 16th- [Parrothead Fundraiser](#)

June 20th- TinCaps Baseball Community Partner (please [email us](#) if you are interested in reserving tickets)



Thank you Girl Scout Troop 00241

A big thank you goes out to Girl Scout Troop 00241 who donated an amazon gift card and much needed supplies to our clinic. The girls are in 5th grade at Oak View Elementary School in the Northwest Allen County School District. Thank you for supporting the animals!



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