

# 2013 Annual Report



STOP PET OVERPOPULATION TODAY

SPAY, NEUTER & WELLNESS

## Message from the Director

Dear Supporters,

I am truly excited to present you with SPOT Spay/Neuter Clinic's 2013 Annual Report. This report will highlight the amazing things accomplished by our organization in 2013 thanks to the support and generosity of our community.

This is the first full year without our friend and mentor, Dr. Nancy Ferguson, at the helm. There have been bumps in the road as we searched for exceptional veterinarians to fill her shoes. With her guidance, we have hired several veterinarians for surgeries and our vaccine clinics. We now "have our groove" again and are forging full steam ahead to continue Dr. Ferguson's mission and dream; to help curtail the number of homeless and unwanted animals in our community through sterilization.

An exciting new project started in 2013 was the transport to and from SPOT for our local animal shelters. We have grown to assist our two local shelters, Owen County Humane and Clay County Humane, in transport projects assisting the shelter and local resident's pets. We also have started some "even lower-cost" spay/neuter days for these areas and their residents. The response has been really amazing. With communities coming together to lower the pet overpopulation problem, shelters will be less burdened and animals will be safer. This is something we can all be proud of!

I am so pleased of the accomplishments made since SPOT opened its doors six years ago. We are happy to be able to offer high-quality services and care. And we thank our community, shelters, rescues and donors for their support. We could not make the impact we have without everyone involved working so very diligently to make our little clinic such a success.

**Jodi Schermerhorn, Executive Director**

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### Our Mission

SPOT is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe, convenient and affordable spay/neuter services to the community. The explosive population growth and unchecked animal reproduction creates an overwhelming, financial, emotional and physical demand on our community. We believe that spay/neuter is the answer to eliminating the unbelievable number of unwanted and neglected cats and dogs.

## SPOT's History

SPOT (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today) Clinic opened its doors in January of 2007 after the realization of the number of animals entering the local shelters was exponentially growing at an alarming rate. There are only two low-cost/high-volume spay/neuter clinics in the area, both over an hour and a half from Cloverdale. One Clinic is to the northeast in Indianapolis and the other Clinic is in Bloomington. SPOT is located in the small town of Cloverdale (2,000 residents) in Putnam County Indiana. As of the 2010 Census, the per capita income for Putnam County is \$17,163, which is lower than the state average of \$24,058 and lower than the national average of \$27,334. Approximately 6.40% of families and 8.00% of the county population are below the poverty line, including 9.30% of those under age 18 and 10.40% of those age 65 or over. In Putnam county many dogs and cats roam the streets with no animal shelter.

Since becoming a 501c, we have had a steady stream of business the three days weekly we perform surgeries (the maximum number of surgeries we have performed in one day is 94 dogs and cats-11/25/2014). We only employ one veterinarian a day and have always been booked solid on those days. From 7:30-8:30 we check clients in, and from 9:30-4:30 we perform an average of 40 surgeries.

### **SPOT Clinic Hours:**

Mon 7:30am-7pm; Vaccinations - 3pm-7pm

Tues 7:30am-7pm

Weds 1pm-5pm

Thurs 1-5pm (no surgeries)

Fri 9am-1pm



**Our Volunteers are a dedicated bunch –**

They do whatever is asked of them; they know helping to keep the Clinic spotless and friendly is healthier and happier for the animals and their owners.

We thank those listed below for giving us their love and care each and every month:

*Larry & Gwen Blair*

*Linda Langley*

*Lauren Elyea*

*Becky Brown & Gary Cunningham*

### Our Partners

Owen County Humane Society

<http://www.ochumane.org/>

2014 Romona Rd

Spencer, IN 47460

Rescue Farm

<http://www.rescuefarm.org/>

7101 Flowing Well Rd

Poland, IN 47868

Clay County Humane Society

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/in26.html>

8280 N County Road 125 W

Brazil, IN 47834

Helping Pawz

<http://helpingpawz.rescueme.org/>

P O Box 83

Fillmore, IN 46128

Heaven After Hell

<http://heavenafterhellrescue.rescueme.org/>

919 Waltom Dr

Plainfield, IN 46168

Lucky Lab Rescue

<http://www.luckylabrescue.com/>

10594 N. 150 E.

Lewisville, IN 47352

Waldo's Muttley Crew

<http://waldosmuttleycrew.com/>

24 S Colorado Ave

Indianapolis, IN 46201

## SPOT Clinic Statistics for 2013

- Feral cats spay/neutered - 285
- SPOT spay/neutered 2,503 dogs
- SPOT spay/neutered 1,954 cats
- 37 rabbits spay/neutered
- 351 pregnant dogs and cats were spay/neutered, and 446 female dogs and cats were in heat when spay/neutered.
- SPOT examined 23,971 animals
- 3,043 Nail Trims (X4 paws that is 12,172 paws trimmed)
- 25% of S/N are at reduced rate or “voucher” purchased through other groups who foot the bill.
- Our clients are from these counties: Hendricks, Marion, Putnam, Owen, Clay; and from these towns; Cloverdale, Bainbridge, Roachdale, Fillmore, Plainfield, Avon, Spencer, Bloomington, Indianapolis, Poland, Gosport, Clay City, Brazil, Center Point, Bowling Green, Greencastle, Ellettsville, Martinsville, Mooresville, Monrovia & Paragon - **And all points between.**
- The majority of customers came from these zip codes:

46135	14.2%	3,413
46120	14.1%	3,374
47460	5.7%	1,378
47868	5.4%	1,287

### Specials throughout the year:

#### **February** – World Spay Day/Month

All cats \$25 and all dogs \$50 (additional fee for Rabies if needed)

#### **June** – Litters of Puppies and Kittens – Oh my!

All kittens and puppies 2-6 months \$35 (rabies \$15 if over 3 months)

#### **October** – Primp Your Pit

All pit bulls and pit-bull mixes \$50 (includes rabies if needed)

#### **November** – Cat Special

All cats \$30 (\$15 rabies if needed)



### 2013 Board of Directors

*Nancy J. Ferguson, Board President  
Becky Brown, Secretary  
Lauren Elyea, Treasurer*

### From Our Clients:

*My cat was taken here to get spayed, and I couldn't have been happier with how nice the staff was! She was one of many getting spayed in one day, and I still got to bring her home that night! She healed quickly, and very well! Thank you spot clinic! Brittani Hay*  
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*“SPOT is a great place to bring animals for various services. We have brought our dogs and cats for shots, spays, and nail clippings. Everyone is so professional and “happy” and it is a pleasant experience for our critters and for the humans as well. It is cost effective and it feels like home for all of our “babies”. I would recommend “SPOT” for anyone who is looking for a caring place to receive service their animals.” Linda, July 2013*  
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*“What a great place SPOT is!! They really care about animals and offer spay/neuter and other services at lower costs. It’s nice to have caring folks like them to turn to for those of us who don’t have lots of money but love, care for and rescue animals. Thanks SPOT!” Frances, Spencer 2013*  
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*“I didn’t know what to do when I found and rescued a litter of kittens. There were 8 of them and I managed to feed them but vet care is so expensive. Then someone told me about SPOT. I looked them up on the web and made an appointment. They spayed/neutered all the kitties and I managed to find homes for all but two which wormed their way into my heart and stayed with me. Everyone should know about SPOT clinic.” Jesse, Bloomington 2013*

## **SPOT STAFF**

**Jodi Schermerhorn, Executive Director** joined SPOT in April of 2012 and seeks to make life better for every pet that comes through the clinic doors. She enjoys working with clients and making them feel they are welcome to ask any questions and get the answers they need to make sure their pets get the best of care. Jodi enjoys traveling with her husband who runs a local animal rescue. She and her husband have spent the past 10 years devoted to caring for countless needy animals.

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**Dr. Nancy Ferguson, Veterinarian** is a 1985 graduate of Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine. She practiced mixed animal medicine and surgery along with her husband of twenty –four years in Bloomington, Indiana. Her intense love of and interest in spay/neuter surgery was kindled by her employment at the F.A.C.E. Spay/ Neuter Clinic in the late 1990's. She is now in her thirteenth year of devoting her veterinary skills to the advancement of safe, affordable, efficient sterilization procedures for cats and dogs. As a member of both the National Spay/Neuter Task Force and the Task Force for the Advancement of Spay/Neuter practices, Dr. Ferguson has had the opportunity to present information and teach wet-labs for other interested veterinarians. She has shared affiliation with The Humane Alliance group based in Asheville, North Carolina and has participated as a member of their veterinary-training staff. For the second year Dr. Ferguson is working with Purdue University' School of Veterinary Medicine students to provide clinical/surgical experience in spay/neuter technique for the shelter medicine block participants. She shares a home with her husband Rob and their three children Sarah, Jacob, and Zachary, three dogs—Lucy, Bailey and Fletch, and numerous barn-yard animals.

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**Dr. Tracy Birchfield, Veterinarian** has been at the SPOT Clinic since April of 2012. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has fast become a proficient pediatric surgeon performing spay/neuter on puppies and kittens at just 8 weeks of age. Dr. Birchfield shares her home with several furry cat friends, her loving husband, and son Tyler.

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**Dr. Whitman, Veterinarian** wanted to rescue horses since childhood. When she was only ten years old, her parents allowed her to adopt her first rescue. She decided to become a veterinarian as a result of her desire to start a horse rescue organization. After graduating from the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1983, she began her veterinary career specializing in horses. However, the number of hurt or sick horses she was asked to put down, simply because their owners didn't want to invest the time and money necessary to save them, quickly caused her to become disenchanted with large animal practice. As a result, she limited her practice to small animals, and opened a clinic in Bloomington, Indiana in 1991. She began accepting horses in need of rescue in 2001 and incorporated Horse-Angels in 2003. Anyone who has met Dr. Whitman cannot help but be humbled by her devotion to the horses she loves.

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**Veronica Sawyer, Veterinary Technician** has been working at SPOT since 2010 and after graduating from technical school, decided to stay full-time at SPOT due to her passion for the spay/neuter cause. Veronica enjoys horseback riding and spending time with her dogs and cats.

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**Nicci Dexter, Veterinary Assistant** has been at SPOT since 2011 after working several years at the Putnam County Humane Society. She has a great passion for all the dogs and cats at the clinic and checks each and every one as they come in preparation for the veterinarian's exam. She loves making sure all the animals seen at SPOT have the very best of care. She enjoys going to car races and spending time with her family, friends, and 3 pit bulls.

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**Drew Rogers, Veterinary Assistant** joined the SPOT team in April 2013. She is currently attending school in the Veterinary Medicine Program and hopes to one day be a Veterinarian. Drew spends most of her time right now reading, studying, or working. But she has enjoyed many years of showing and riding horses; she has seven! Drew lives in Bainbridge with her dog Claire and 3 cats named Piddles, Jake, and Boots.

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**Kayla Nobles, Recovery** joined the SPOT team in 2013 and has done a fantastic job making sure that all the animals have a most cautious recovery after surgery. She never takes her eyes off the animals and is constantly monitoring their heart rate and breathing. Kayla treats your pet as her own making sure they are warm and comfortable after their surgery.

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**Jamie Gibson, Receptionist** brings 9 years of experience working directly with the public and was a perfect fit as SPOT receptionist. Her love of animals started at 7 years old with her first dachshund named Chance. Since then she has added several furry friends to her home. Currently, they are dogs Roscoe and Train, and her feisty cat Joey. Jamie also shares her home with loving husband Donald, and three sons.

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**Carol Fischer, Grant & Web Developer** has designed web sites over the years, written grants and has been involved in activism most of her adult life. She loves animals and is passionate about the need to spay/neuter pets and feral animals as well as vaccinate animals so they are protected.