

PRESTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

We believe spay and neuter saves lives!



PETS

P is for Pets and Patients

Every day that I come home to a licking, jumping, happy, barking or meowing friend, my soul is lifted. After a day of helping ailing pets and feeling their thankfulness, I am grateful for veterinary medicine and the love animals have given me.

E is for a pet's Essence: love and affection

On any given day, world politics may upset you, a human may have treated you poorly or you've run into some bad luck, timing or car trouble.

And then you can go home to your animals who give you unconditional love and affection. They love you if you're cranky. They love you if you're tired. They love you if you're happy. They love you if you're sad.

To them, it's not a good or bad day. It's your day to be with them, and they love you for it.

T is for Time with our pets.

Weather your walking with your dog on any day, rain or shine, sun or snow; snuggling up with 2 dogs and 3 cats on an old sofa; or watching your bunny dance about, your guinea pigs dive into veggies or your bird talking to you from the other room, the time we spend with our pets is precious.

They know it, and we know it.

S is for the Sanity our pets bring us.

Yes, sanity! If you have lost it during a difficult day, look to your fabulous animals and center yourself.

They give use a new perspective on life, bringing with them the calming power of joy and love.



The Website

The Preston County Humane Society website

(www.prestoncountyhumanesociety.org)

contains the following:

- Who we are and what we do
- Application for Spay/Neuter Assistance
- Contact information
- Previous newsletters
- Donation information
- How to report abuse

Member & Friends Social Event

The annual free and fun social event will be **Thursday, January 31** from 5 - 7 pm at the Preston County Inn.

We would love to see every member attend to enjoy delicious food and drinks, win a gift basket, and celebrate the mission of PCHS. Friends and family are welcome. Hope to see you there!



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CHRISTMAS PET SAFETY

Pets encounter many dangers, especially during the holidays. From choking hazards to poisonous plants to deadly human foods, pets can be harmed by many ordinary, innocent household items. Lets' look at some holiday pet hazards.

POISONS

Many people have heard that chocolate, especially baking chocolate, is poisonous to dogs, but many people are unaware that grapes, grape juice, and wine can also poison dogs. Another innocent holiday staple, holiday plants (like holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and lilies) can be poisonous as well. Also, other "people foods" can be harmful to pets in large amounts, such as fatty meats, gravies, poultry skins, bones, and alcohol.

These foods can cause serious illness, like pancreatitis, and symptoms, like vomiting and diarrhea.

HARMFUL ITEMS

Pets may also ingest items they see as toys, especially cats, kittens and puppies, so pets should be kept away from choking hazards, like candy wrappers, aluminum foil pieces, ribbons, tinsel, small pieces to children's toys, and ornaments.

Other items can present additional health problems. Pine needles can puncture your pet's intestines if ingested. Tree water can contain fertilizer from the tree and harmful bacteria and adding aspirin to your tree water can be very harmful to pets. Candles also provide possible hazards and should always be monitored in houses with pets. Snow globes can be harmful to pets because many contain antifreeze, which is severely harmful (yet tasty) to pets.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree itself offers so many potential dangers that it deserves a closer look. Beyond the tinsel, ornaments, and water, the Christmas tree cords can look like chew toys. Tape down or cover cords can help avoid electrocution or burns. Also cats often like to climb the tree, so the tree should be anchored to the wall or ceiling to keep it from falling over. Another safety precaution is to keep pets away from the tree. Bubble wrap or an inverted rubber mat with prickly bottom facing up can deter cats. Fill a metal can with a few pennies can also act as a deterrent. When a cat knocks over the can, the rattling noise will often scare the cat away from the tree.

Pets are part of the family and keeping them safe during the holidays is important. Fortunately, following the above safety ideas can keep your pet safe from many of the dangers existing in Christmas food, decorations, toys and trees.

Reference: Dave Collins. October 23, 2013. Safetyrisk.net/Christmas-pet-safety.

Scramble Answers

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- Bells
- Candles
- Cards
- Celebrate
- Frosty
- Rudolph
- Mistletoe
- Stocking stuffers
- Candy canes
- Christmas tree
- Holiday
- Merry
- Noel
- Parades
- Santa claus
- North pole
- Angel
- Dasher
- Reindeer
- Wreath

**Enjoy
the
Season**



Happy Holidays to All

2019

Time to renew your membership

Preston County Humane Society continues to be a vital voice for animal welfare in our county.

In 2018 we provided financial assistance to spay or neuter over 210 pets and community cats.

Our *Kind News* program is reaching young students in the elementary schools with the hope they will continue our Mission and Purpose.

We would like to take this time to Thank You for your continuing support in 2019.

We always welcome your thoughts, suggestions and participation.

Membership/ Donation Form

The membership year is January 1 to December 31.

Year _____

I wish to:

- Renew** my membership \$20/ year individual membership \$ _____
- Renew** Two person household membership \$35/year \$ _____
- Join** as an individual member \$20/year \$ _____
- Join** as two person household membership \$35/year \$ _____

Donations:

- Spay/ Neuter Program \$ _____
- Kind News \$25/classroom \$ _____
- Other PCHS programs and expenses \$ _____
- In memory of _____ \$ _____
- In honor of _____ \$ _____
- Total Enclosed** \$ _____



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Thank You

Please make checks payable to:
Preston County Humane Society
P.O. Box 395
Kingwood, WV 26537

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INEXPENSIVE IDEAS FROM THE INTERNET

Winter Feral Cat Care Tip



Photo courtesy of Ashot Karamian

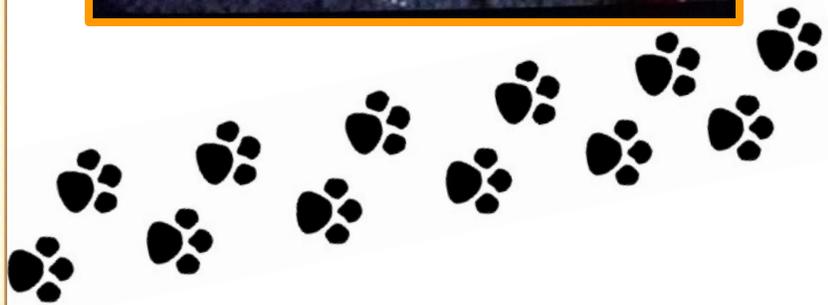
Elevated Styrofoam bin
+ straw
= Instant shelter!

Other great, inexpensive options: Rubbermaid bins, large covered litterboxes, coolers used for fish/meat shipments. Weigh down lightweight shelters with wood or bricks.

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No man left behind!!!
DIY cat carrier



Styrofoam insulation

Second container filled w/ straw

Covered container

More insulation

Final cover

Completed shelter

Cat Shelters using plastic totes with one of two insulators, a second tote inside or pieces of insulation. Using styrofoam coolers is an easy alternative to either of these two options.