



2018 YEAR IN REVIEW
CALDWELL HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.
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Caldwell Humane Society, Inc. provides **low-cost spay/neuter clinics** in partnership with ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance. Appointments are made at reservation sessions held at the Caldwell County Public Library. Pets are brought to the Caldwell County Fairgrounds and transported to ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance in Asheville for surgery. The next day, owners pick up their pets at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds. Clinics are open to the general public, but financial assistance is limited to Caldwell County residents. **"SPOT" and "ICARE" are the two main financial assistance programs.**

"SPOT" stands for "Stop Pet Overpopulation Today." CHS, Inc. pays half of the surgery fee for pet owners who qualify for our SPOT (financial aid) program. "ICARE" refers to the State of North Carolina's Spay/Neuter Program. Special animal-lover license tags raise money for spay/neuter surgeries. Funds are allocated by the county to pay surgery fees for qualifying clients and reimbursement from the State is requested by the Caldwell County Health Department. The reimbursed funds are "recycled" so that more spays/neuters can be offered to those who qualify. Clients who qualify for the ICARE program receive their pet's surgery at no charge. All pets are required to have a current rabies vaccination, or the rabies shot can be given at the time of surgery for a \$10 fee (not covered by financial aid).

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Number of Regular Surgeries	Number of SPOT Surgeries	Number of ICARE Surgeries	Number of Two Mauds Surgeries	TOTAL Number of Surgeries in 2018
303	43	417	29	792

Caldwell Humane Society, Inc. held 12 low-cost spay/neuter clinics in 2018. Those dogs and cats will no longer be having litters...and their litters won't have litters...and so on. **Thank you**, volunteers, for all your efforts on behalf of Caldwell County's animals. **Thank you** to the Caldwell County Fairgrounds and the Caldwell County Library for making our clinic operations possible. **Thank you** to the Caldwell County Health Department and the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners for partnering with us on the ICARE program. **Thank you** to Caldwell County's responsible pet owners for spaying and neutering your pets! Together, we are making a difference.

Low-Cost Clinic Surgeries by Year	
2005	51
2006	349
2007	208
2008	456
2009	698
2010	775
2011	734
2012	746
2013	622
2014	713
2015	762
2016	786
2017	830
2018	792
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Why focus on spaying and neutering? Because it's working!!
 Statistics from Caldwell County Animal Control show that our low-cost spay/neuter efforts, along with the work of similar groups, are reducing the numbers of animals euthanized each year in Caldwell County.

In 2005, the year that CHS, Inc. began providing low-cost clinics in partnership with ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance, 4,735 dogs and cats were euthanized in Caldwell County. In 2018, 633 animals were euthanized in Caldwell County. Low-cost spay/neuter is a key part of reducing euthanasia!

Educating the Community: Our volunteers promoted spaying & neutering at the Butterfly Festival, the Blackberry Festival, and the Lenoir Christmas Festival. Stop by our booth at this year's events!

Visit us on Facebook & Instagram or join our email list at caldwell4pets@gmail.com!

Our 14th Annual **Bark in the Park** was held in April and was a big success thanks to many donations from our sponsors and supporters in the community. The event raised \$5,227 to help fund low-cost spay/neuter clinics and education efforts in the community.