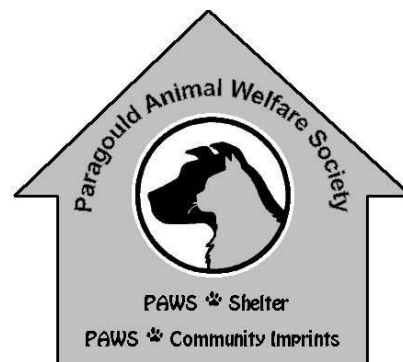


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Dr. Steve Copeland, DVM Honored By PAWS

PAWS recognized Dr. Steve Copeland, DVM of Veterinary Healthcare, Inc. for over seven years of participation in the "PAWS Discount Spay/Neuter Program". PAWS Humane Educator "Henry Wrinkles" and PAWS volunteer Susan Boyd were on hand to deliver the plaque recognizing Dr. Copeland's commitment in helping to curb the animal overpopulation problem.

According to PAWS President Laura Wood "this program offers low-income, disabled and elderly residents a discounted rate to get their pet spayed or neutered. Dr. Copeland's clinic averages 10 to 15 procedures per month, putting a major impact on our community in terms of curbing unwanted offspring that might be born". Wood continued "this program is very important because just because someone cannot afford to have their pet altered does not mean they don't want to practice responsible pet ownership".

So important that PAWS has been given grants by the Endowment Foundation of Greene County and the Martha Barber Animal Welfare Endowment of Little Rock to keep the program going. Wood says, "I really can't stress enough how many thousands of offspring are hindered because of spaying and neutering. If everyone in this country altered their pet the need for humane societies and animal welfare organizations would cease to exist. It's one of the most important community programs that PAWS offers. Not only does our animal shelter find homes for homeless pets but at PAWS we also strive to find solutions to the overpopulation crisis."

Dr. Copeland wants to take his mission of caring one step further and is working with PAWS to complete an in-house surgical unit at the PAWS shelter, allowing other local area vets the opportunity to donate their veterinary services by altering PAWS pets. Wood says the average number of adoptions per month at the PAWS Shelter is about 60 and that 501c(3) humane societies are required by law to have adopted pets altered. Wood also says "this surgical unit is one of the most exciting plans we have going on, it will save us time and money in transporting animals and will take a lot of pressure off of the Southwest Drive Animal Clinic and Dr. Archie Ryan in Jonesboro who has done the procedures for PAWS for years.

Since being founded in 1998, the PAWS shelter has placed over three thousand animals into loving homes and has provided a safe-haven for homeless pets. If you are interested in adopting a pet, see our pets online at www.pawsparagould.org or come to the shelter to see your tax-deductible donations at work. PAWS is open Monday thru Saturday from noon till 6p.m. **Donations may be mailed to PAWS 1103 E. Kingshighway, Paragould AR 72450. For more information on the shelter or the discount spay neuter program call (870) 240-0997.**