

Promote Spaying and Neutering

It is a sad reality that millions of adoptable animals are euthanized in shelters every year. Make sure that YOUR pet is spayed or neutered to help prevent adding to the problem! Even inside pets or pets kept in their yard can find themselves in the unexpected position of having a litter of kittens or puppies! Other reasons to spay or neuter your pet include:

- Reducing their chances of uterine infections and breast or testicular cancer. (Breast cancer can be fatal in up to 50% of cases for dogs and 90% of cases for cats).
- Less likely that your pets will roam, or try to escape from their yard, thus reducing their chances of possibly being hit and injured or killed by a moving vehicle.
- Better behavior. Altered pets are much more likely to follow the “house rules” than unaltered pets.

Make sure you educate your **friends** and **family** on the importance of spaying and neutering!

Many low-cost spay/neuter programs are currently available in our area. For additional information on places where you can have your pet (or a neighbor or friend’s pet) spayed or neutered, contact the Animal Welfare Commission at www.facebook.com/WarrenAWC.



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Helping Animals in Our Community!

So, you are an animal lover.
You want to help animals in need?



You're not sure where to start?

There are many ways that just **one** person can make a difference and change the life of a homeless or abandoned animal for the better!

From volunteering with a local shelter or rescue group, to providing assistance with fundraising or adoption events, or even virtual assistance online from the comfort of your own home, you CAN make a difference!

Just an hour or two a week can make a big difference!

Here are just a few ways you can help animals in our community!

Volunteer at a shelter or rescue

Shelters and rescues are in continual need of volunteers to help care for animals; socialize and clean cages; walk dogs; and volunteer at adoption events.

Other volunteer opportunities might also include:

- Photography (taking pictures of animals for the organization's website)
- Fundraising (Grant-writing, coordinating events, bottle drives, bake sales etc.)
- Special events
- Website design & updates
- Pet transport
- Writing
- Trap-Neuter-Return (for feral & stray cats in the community)
- Education/awareness
- Fostering
- Pet food pantry



To find a local shelter or rescue group in your area that needs volunteers, visit www.Petfinder.com and click on "Shelters and Rescues", or contact the Warren Animal Welfare Commission at www.facebook.com/WarrenAWC for a list of some shelters and rescues in our city!

Adopt a Pet

There are thousands of beautiful, adoptable pets in local shelters and rescues that are in need of a new home! Many of our local pet stores have adoptable animals and rescue groups on-site for adoption, especially on the weekends but sometimes during the week as well. To find just the right new friend for your family, start your search online at www.petfinder.com, which lists most of the animals available through local rescues.

Help Educate

Many people are unaware of the many dangers that threaten animals in our community. Become educated and spread your knowledge to friends, family, and anyone who will listen! There are **significant dangers** to things that may not seem dangerous initially, such as giving pets away "free to good homes", not having pets properly trained, or missing critical vaccines for your pet. Learn about the issues that affect pets in our community, and engage others to make changes to help make improvements in our community!

Keep Your Animals Safe

Animals should never be allowed to run loose in your neighborhood. Dogs should be secured safely in a fenced yard when they need to go "outside," and cats should be kept indoors at all times. Not only is it important for their safety, but it's also the law! Animals should never be allowed to roam outside of your property. Never allow your pet outside on a chain or tie-out unattended, as they may become entangled and sustain severe injuries or even death. This also prevents them from being teased or accidentally escaping should the tie-out become loose!

Help Lost or Found Pets Find their Home

Animals can easily become lost, and it's important for the whole community to join together in reuniting pets with their family! If you lose or find a pet, contact your local animal control immediately! Also, be sure to post found pets wherever you can in local papers, online, etc. Always require proof of ownership, such as a picture or veterinary records before turning over a found animal to someone who claims to be their owner. Lost and found pets may be posted at www.facebook.com/CityofWarrenAnimalControl

Report Animal Cruelty

Animal abuse is a terrible tragedy in many communities and can include abuse of household pets, as well as local wildlife. If you see an animal being abused, or left out in extreme heat or cold without food, water or shelter, TAKE ACTION! Report the abuse immediately to your local police department or animal control officer.

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program

Join together with your neighbors to make keeping animals safe a priority in your neighborhood! Get to know the animals that live in your community, and keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviors.

Keep the community clean

Birds and other wildlife are often injured or killed by trash that is thrown around the community. Something as simple as the plastic rings that hold a six-pack of soda together can severely injure or kill an animal if they get trapped in it. You can help protect animals in your and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as local parks, just by going the extra step to pick up trash when you see it! The animals don't know who put it there, but by picking it up, you just may save a life!