



**AWC News**  
**A Newsletter of the**  
**Animal Welfare Council/**  
**Allegheny Spay & Neuter Clinic**  
**"For friends of animals"**

**Spring 2018**

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***Celebrate the newness of spring!***

***After months of windy days and cold nights, we are thrilled to see spring arrive! Fresh air, sun, and blooming plants fill us with energy and hope. Warmer weather provides many opportunities for our pets to explore and shake that cabin fever. Along with the fun, we also consider what a new season brings so that we can provide the best care for our furry ones. Thank you for sharing with us a compassion for the animals who rely on us!***

**AWC Board of Directors and Allegheny Spay and Neuter Clinic Staff**

*Educational Opportunities*

One of the main goals of the AWC is to be a resource and provide information and education to the community about pet care. Whether it's working with a group of 4H teens to discuss the need for spay/neuter, speaking to a group of adults in the community about Lyme Disease, or working with area youth to help lessen

the frequency of dog bites, there are individuals available to speak to your group about animals and their care. To arrange for a speaker to come to your group, call the Allegheny Spay and Neuter Clinic at 857-5280.

### *What does every cat need?? A test!!*

When you welcome a new cat into your home, at the top of your checklist should be a simple blood test, commonly referred to as a Combo test. This can be performed in minutes, yet provides valuable information that could influence many of the decisions you make. This screening tool informs us of the status of two

transmittable and fatal diseases, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and feline leukemia virus (FeLV). What follows is a brief overview of these viruses, and many reputable resources have more detailed information and studies, including the Cornell Feline Health Center website, which was consulted for this article.

<https://www2.vet.cornell.edu/departments-centers-and-institutes/cornell-feline-health-center/health-information>

**FIV** targets the body's defense mechanisms, so that the immune system is unable to provide protection from the dangerous effects of relatively common bacteria and viruses.

- ▶ Signs: loss of appetite, weight loss, poor hair coat, gingivitis, and chronic infections
- ▶ Mode of transmission: primarily bite wounds, rarely from mother to kitten
- ▶ Management: indoor-only lifestyle, frequent wellness visits, high-quality diet, supportive care to manage signs and reduce exposure to harmful agents
- ▶ Key points: kittens younger than six months may show a false-positive result and should be re-tested after six months of age; it requires 8-12 weeks for antibodies to be detected post-exposure, so false-negatives are possible and may require additional testing

**FeLV** is the most common cause of cancer in cats. It also has immune-suppressing effects, much like FIV.

- ▶ Signs: loss of appetite, weight loss, poor hair coat, gingivitis, fever, pale gums, diarrhea, neurological disorders, and chronic infections
- ▶ Mode of transmission: saliva, urine, feces, nasal secretions, mother's milk
- ▶ Management: indoor-only lifestyle, separation from FeLV negative cats, supportive care

►Key points: a relatively effective vaccine is generally recommended for cats who spend any amount of time outdoors, although no vaccine eliminates the risk completely; prognosis is generally poor for FeLV positive cats, but they can be made comfortable for a time with vigilant attention and care

## *Adoptable Pets*

The following animals are staying at the **Clearfield County SPCA** and looking for a great home! Please call them at **765-2220** if this might be you.

### Meet Sam

Pet ID: 36847523



**Breed:** Schnauzer mix

**Age:** 9 yrs.

**Color:** white

**Gender:** neutered male

**Size:** medium

Sam came to us as an owner surrender because his previous owner had a change in their lifestyle. He is a nine year old Schnauzer mix. He is a fun loving dog who loves everyone he meets. He likes to go outside and walk and lay on your lap for belly rubs. Stop out and see this cutie as he waits for a new home here with us!!

### Meet Scrappy Doo

Pet ID: 37370434

**Breed:** terrier mix

**Age:** 2 yrs.

**Color:** tan

**Gender:** neutered male

**Size:** small



Scrappy came in because his previous owner passed away. He is a young adult Terrier mix. He is a super sweet boy who loves everyone he meets. He enjoys sitting up on your lap and having his ears rubbed. Scrappy loves to play with toys and have his belly rubbed too! We can't guarantee he'll want to let go of the toy he's playing with, but he is the happiest during play time! He seems to be ok with other animals as well. He's waiting for a new forever home here with us!!

## Meet Mika

Pet ID: 36934937

**Breed:** domestic short hair  
**Gender:** spayed female

**Age:** 3 yrs.  
**Size:** small

**Color:** black  
**Declawed**



Mika came to us as a stray from the Bradford Twp area. She is a gorgeous pure black sweetheart. Mika enjoys attention more than anything! She will steal your heart in a matter of seconds when she looks at you with her big pale green eyes. Stop by our shelter today to meet this beauty as she waits for her new special furrever home here with us!

## Meet Nugget

Pet ID: 37291789

**Breed:** domestic short hair/mix  
**Gender:** neutered male

**Age:** 5 mos.  
**Size:** small

**Color:** black/grey



Nugget and Chicken came to us as strays from the Sandy Twp area. Nugget is an adorable kitten with lots of spunk and attitude to match! He will jump on just about anything when he's on his little adventures. Nugget is a super active kitten who just wants to play all day and eat all the treats! If you're thinking about adopting a kitten, stop by our shelter and meet Nugget! He'll be waiting!

*After a year, let's make this the season Keeter finds a home!!*



She is a big dog with a big heart. She would adjust well to a home with cats, kids, or other dogs. She requires belly rubs and cuddle time, and perhaps a little summer time swimming. While she has been a pleasant presence at the SPCA, she deserves a home of her own with a cozy bed she can claim and devoted attention each day. Could you be that special person to invite Keeter into your home??

### **AWC/Allegheny Spay & Neuter Clinic Wish List.....**

*dog food, cat food, stamps, envelopes (business size), garbage bags (tall and 55 gallon), totes and coolers to make outdoor cat houses, straw. Monetary donations are also appreciated in any amount.* Memorial or Honorary donations can be made and will be recognized with a notification card. Gift certificates

are available for spaying and neutering. Items can be dropped off at the clinic during business hours – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM - Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays. *Thank you for helping us help area animals. All donations are tax deductible.*

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**If you see animals being neglected or abused, call the  
Clearfield County SPCA @ 814-765-2220.**

If you haven't already, check out our Facebook page (Allegheny Spay and Neuter Clinic/Animal Welfare Council) for information about current events and animal care.