



Importance of County's Spay and Neuter Program

About a year and a half ago, members from more than ten local animal groups assembled and formed *United for Animal Justice* to collectively deal with animal abuse and animal neglect and to assist the Lorain County Dog Kennel. Our group is business oriented and is interested in long-term solutions that really make a difference.

It is from this vantage point that we express our thanks to Commissioner Ted Kalo for his interest in improving the Lorain County Dog Kennel and for his strong interest in a spay and neuter program. We would also like to thank all three Commissioners Betty Blair, Lori Kokoski, and Ted Kalo for starting a spay and neuter program at the county kennel. A well implemented spay and neuter program is the most important action that can be taken for stray dogs in our county and we are appreciative to Commissioner Kalo for taking the first step in this matter.

In addition, we recognize Dog Warden, Jack Szlempa, for his efforts collaborating with veterinarians on the spay and neuter program and his staff for working with the local rescue groups.

As you may know, there has been a tragic over-population of dogs in Lorain County for decades and there is only one solution to this problem and the resulting euthanasia of hundreds of happy and friendly dogs each year. The solution is for dog owners to understand this tragedy and to get their dogs fixed. Please visit our website, [UFAJ Info](#), to see why fixed dogs and cats generally make much better pets. Our website also dispels some myths that unfortunately prevent some well-meaning people from becoming part of the solution. By working together, hundreds of deaths can be prevented each year!

If you have a dog or cat at home, please get it fixed. And if you adopt one of the great dogs from the county kennel and give them a "fur-ever" home, please ask the kennel workers for one of the spay and neuter discount vouchers generously provided by the county kennel, "<http://www.loraincounty.us/dogs>", to take your dog to a vet and be part of the solution!

Sincerely,
Rick Lalonde
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