



Animal Overpopulation: Fixing the Problem



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Donald Kendrick says his non-profit organization SPAY Alabama is committed to ending the euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs and cats in the state of Alabama, but they have their work cut out for them. "Statewide the latest figures we've compiled indicate 160,000 dogs and cats are going in to the shelter and animal control facilities each year and 120,000 of them are being euthanized," said Donald Kendrick. Meanwhile every year Alabama animal shelters are struggling to find space and food for an ever increasing number of strays and surrendered pets. Kendrick says many of them wouldn't even be here if people would simply spay and neuter their animals.

"If we were to prevent the overpopulation and keep these animals from coming into the world without a home then that would go a long way towards alleviating it. In other words spay and neuter your animals," said Donald Kendrick.

He knows that would save hundreds of thousands of animals and taxpayer dollars, but some days he feels like a broken record repeating the simple message which often goes unheeded.

He's hopeful that a Sunday fundraiser combining the Hooters restaurant in Trussville and a clothing company called Nooters will generate new interest in the issue and help advance his cause.

"I was contacted by some folks that had a yappy hour at the Trussville Hooters and the establishment there allowed folks to bring their animals out onto the patio area," said Donald Kendrick. "They are going to raise money for spay/neuter for needy people in the Birmingham metro area. And the funds are going to be used at the Spay neuter clinic which is a non-profit facility."

Some adoptable animals from the Chilton County Humane Society were featured at the event, which ran from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday at the Trussville Hooters.

Donald Kendrick says he hopes it will become an every weekend event.

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