

# The WV Spay Neuter Assistance Program!

We are excited that the WV State Spay Neuter Program continues to be a stunning success. It altered 17,000 dogs and cats in 2023 throughout West Virginia!

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- 99.9% of the grant money comes from out-of-state funding
  - Program funding per year is approximately \$450,000
  - Program funding will be in place through June 2027
  - Reducing over \$10 million dollars of taxpayer money spent on pet overpopulation
  - Saving thousands of unwanted animals
  - WVSNP (Spay Neuter Program) administered by the WVDA
  - An estimated 20,000 dogs & cats should be altered yearly in WV over 10 years to have a significant impact on pet overpopulation.

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“The state grant is a lottery win for organizations in rural areas where fundraising is limited.” Chip Adkins, Humane Society of Pocahontas County

## Who is FOHO WV?

FOHO WV (Federation of Humane Organizations of West Virginia) is a state-wide group dedicated to improving animal welfare throughout West Virginia. Formed in 1994, FOHO WV serves to unite animal advocates throughout the state and provide a source of information for the state's 55 counties.

### Together...

**We can make it happen.**



“Operation Fancy Free Inc. was thrilled to be selected for the WV Spay & Neuter Grant program. With these funds in one year we sterilized 274 cats; 150 females & 124 males. We are so appreciative of these grant dollars!” Kathy Stone, co-founder, Operation Fancy Free, Inc.



# FOHO WV

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Improving Animal  
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# There are many reasons to be in the **FOHO WV** pack!

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- **Position Papers, Legislative Information, Networking**
  - **WV Animal Law Book**  
available online at [www.fohowv.org](http://www.fohowv.org)  
or in booklet form for a nominal fee.
  - Support for FOHO WV  
<https://www.facebook.com/supportersoffohowv>
  - Support for the **WV Spay Neuter Assistance Fund**  
<https://www.facebook.com/SupportersWVSpayNeuterFund/>
  - Comprehensive **Animal Law** expertise.
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## **Become a FOHO Supporter ....**

Receive our action alerts and support our efforts by connecting with us.

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*Help us stop pet overpopulation by maintaining the current statewide funding for the WV State Spay Neuter Assistance Program.*

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**FOHO WV  
Serving WV  
Animal Advocates  
since 1994!**

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for current  
information  
and issues***

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## **Notable legislative success**

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- FOHO WV worked tirelessly over 8 years passing 3 legislative bills to enact the State Spay Neuter program
  - 10-year funding appropriation for WV Spay Neuter Program using out of state funding
  - State Spay Neuter fund with Rules passed
  - Pet protection included in acts of domestic violence
  - Gas Chamber Ban in WV
  - Enable County Commissions to set standards for housing dogs enabling local ordinances to be passed
  - Adding “cruelty chain or tether” to the WV animal cruelty code
  - Cross reporting for abuse
  - Mandatory Spay Neuter of adopted shelter animals
  - Added stronger language to the animal cruelty bill
  - Made intentional animal cruelty a felony.
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