

PUPS – PREVENT UNWANTED PETS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that was established in 2003. Our mission is to assist people with the spaying and neutering of their pets if they cannot afford to do it on their own in order to decrease pet overpopulation. Veterinarians in seven counties west of Houston assist us by doing the surgeries. We are not a shelter. The animals at our events are from local rescue groups and animal control facilities.

PUPS has spayed or neutered **7,015** cats and **5,141** dogs for a total of **12,156** pets! Our average cost per spay or neuter is \$61.85.

We survive on public donations. We do not receive any local, state or federal funding. All donations to PUPS are tax deductible. **100% of donations are used for spaying and neutering.** Our board of directors pays for all overhead expenses. Please help us continue our mission and donate today!

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IN MEMORIAM

This edition of the PUPS newsletter is dedicated to dear friends we lost this spring.

Becky McWhorter of Cat Spring passed away on February 10. Becky loved all of God's creatures, and was especially known for rescuing cats. PUPS helped Becky spay and neuter many cats over the years and Becky was a staunch supporter of our program.

James (Jamie) Marek, DVM, died unexpectedly on April 9. Jamie ran the Marek vet clinic in Bellville. His clinic worked closely with PUPS to spay and neuter many animals in the Bellville area. Animal control in Bellville takes the stray dogs to the Marek Vet Clinic. The clinic staff and rescue organizations like PUPS help place these animals into new homes if the owner cannot be found. Jamie and his staff have been instrumental in making sure that no adoptable dogs were euthanized this year.

Mark Chapman died on April 18 after suffering a series of strokes over a two week period of time. Mark supported the idea of a spay and neuter program from our inception in 2003 and his foundation continues to support us to this day. He was extremely understanding when his wife, Cheryl, brought countless dogs home to foster. Cheryl has a beautiful picture of Mark holding a puppy the afternoon before his first stroke. The puppy had just been picked up from the Marek Vet clinic in Bellville.

These friends will be greatly missed.

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