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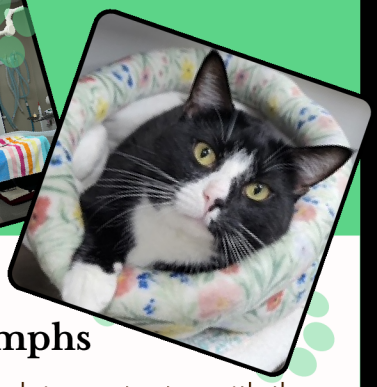

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HSOC 40th Birthday Bash!

Celebrating 40 Years of Tails and Triumphs

What do you get when a small handful of determined volunteers, a tiny house, and a big dream come together?
Forty years later you get the Humane Society of Oldham County.
What began as a modest effort focused on hosting spay and neuter clinics has grown into a thriving, full-service animal welfare campus serving pets and people across our community.
In 2025 alone, HSOC performed 2,592 successful surgeries and celebrated more than 700 adoptions — that's 700 wagging tails, happy purrs, and families made whole.
But our work reaches far beyond our adoption floors. Programs like Hungry Paws Pet Food Assistance, Pets for the Elderly, and our dedicated Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts ensure we're supporting not only shelter animals, but also the beloved pets already in homes throughout Oldham County.

We believe helping pets stay with the families who love them is just as important as finding homes for those still waiting.
And now it's time to celebrate!
This year marks our 40th anniversary, and we're throwing a Birthday Bash at Maples Park to celebrate four decades of compassion, commitment, and community. Join us for vendors, contests, food, activities, games, and fun for the whole family — including your four- legged family members!
Whether you've adopted, volunteered, donated, or simply cheered us on, you are part of this story. Forty years ago, a few big-hearted volunteers planted a seed. Today, because of you, it has grown into something extraordinary.
Let's party like it's 1986 — and celebrate 40 years of saving lives together!

Can You Spot Spot?

Spot loves to explore. If you find 5 black Spots outside of this box- email us and tell us where to earn a shot out and possible prize!
email to : laurar@oldhamhumane.com

Upcoming Spring Events

Sunday, May 17th 1-4pm

Located in Downtown La Grange- City Place

Fashion and FURiends, where compassion meets couture! Seasonal fashions from Dillard's at Mall St. Matthews will shine on the runway alongside adorable pets. Enjoy runway seating, local vendors, adoptable pets and a decadent dessert bar — all while supporting animals in need. The fun starts early with an online auction, so you can bid before the first strut down the catwalk!

Tickets starting at $30 online.

Calling All Sponsors!

Want to spotlight your business while helping animals in need? Sponsor the event or donate to our auction! It's a great way to promote your business and support local rescue efforts. 🐾
For more details, please contact Bobbi Dewey at bjsdewey@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok &
visit www.humanesocietyoldhamcounty.com for more information!

March Events

Adoption Event- March 7th
HSOC Yard Sale-March 21st
Youth Toy Makers- March 29th
Easter Bunny Photos- March 29th

April Events

Adoption Event- April 11th
Virtual Yard Sale- April 12th

May Events

Adoption Event May 2nd
HSOC at Railfest- May 9th
Fashion & FURiends- May 17th

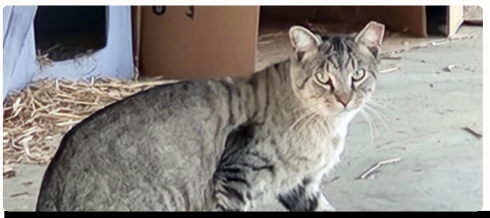
Did You Know? Talking Ear Tips

"What happened to that cat's ear?"

If you spot a community cat with the tip of their ear missing, you're looking at a real badge of honor. That small "ear tip" is the universal sign a feral cat has been through a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their outdoor home. While safely under anesthesia, a tiny portion of the tip of their ear is removed. It heals quickly and doesn't affect their health.

Why ear tip? Because that little notch speaks volumes.

It lets caregivers know — at a glance — which cats have already been altered, preventing unnecessary trapping and reducing stress. Neutered cats also continue to live in and protect their territory, helping keep unaltered cats from moving in — without adding more kittens to strain the population.



It may look small, but that tiny tip on the ear represents compassion, responsible population control, and a healthier community for cats and people alike.

VIP VOLUNTEER

Paul Strand - The Heart Behind The Hammer

Busy Hands, Big Heart

From repairing helicopters in the military to lending a hand for neighbors, Paul Strand has always looked for ways to help. At 76, he still works full time for UPS. He is a proud veteran, a loving husband, and a devoted dad and granddad. And somehow, he still finds time for us.

Finding a Home

Paul first connected with HSOC nearly 14 years ago when he adopted his dog, Lucy. After hearing about the need for volunteers in the spay and neuter clinic, he jumped in. While assisting in the clinic, he quietly began tackling small repairs using his technical know-how to fix issues as he noticed them.

Paul Strand HSOC Volunteer

Building a Stronger Shelter

As HSOC grew and moved into a larger facility, so did Paul's role. Animal care brings unique challenges: temperature extremes, yard maintenance issues, exhaust systems, and constant wear and tear on kennels. Paul took them all on, often using his own tools and equipment in addition to his time. He often jokes that the only tool he's missing is a tractor—so if anyone out there wants to donate one, we'd be grateful!

Going Above and Beyond

When 12 dogs needed emergency space during COVID, Paul worked nearly 48 hours straight to build the kennels that kept them safe—carefully prioritizing both animal welfare and the long-term integrity of the facility. Every repair he makes is thoughtful. He considers what is safest for the animals, what will endure daily use, and what will serve the shelter well for years to come.

Left- Paul plowing snow after a storm.
Center- Kennels built for emergency intake.
Right- Clinic countertops instaled by Paul.

A Lasting Difference

Paul doesn't just fix buildings—he strengthens the very foundation of our mission. Caring for animals takes a village, and Paul has been at the heart of it all, caring for the shelter that holds it together. From the shelves hung on the walls, to the emergency kennels he built, his hands have maintained the very spaces that keep animals safe, warm, and protected. Every board he nails and every repair he makes shows just how much one dedicated person can do—and for that, we are endlessly grateful.

Creature Feature:

Name: REX
Breed: APB Terrier
Age: 8 years old
At HSOC: Returned

Meet Rex, an 8-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier who proves age is just a number! Full of personality and love, he enjoys romping in the yard, snuggling with his humans, and showing off for his canine friends. Rex does best with dog meet-and-greets and has manageable skin allergies and joint care with daily supplements. Returned through no fault of his own in 2025, he's ready to bring joy, laughter, and heart to a new forever home.

Humane Society of Oldham County

Paws-itive Programs

Community

Hungry Paws- Food Bank

HSOC is committed to ensuring that food and pet care supplies are available to our community in their time of need. Simply contact the center for needs and eligibility information.

Hungry Paws- Meals on Wheels

As part of our food bank program, Meals on Wheels helps to deliver pet food and care supplies for our homebound senior community members.

Pets for the Elderly

This free program pairs seniors over 60 with medically dependent pets. While program pets remain in HSOC's care, all veterinary care and medications are provided, allowing them to live out their lives with the comfort and love of a real home.

TNR- Trap Neuter/Spay Return

HSOC actively assists in trapping feral cat colonies, bringing them to the center to be altered and then returned to their home location. TNR encourages adult cats to maintain their territory keeping new cats out, reducing over population and decreasing disease.

Working Cat Program

Many outdoor only cats make excellent working barn cats. For $25 we can connect a property owner with a vetted and altered feral working cat.

Contact Information

Email: hello@oldhamhumane.com

Phone: (502) 222-7537

Website:

www.humanesocietyoldhamcounty.com

Medical Services

Spay & Neuter Clinics

Dog Male or Female $150

Cat Male or Female $90

Surgery Price Includes:

Rabies Vaccination

Nail Trim, Ear Cleaning, Combing

Vaccine Clinics

Dog $50	Cat $50
Brief Exam	Brief Exam
Rabies Vaccine	Rabies Vaccine
Bordetella Vaccine	FELV Vaccine
Heartworm Test	

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