

# The Humane Society is doing “something” ...

Dear Editor,

Nearly every time I’m in town I overhear conversations in which one person complains about some animal-related situation to which the other person’s answer is “the Humane Society should do something.”

Fundamentally, I don’t disagree with this statement. Indeed, being involved in and responding to animal-related issues is the reason the Humane Society of Morgan County was founded 31 years ago and exists today. I do disagree with the accusation implied in that statement; namely that HSMC hasn’t done “anything” if it hasn’t fully resolved a particular person’s animal issue.

Considering how few volunteers comprise the Humane Society of Morgan County and how little money it has to operate on (all from donations or fund-raising, not a cent from taxes), it’s astounding how much this organization is able to accomplish. HSMC not only cares for, houses, rehabilitates, vets and rehomes numerous cats and dogs each year, but it also “does something” about several other animal-related issues critical to Morgan County.

It is “doing something” about feral cats through its TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program. When more people are willing to volunteer with the TNR program, invest the time to learn how to mass-trap local feral colonies and be available to participate in mass-trappings for mass-altering, then, in time, more will be done to humanely reduce the number of stray cats in Morgan County.

It is “doing something” about helping pet owners comply with the law and preventing rabies outbreaks by hosting rabies clinics including one scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

It is “doing something” by providing information on pet-related issues available 24/7 on the HSMC website. It is “doing something” by providing resource materials at its visitor’s center that is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11:30am – 4:00pm. It’s “doing something” by passing along pet supplies to people who need them whenever those are donated and aren’t needed at the Adoption Center.

It is “doing something” by endorsing and actively participating in advancing the limited chaining ordinance proposed by the “Unchain Morgan County” campaign.

Specifics of what the Humane Society is doing are shared at the annual dinner meeting which is Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. For those who want to know more about what HSMC is doing, has done, wants to do and where volunteer help is most needed, I suggest making reservations to attend this meeting.

For all who volunteer with the Humane Society of Morgan County,

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