

NEWSLETTER

It is with great pleasure that we announce a Spay and Neuter Clinic will be held on Big Grassy First Nations! After a year of working with Big Grassy Elders Council, Northern Spay Neuter Program and the Chief and Council of Big Grassy, we've got the green light to make a difference!

A team of Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians are flying up from southern Ontario and will be performing a Spay & Neuter Clinic FREE OF CHARGE for dogs and cats whose owners reside on Big Grassy FN.

The Clinic takes place on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1, 2017 and will be held at the Community Hall. Your dogs and cats will:

- ✓ Get Spayed or Neutered
- ✓ Receive a full health check
- ✓ Be treated for parasites (worms, fleas, lice, ticks)
- ✓ Receive vaccinations (Rabies plus Parvo/Distemper)
- ✓ Receive both tattoo and microchip identification

There will also be someone on hand to accept surrendered/unwanted animals as well as strays. These animals will then be taken to Thunder Bay and adopted out from various rescues.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with supper meal prep each evening, serving and clean up and helping to clean the Hall after the clinic. High School Students: If you are looking for some volunteer hours we can sign off on those for you if you can help deliver flyers to homes in the community or help with meals!

You are encouraged to take part in this FREE program. Please register ASAP by calling Mary Withers at 488-9603 or text at 271-2476, or Barb Wilson at 488-9985

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Our Dogs are a blessing...

The Creator gave them to humans to be companions... to act as guides and guards who bark out warnings. Dogs are symbols of assistance...fidelity... community... protection...friendship and communication. And ***what do they get in return???***

Unfortunately for many dogs it is ***disease, starvation, freezing...***

People who are kind and generous to their dogs are often rewarded... while people who abuse, disrespect or even annoy dogs are sometimes faced with calamity. So what role does modern veterinary medicine play in caring for our dogs? And why are we told that it is a good thing to have our dogs spayed and neutered so that they can no longer have puppies?

Are we interfering with the natural order of things... or are we helping dogs to live a happier, healthier and more productive life in keeping with the Creator's plan?

Humans visit doctors, undergo surgery, take medications... all in an attempt to have a happier and healthier life. It is the same for dogs... especially today.

Two unaltered dogs and all their unaltered puppies and their unaltered offspring etc... . can amount to thousands of dogs in only a few years...

.which would be fine if they were happy and healthy... BUT

- many freeze to death
- many die of diseases like parvovirus, coccidian, breast and testicular cancers...
- many get injured by other hormone-aggressive dogs when females are in heat
- many attack children when they themselves are in a hormone-aggressive state...

Can our loving Creator REALLY approve of this when He has given us the knowledge and techniques to change it??

Vaccinated and Spayed and Neutered dogs remain loving and loyal and on guard...but they are not hormonally driven to attack people or other dogs... they won't produce puppies that will die of starvation or freezing... they rarely get contagious diseases... They remain the loving companions that the Creator intended them to be. ***And Owners who acknowledge this are caring for them in the best way the Creator has provided.***

