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Help Pets Live Longer, Healthier Lives!



August is Immunization Awareness Month. It is a good reminder that we should protect our pets, just as we protect our other family members, by getting recommended annual vaccines because:

1. Core vaccines prevent many pet illnesses, avoiding stress on your pet and costly medical treatments for preventable diseases.
2. Diseases seen in wildlife, such as rabies, distemper and leptospirosis, can infect unvaccinated pets and lead to serious illnesses.

3. Many areas, local or state, require certain vaccinations. For instance, Hamilton County law requires that all pets over 3 months of age have a current rabies vaccine.

Core Vaccines: Rabies, Distemper/Parvo for dogs and FVRCP for cats are the core recommended vaccines that pets should get annually.

A rabies vaccine can be given to pets 3 months of age or older. Pets receive a 1-year rabies vaccine first, and then can receive 3-year rabies vaccines thereafter.

Puppies/Kittens should receive a series of **three** Distemper/Parvo or FVRCP vaccines starting at 8 weeks of age to give them full protection. For adults that have not been previously vaccinated, Distemper/Parvo or FVRCP vaccines should be given once, with a booster vaccine in 3 to 4 weeks thereafter. After the first round of shots, pets should get these vaccines annually thereafter to keep them protected.

Non-Core Vaccines: Non-core vaccines are given depending on the pet's exposure risk and the requirements of groomers and dog parks. For dogs, these may include Bordetella (kennel cough), Canine Influenza and Leptospirosis. For cats, there is a feline leukemia vaccine which can be given after a cat tests negative for FIV/FeLV. Cats that are indoor/outdoor cats should receive this vaccine to be protected from contracting FeLV from other outdoor cats.

We offer the rabies vaccine for \$10 and all other vaccines for \$15 each.

You can obtain these vaccines for your pet at a vaccine clinic appointment on Fridays between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - just call 513-721-7387 for an appointment.

For pet owners whose total household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, you may make a wellness appointment Monday - Thursday and for only \$40, your pet will get a thorough exam by our veterinarian, the core vaccines, a general dewormer, and discounted spay/neuter surgery if needed. For more information about the income requirements and to make an appointment, go to <https://ucancincinnati.org/wellness/>.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY SAVING DOGS & CATS

We believe everyone deserves the unconditional love, companionship, and health benefits that a pet provides. Many times, a pet is the only family a person has.

By simple planning now, you can leave a lifesaving legacy enabling pets of families struggling financially to get the basic veterinary care, including spay/neuter surgery, that they deserve.

Anyone can make a bequest and no amount is too small.

There are several simple ways to accomplish a lasting legacy:

- **Bequest in Will:** Make a gift to UCAN in your Will. You can leave a specific amount or the remainder (or a portion of the remainder) of your estate after other bequests are satisfied. Here is some suggested language: *"I give to UCAN Nonprofit Spay & Neuter Clinic, an Ohio nonprofit corporation, (the sum of \$___) (all or ___ percent of my residual estate) to be used for its general purposes."*
- **Charitable Trust:** If you have a charitable trust for tax purposes, you can name UCAN as a beneficiary under the trust.
- **Life Insurance:** Name UCAN as the beneficiary under a life insurance policy.
- **401(k) Retirement or Financial Account:** Name UCAN as the primary or contingent beneficiary under your retirement plan, your brokerage account



and/or money market, savings, checking or other accounts that allow transfer on death (TOD) or payment on death (POD) designations.

It's important that you select the gift that is right for you by discussing it with your professional financial or legal advisor. If we may answer any questions about UCAN or our programs, please contact Melanie Corwin, Executive Director, at 513-762-0144 or mcorwin@ucancincinnati.org.

If you make a planned gift to UCAN, please tell us about it by completing our [Confidential Bequest Intention Form](#) and mailing it to us so we can thank you and put a paw print in your honor in our lobby so you will be a lasting part of our amazing clinic.

The dogs and cats you are saving say thank you so much for your support!!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Melanie Corwin

Melanie Corwin, our Executive Director, just celebrated her 8-year anniversary at the clinic!

Prior to becoming Executive Director, she served on UCAN's Board of Directors for several years and was an attorney in private practice for 23 years, focusing on profit and nonprofit corporate law.

Her focus as Executive Director is grant writing, fundraising, marketing, risk management, and community outreach to help as many pets as possible.

Melanie became interested in spay/neuter after volunteering at a no-kill shelter for 9 years. She became frustrated when after celebrating each adoption, more animals just kept coming in to fill the empty cages. She realized that spay/neuter was the solution, so she became involved with UCAN.

She enjoys playing with her 2 rescue dogs, 3 rescue cats, and the many, many kittens she fosters every year for local shelters during kitten season.



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