



League has limited resources

Regarding Maryann Bender's letter about what to do with an injured cat, she is correct -- cat overpopulation is a huge problem in Lancaster Country.

The issue is not that the Humane League of Lancaster County does not care, but that it does not have the resources. Those who are unhappy about having nowhere to go with a cat should contact their local municipality.

As of Jan. 1, 2012, most of the municipalities in Lancaster County decided not to pay the minimal fee that the Humane League charged to handle strays. As a result, it is up to local municipalities to assist in handling strays.

The fee the Humane League charged was well below the national average, yet most municipalities saw this as a way to cut costs. It is a sad situation, but instead of blaming the Humane League, talk to local politicians. The Humane League is in a tough situation, and unfortunately, it does not have unlimited funds to handle every unwanted animal in Lancaster County.

People must make sure their animals are spayed/neutered, and to accept the fact that a pet is a commitment, and not something to be rid of when it is no longer convenient. Until people are more responsible, this will continue to be a problem.

The Humane League is taking steps to inform the general public on taking care of pets and having spay/neuter/release programs for feral cats, but it can't do it alone.

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