

Elk Creek Animal Hospital  
Small Animal Medicine and Laser Surgical Center

---



57 Commerce Drive  
Fisherville, KY 40023  
Tel: (502) 477-1477  
Fax: (502) 477-1478  
elkcreekvet@bellsouth.net

February 9, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to an article about the Lifebridge for Animals Organization in your December 2010 issue. Our clinic has been associated with Lifebridge for four years now. During that period we have been blessed to witness the wonderful affects of the educational efforts of Lifebridge. They have worked through our facility with spay/neuter assistance for individuals who may not be able to afford to have their pets spayed and/ or neutered.

Teresa Bottom, Executive Director, of Lifebridge for Animals has been a driving force in making children aware of the importance of spaying and neutering our pets and the importance of compassionate care of their pets through humane education. Our veterinarians are huge advocates for the education of children in order to solve the problems facing the animals in our communities. Through these lessons children learn to treat pets, wildlife, our environment and each other humanely to make our world a better place for all of us!

We have chosen to write this letter in hopes that it will make people more aware of the importance of humane education in our schools. Every child can benefit from these lessons. Children need to understand the plight facing pets from overpopulation and neglect. It seems that people think that if you are not in the business of sheltering animals that you have nothing to offer the animals. However, the major issue facing animals is not necessarily the need for shelter, but the problem of pet overpopulation *causing* the need for additional shelter. The education is critical to finding a *solution* to the overpopulation problem through proactive efforts rather than the reactive solution of dealing with all the pets once they're here.

Thank you Lifebridge for Animals for your ongoing efforts to make our world a better place!

Sincerely,

The Doctors and Staff of  
Elk Creek Animal Hospital