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West Michigan Spay & Neuter Clinic, Fruitport



Celebrating 20,000 Surgeries!

Last month, West Michigan Spay & Neuter Clinic of Fruitport celebrated its 20,000th safe surgery. This means that since we opened seven years ago, thousands of responsible owners have decided to say, "my pets don't litter!". Between cats and dogs, this has potentially prevented up to half a million puppies and kittens being displaced in the West Michigan area in only seven years.

When WMSNC started, 7,500 pets were euthanized in this area each year. Spay and neuter is one of the biggest reasons Muskegon County became "no-kill" in 2016. This means that healthy, adoptable animals were not euthanized simply due to overcrowding. Every owner that loves their pet enough to get them spayed/neutered makes a difference in the lives of countless other animals!

A huge thank you goes out to **Bissell** • **Pet Foundation** for the extremely generous grant they have bestowed unto our clinic! This money will benefit so many pets in need in the West Michigan area, not only to fund. spay and neuter surgeries, but to also provide financial assistance for microchipping to help pets stay in their loving homes!



Staff Spotlight

This month, we are highlighting an invaluable staff member- Jessica, our clinic assistant. Having worked here for many years, she knows the clinic inside and out! She makes sure our appointment schedule is in order, handles a very busy checkin process, and is hands-on in behind-the-scenes administrative and paperwork duties that keep our clinic running. Not only does she keep the front office in order, she's also eager to run out in the middle of a storm to get our generator running and assist the veterinary staff in any way she can. As a busy wife, mother of two children as well as a cat and a dog, she somehow finds time to travel on exciting trips around Michigan with her family while still being very dedicated to our clinic-Jessica can do it all!



Kimberly Patterson, Clinic Director

Meet Kimberly! She is no stranger to WMSN, having started here as an LVT several years ago. Her talents do not stop there, as she crossed over into the office side of the clinic, eventually becoming Director of Operations and playing an integral role in WMSNC blossoming into autonomy! Kim is an excellent leader who inspires the staff with her sincere enthusiasm for our mission and a gentle understanding of everyone's unique perspectives. You will often find her doting upon our many patients.

Outside of the clinic, Kim is a mother to three children and one spunky orange tabby cat. She also has a special place in her heart for Dachshunds, as a special wiener dog named Duke was always by her side until his recent untimely passing.



Dr. Julie Eberly, DVM, Medical Director

Welcome our Medical Director, Dr. Eberly! She's not new to the spay/neuter rodeo either, having garnered thousands of surgeries under her belt as a surgeon for C-SNIP for nearly 10 years. Julie is the perfect fit for such an important job-- her huge heart and genuine demeanor paired with her ingenuity and surgical acuity make her the best at what she does!

When she's not providing top-notch surgery to 30+ animals a day, Dr. Eberly enjoys a busy, active lifestyle. She is an avid standup paddleboarder and loves traveling to the many beautiful sights of Michigan. She and her husband have two children, two poodles, and six cats (one of which is a kitten that Pound Buddies recently brought in for surgery, and ended up going home with her!).



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