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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Welcome to the second issue of **Stitch in Time**, the newsletter for Spay and Neuter Solutions. We want keep you and our many other friends up to date on our activities and progress in addressing the challenge of pet overpopulation in southern Arizona.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED US THOROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO “THE SPIRIT OF NIKE” WHO INSPIRED AND FINANCED HUNDREDS OF FREE SPAY/NEUTER OPERATIONS DURING 2003 AND 2004.**

### **For those of you who don't know who we are:**

Spay and Neuter Solutions was founded as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization on July 1, 2003, to address the issue of unchecked reproduction among companion animals. Pet overpopulation is an issue of great concern to virtually every animal welfare organization, many of which are overwhelmed by the number of homeless or abused pets in our communities. We **PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** to defray the cost of spaying and neutering for individuals in need, and we **EDUCATE** pet owners about the importance of these procedures in preventing the birth of unwanted animals and in improving the quality of life for their pet. In our first year of operation we facilitated the spay/neutering of 312 companion animals, which, in the long run, helped prohibit the birth of tens of thousands of dogs and cats. We are all volunteers; we receive no personal financial compensation. All donations are used either to promote the organization or for program services.

Please visit our website at [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org) to learn more about our mission.

### **HOW DO WE HELP?**

Animals are constantly helping us; they guard us, they are our emotional support, they work as rescue animals, service animals for the handicapped, searching animals with the police, at airports and disaster sites, they are working on medical fields, they can sniff certain diseases, like cancer - just to mention a few uses of them. We call them our “Best Friends”. But they don't have a forum and they don't have the ability to speak for themselves, so, we, Spay and Neuter Solutions, are standing up for our Best Friends.

We do not offer a furry pet for adoption, we cannot tell you success stories of rescues and adoptions but spay and neuter operations are providing behavior and health benefits to our Best Friends.

#### **Behavior Benefits of Spay and Neuter:**

- May reduce aggression to people and other animals.
- Reduces or eliminates most urine marking in dogs and “spraying” in cats.
- Reduces the likelihood of pet loss.
- Reduces sexual frustration.

#### **Health Benefits of Spay and Neuter:**

- Males: reduces the risk of testicular cancer.
- Females: reduces the chance of uterine infection and uterine cancer.
- Eliminates the problems, risks and costs associated with pregnancy and birth.

In August 2004 - with the collaborative effort of two local, non-profit organizations - **The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption** and **FAIR** (Foundation for Animals In Risk) - we organized the National Homeless Animal's Day, to honor and remember our beloved companion animals, as well as the less fortunate homeless ones. The event was sponsored in part by **Animal Birth Control of Tucson**, a local veterinarian clinic. Over 250 people attended and enjoyed live music, poetry reading, two pet weddings, a beautiful pet blessing performed by **Rev. Darla Norrish**, owner of the **Pet Cemetery of Tucson** and a very emotional Candlelight Vigil.

Tucson Mayor Robert Walkup has issued a proclamation on behalf of the event and Ward 2 City Council member Carol West endorsed the event and its goals. Links in the “Chain of Hope” was sold for a \$1 donation each. Memorial and tribute messages were written on the colorful paper links, which were incorporated into a 300 feet long, continuous paper chain and displayed around the stage of the Udall Park Amphitheater.

We are blessed to have “The Spirit of Nike” as our major sponsor. Our benefactor, who honors his beloved German Sheppard, Nike, financed 80 spay/neuter operations in our first fiscal year. Thank to his continuous generosity the numbers of altered animals in Arizona are growing. In September 69 animals and in November 90 animals were altered free at the Humane Society of Northern Arizona mobile clinic.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**YOU PERSONALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SPAYING/NEUTERING YOUR PET.**

**YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR CAUSE.**



*You can use your credit cards to enter to win!*



**Click on the advertisement on our Home Page for more information!**



***Consider organizing your next party as an opportunity to raise fund for our charity.***

If you would like to volunteer, helping with ideas, or donate supplies such as paper, postage, printing services, gift certificates, etc., please call us at 520-247-6469.

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**Please make check payable to Spay and Neuter Solutions**

Mailing address: P.O.Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652 or make your donation on our website, [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org) via our secured PayPal account.

**All of your donations are tax deductible! (ID 20-0065631)**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL !**

### **LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER PROVIDERS IN TUCSON**

<b>Animal Birth Control of Tucson</b> 4 W. Grant Rd. (SW corner of Grant & Stone) 520-624-5005	<b>Humane Society</b> Spay and Neuter Clinic 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd. 520-881-0321	<b>Grant Road Small Animal Hospital</b> 1675 W. Grant Rd. (Cross Sts: Grant & Dragoon) 520-623-3830	<b>Crafty Cats</b> Volunteer hotline 520-321-3703 ext. 129
<b>Miller Pet Hospital</b> 4131 E. Speedway through referral from Spay and Neuter Solutions 327-4591	<b>PAL-SAL</b> Prevent a litter– save a life Spay & Neuter for \$5.00 . Program of Humane Society 520-881-0321	<b>Good Samaritans</b> For those who have low income, food stamps, AHCCCS , etc. 520-325-0311	<b>Spay / Neuter Hotline of</b> Pima County Program of the Animal Defense League of AZ 520-624-7729

**PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER !**