

# Stitch in Time

The Newsletter of Spay and Neuter Solutions, Inc.

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**WELCOME** to "Stitch in Time", the newsletter for Spay and Neuter Solutions! We hope to keep you and our many other friends updated on our activities and progress in addressing the challenge of pet overpopulation in southern Arizona.

### 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. 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. The **goal** of Spay and Neuter Solutions is to help make Arizona a pioneer state that can soon claim "**no more homeless animals.**" We work closely with other animal welfare organizations, each of which has its own mission and goals. The sole focus of Spay and Neuter solutions is in its name: we concentrate all of our efforts on spay and neuter issues.

We are dedicated to **PREVENTION** and **EDUCATION**. We provide for free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for companion animals in our community. We have negotiated discounted rates with participating veterinary clinics, and we pay all or part of the cost, depending on the need of the client. We also educate pet owners about the **importance of spay/neuter** in preventing the birth of unwanted animals and in improving the quality of life for their pets. **All donations** are used to promote and implement our programs and services.

To learn more about our mission, and our team, please visit us at [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org)

### Don't buy a pet ADOPT

Early spay and neuter is the solution to pet homelessness.  
**If it works...Fix It**

There's a new driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation:  
[www.azpetplates.org](http://www.azpetplates.org)



*Happy Holidays to You  
and Your Family !*

*Have a Healthy, Successful 2013*

We are getting closer to another end of year when we would like to say thank you for your devoted support. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year providing affordable spay and neuter surgeries for pets of families with low income in Tucson and surrounding areas. While we mainly provide financial support for cat and dog surgeries, this year we received several requests for rabbits, one for Tom, the rat and one for Reba, a potbelly pig. We were happy to assist these pet owners among the other 503 cat and dog owners since July 1, 2012. As you know, our goal is to reach 10,000 animals by the end of June 2013. Only 972 more to go! With your help we will do it!!!

Please read some of the requests and reasons for applying for our support.

From a previous client who is on Food Stamps: *"One morning I was at a local grocery store and when returning to my car I heard a faint kitten cry. I listened more closely and realized it was coming from the dumpster I was parked near. When I climbed up on my car and looked in I found a tiny kitten that somebody had thrown away! Almost breaking my neck I managed to get her out. She was in very bad shape, filthy and nothing but skin and bones. I tucked her in my shirt and flew home where I began my 2 week battle to keep her alive. I am happy to say she is doing very well and is now a beautiful healthy kitty. We named her Violet."*

Another client wrote: *"I just wanted to thank you again, as rep for your organization, for making it possible to have our kittens spayed. We lost our home & all possessions, as well as our 4 wonderful dogs, in a fire last June - my husband is a carpenter & lost at least 3/4's of his tools accumulated over the last 30 years, & I work out of the home as a paralegal & lost my computer, data base, files, office equipment, etc. We have struggled to get back on our feet, but the financial issues have taken a back seat to the emotional issues both my husband & I have been dealing with. So many friends tried to give us puppies, but I'm still not ready - not to mention the fact that we are living in my in-laws' guest house & I would never take advantage by bringing a dog to live in their yard!!! But when my sister-in-law brought me four tiny, tiny kittens with their eyes barely opened to bottle-feed & babysit for two weeks, there was no way I couldn't fall in love. I kept the runts, Snow & Tifah, and have never regretted that decision. Even after the pain & guilt associated with losing my pets (I had to hurdle through knee-high flames engulfing the front porch & entire frame of the front door to escape the fire, but had no chance to even attempt to save my dogs), there was absolutely no way to deny the fact that pets are wonderful, loyal, loving companions that enrich our lives beyond measure. Sorry to ramble, but I wanted you to understand how very grateful I am to receive your assistance."*



**PLEASE SPONSOR A CAT/DOG SPAY OR NEUTER**

- Cat Neuter: \$29-\$30
- Cat Spay: \$50-\$58
- Dog spay and neuter: \$75-\$150 and above, based on weight.



**BY DONATING ON OUR WEBSITE:** [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org)

**OR BY MAIL: CHECKS** can be sent to Spay and Neuter Solutions, P.O.Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652  
 Think about donations to Spay and Neuter Solutions to celebrate birthdays and holidays or to honor a friend or loved one's life or your own pet. We will send a tax receipt to the donor and a card to the appropriate individuals or families.

***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION***  
*By Katie Powers*

It is long overdue to say a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, **Elizabeth (Chave) Gamez** and **Laurel - Heather Mil-den** for their long-term, tireless efforts raising money for Spay and Neuter Solutions. Whether it is a yard sale, a fundraiser event or an internet sale, they are the ones we can always count on. Laurel Heather is our volunteer coordinator (believe me it is very hard to recruit, schedule, and keep people organized) and she has been doing an amazing job! I would also say thank you here to those Laurel-Heather recruits and who are dedicating their time and energy year after year to raise money for our cause.



Chave is our magic seller on CraigsList, as well as a hard worker during our events. We receive many items, like inside or outside furniture, electrical and household items in good condition and Chave lists them on CraigsList and always finds buyers for them. If you have pieces in your home you would like to donate please call us at 520-247-6469; we would be happy to turn the item into cash to spay and neuter animals.

*Thank you Chave and Laurel-Heather!*

**Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:**

- Animal Birth Control East: 114. S. Craycroft Rd. Phone: 520-745-4564
- Animal Birth Control South: 1710 W. Valencia Rd. Phone: 520-741-7729
- Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic: 4 W. Grant Rd. Phone: 520-624-5005
- Eastside Pet Clinic: 7036 E. Broadway, # 100 Phone: 520-731-1714
- Twin Peaks Veterinary Center: 7555 W. Twin Peaks #101 Phone: 520-572-8300
- Low Cost Pet Care Clinic 3113 E. First St. *NEW* Phone: 520-881-7387
- Small Animal Spay/Neuter Clinic: 7340 N.Cortaro Rd. *NEW* Phone: 520-744-3458



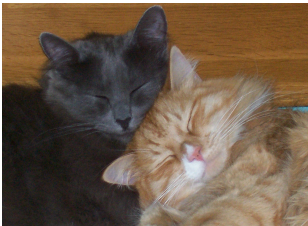
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**How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions**

- ◆ **Shopping Options:** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.
- ◆ **Ethical Choices:** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, please visit the local [Lovin' Spoonfuls](#) restaurant ( 2990 N. Campbell Ave. 520-325-7766) owner Peggy supports our mission.
- ◆ **Car Talk:** If you have a clunker or a junker, please consider donating it to us. [Email us at help@spayandneutersolutions.org](mailto:help@spayandneutersolutions.org) for details.
- ◆ **Donating Online and at Work:** If you want to make a direct contribution, please visit our website, [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org), for information and a direct link to PayPal, Network for Good, Our Arizona Combined Federal Campaign number is **#54167**.
- ◆ **Giving by Mail:** please send your check to [P.O. Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652](#).



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