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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

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



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CELEBRATE

Spay and Neuter Solutions was founded in July 2003. We are now poised to start our 10th year of offering low cost spay/neuter surgeries for pets of people with low income.

Accomplishments: To date Spay and Neuter Solutions has paid for 8,683 surgeries, including 1,383 for this past fiscal year ending July 2012. We can't emphasize enough that these numbers mean much more than 8,683 altered pets. These pets will not reproduce and sterilizing them will prevent thousands of additional unwanted animals from suffering without a loving home.

Funds: Since our inception we have raised \$459,278.00 which includes private donations (58%), grants (37%) and sold items: at yard sales, can recycling, T-shirt sales (5%).

Goal: Our goal is to reach 10,000 surgeries by July 2013. At an average cost of \$55 per surgery, that makes our financial goal \$72,435 for this coming fiscal year. Unfortunately, grant funding has become increasingly more difficult to come by, so we need to appeal to you, our supporters, to help us reach our goal.

PLEASE BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM IN ARIZONA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Katie Powers, President

Dot Jones, Vice President



From us and from those you helped....

I would first and foremost like to graciously THANK YOU and all others that are involved in helping me with the spaying of my pup "Bailey" this is a huge weight off my shoulders. I wish I was financially able to pay for the spaying but like most of us things are soooo difficult. I am very appreciative of your timely efforts and in the future when hopefully my financial difficulties get easier I will for sure keep your organization in mind and do what I can to "pay it forward" again thank you so very much !!
Corina & (Bailey)

Thank you so much for providing such an important service to those who want to be responsible pet owners but sometimes can't afford it!

Meggie

I really want to thank you in advance, this means so much to my daughters and myself, we know how overpopulated the world is with unwanted pets, and we don't want to contribute to that overpopulation. Because I am a single mom working at Denny's (and going to school)

Tammy

I appreciate this, if it was not for you I could not do this. It has been a struggle for me the past few years and it seems there is no light at the end of the tunnel. I want the best for my Lily she deserves a good life. As all god's creatures deserve a good life. Lily is my light.

Thanks and God Bless,

Andrea

My son is the most happy he really likes this dog and wanted to keep him so bad. I told him he will be fixed Monday. He hugged me looked up at me with tears in his eyes and said " can we keep him now mommy. So thank you so much!

Jessica

Thank God for you and your org. Thank you so very much. This is one huge weight lifted off my shoulders. God bless you!

Jess

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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

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.

THANK YOU
From us and from those you helped....

Thank you, Katie, because of your organization people like me can be responsible pet owners. Gwen

Thank you so much, this means a lot to me...plus, I'm absolutely sure she is pregnant so the spay needs to be done very soon. I've been working with making a relationship with this kitty so I guess she's more semi-feral than feral (a term I'd not heard of until reading your website). I do have a cat cage that I plan on using...just hoping she shows up to meet the vet appt. Thanking you, your organization and those wonderful donors that make this possible! Garnet

We cannot thank you enough for what you have done for our "Feral Colony". I honestly cannot explain how much you have helped us. I thank God every day for people like you. We love all our animals and treat them as if they were our children. We do not have any "human" children of our own and these precious animals are everything to us! Bethany

And the Thank You notes and emails are endless.... Please accept our sincere gratitude for your continuous support in times when it is almost impossible to receive grants. **You keep our organization going!**

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



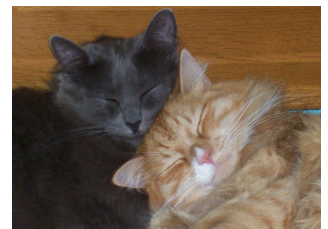
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- ◆ **Shopping Options:** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through iGive.com and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.
- ◆ **Ethical Choices:** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, please visit the local [Lovin' Spoonfuls](#) 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.
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