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Stitch in Time

The Newsletter of
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Our Achievements

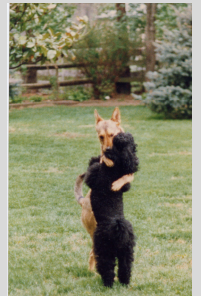
We are so grateful for the financial support of our donors, for the grant funds we have received over the years, and for the funds from the Pima County Spay/Neuter Fund, all of which have allowed Spay and Neuter Solutions to meet the needs of the pets in our community. In addition to funding the spays/neuters of 12,000 dogs and cats of low income pet owners over the past 11 years, we are proud of:

Gospel Rescue Mission: SNS tabled at their Thanksgiving and Christmas event and provided vouchers for 124 spays and neuters of pets that included the rabies vaccine.

Pet Food Rescue: In January, Katie Powers drove to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah to pick up 7 tons of pet food offered free of charge. She was accompanied by Petra Gearhart of Pawsitively Cats, and Ray Velez from Pima Animal Care Center. The food was distributed to rescue groups in the Tucson community.

Testicle Festival: Our annual TF provided 121 neuters for male pets at a cost of \$5 per pet in February 2015. Issuing vouchers for the males encouraged pet owners to spay their females as well.

Community Partners: In addition to working with six participating **veterinary clinics**, we also partner with organizations like **Animals Crusaders** to help with dogs on the **Tohono O’odham Nation**, with **social service agencies** whose clients have pets that need to be spayed/neutered, with **The Hermitage Cat Shelter** to promote their pet food pantry and with **other animal rescue groups** in the community with whom we have reciprocal services.



Pretty Boy McTavish Fund: We told you about the PBMcT fund in the last newsletter. We have received a \$5000.00 grant and generous donations from our donors. This has allowed us to start providing medical assistance to the pets of our clients. One such recipient of PBMcT funds was Cleopatra, a 130 pound Great Dane who, after being spayed, opened her stitches and needed additional surgery to repair the damage she did to herself. PBMcT funds also helped with parvo meds for a family’s dog. The family has agreed to pay us back. This fund has already helped 16 animals with minor medical issues while they were under anesthesia for altering operations.

Adopt Love Adopt Local: Through our membership in PAAW (Pima Alliance of Animal Welfare) we will have a table at this fantastic 1st of its kind event in Pima County on April 11 at the Expo Center on Irvington Road, where in addition to all the rescue groups promoting the adoption of local animals, SNS will offer spay/neuter information and vouchers to folks in need of this service for their pets.

Huge Yardsale on April 18 7 AM to 1PM at 1641 E. Waverly St. (Grant & Campbell).

Applications: In the first 2 months of 2015, SNS fielded 398 phone calls and 516 emails requesting help with low cost spays and neuters.

There is no underestimating the power of two women with a computer and a cell phone!

Katie Powers, President

Dot Jones, Vice President

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.

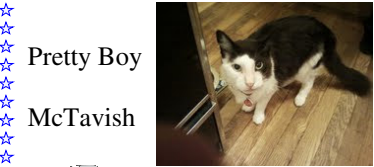
For Those Of You Who Don’t Know Who We Are ...

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.

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.

In January 2015 we started our **Pretty Boy McTavish Medical Fund** that covers medical expenses related to spay and neuter or that can be done while the pet is under anesthesia. Who was Pretty Boy McTavish? Read his story in our 2014 Fall Newsletter on our website.

To learn more about our mission, and our team, please visit us at www.spayandneutersolutions.org



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**Don’t buy a pet
ADOPT**

Early spay and neuter is the solution to pet homelessness.

If it works...Fix It

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

BY MAIL: CHECKS can be sent to Spay and Neuter Solutions, P.O.Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652



Pretty Boy McTavish

IT FEELS GOOD TO BE APPRECIATED
(A letter from a client)

"To the great people of Spay and Neuter Solutions,

How can I thank you enough? Last year I lost my husband of 49 years. I finally begin to look around and realized all of my cats had kittens. I called Spay and Neuter Solutions. No flogging no verbal abuse, just encouragement. She said "well, you are doing it now". I received a call from you a few days ago. I thank you for the offer to help if I needed anything else. The financial help was the only way I could do this. I love my cats and am half way done. I will continue until they are all done. All 14 cats!
A cat lover, Sandra H."

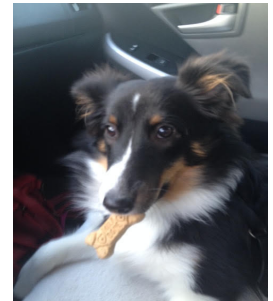


Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

- ABC Low Cost Pet Care Clinic: 1114. S. Craycroft Rd. Phone: 520-745-4564
- Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic: 4 W. Grant Rd. Phone: 520-624-5005
- Eastside Pet Clinic: 7036 E. Broadway, # 100 Phone: 520-731-1714
- Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic: 5408 S. 12th Ave. Phone: 520-889-9643
- Small Animal Spay/Neuter Clinic: 7340 N.Cortaro Rd. Phone: 520-744-3458
- Valley Verde Veterinarians: 101 S La Canada Dr, Green Valley Phone: 520-393-7387

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How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions

- ◆ **ARIZONA GIVES DAY** on April 7, 2015 it is a powerful 24 hour online giving experience that unites Arizonans around causes they believe in. Please donate at <https://azgives.givebig.org/c/GivesDay/Search?tag=Animals>
- ◆ **WIN A 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION FORD MUSTANG**
- ◆ We are selling \$25.00 raffle tickets (5 for \$100.00) Mark your check "Mustang" or make the purchase on our website under "Donations".
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