



# Stitch in Time

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In memory of  
Wishbone

**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 our 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 vet clinics, and we pay all or part of this 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. Please visit [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org) to learn more about our mission.

**You can be a driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation!**



**Pet-friendly license plate funds spay/neuter in Arizona**  
[www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org)



## A Year of Milestones

The sixth year of our operations has marked several important and exciting milestones for us and for the animals and people we help.

In fiscal year 2008-2009, we facilitated a **record-setting 1,020 spay/neuter surgeries**. Of those, 554 were cats, and 466 were dogs. We expect to reach an overall total of 5,000 surgeries by the end of December.

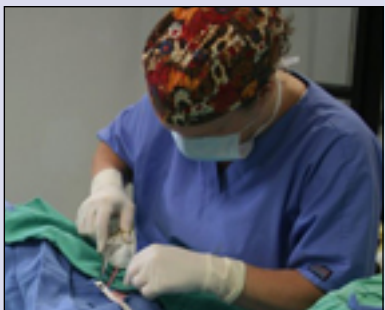
We also raised an **all-time-high of more than \$70,000** in funds. Thank you so much to all of our generous and dedicated donors, both individuals and foundations, whose support is vital to the success of our work.

The most exciting news of all, however, is our newest endeavor. We are partnering with our friends at the nonprofit organization The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption to open a **high-quality, high-volume, accessible and affordable spay/neuter clinic** within the coming year.

Having access to our own clinic, slated to open in March 2010, will increase our capacity to provide preventative spay/neuter surgeries and ultimately save the lives of more dogs and cats. In one year, we will be able to provide more spay/neuter surgeries than it has taken us more than five years to achieve with our current voucher programs. Our high-volume clinic

**JUST ANNOUNCED**

Our own spay/neuter clinic slated to open in March 2010



**You can help us Spay It Forward!**

will perform 5,000 to 6,000 spay/neuter surgeries every year.

The clinic will follow the Humane Alliance model, and we are participating in the prestigious and highly successful National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT) mentorship program. Humane Alliance is helping us every step of the way to replicate what they do so well at their clinic in North Carolina. You can read about their success at [www.HumaneAlliance.org](http://www.HumaneAlliance.org).

We will still continue to provide

## Volunteer Spotlight

When people call Spay and Neuter Solutions, the person on the other end of the line is our incredibly dedicated volunteer **Corey Ames**.

She handles an astounding number of inquiries -- literally thousands of phone calls and emails. Corey is one of the first people the public speaks to when they call to discuss spay/neuter assistance. She also processes email applications and assists in setting up spay/neuter appointments. Corey also has served as vice-president on our board of directors since our inception.

She retired to Tucson after a career as a high school French and English teacher in Tacoma, Washington. After having been owned by both cats and dogs during her lifetime, Corey first got involved volunteering with companion animals as a rescuer and foster care provider.



Corey currently lives with three cats, Heathcliff, Hemingway and Holly Ann. She says that she could not wish for more rewarding work during her retirement.

We take off our hats to Corey for her limitless dedication and perseverance. We are indeed fortunate to have her on our team helping animals in the community. *Thank you, Corey, for all you do!*

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financial assistance to those who cannot afford the regular low-cost rates for spay/neuter services our clinic will provide, but the clinic facility will give us the resources we need to help more people and more animals than ever before.

The ultimate goal of increasing spay/neuter is decreasing animal shelter intake. In our community, more than 35,000 dogs and cats end up in local animal shelters every year. Prevention is one of the keys to stopping this tragic situation.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, November 17  
at the Z Mansion

Faith Maloney  
of Best Friends  
Animal Sanctuary



To raise funds for the clinic, we are planning a special event featuring **Faith Maloney of Best Friends at the Zellweger Mansion on Tuesday, November 17**. Faith is one of the co-founders of the renowned Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, where she is Director of Animal Services overseeing all aspects of animal care at the sanctuary, including the clinic and adoption programs.

Faith also devotes an increasing amount of time to consulting with people who are planning to start sanctuaries. Best Friends is the nation's largest sanctuary for homeless animals and a leader in the No More Homeless Pets movement. Visit [www.BestFriends.org](http://www.BestFriends.org) for more about their programs.

The event will be an after-dinner champagne celebration, featuring sumptuous fruits and decadent desserts, with coffee creations, a cash bar and a silent auction, plus a string quartet playing live. Tickets will be \$65 -- the average cost of a spay/neuter surgery. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 at the event for the new clinic. For more information, visit [www.SpayMoreAnimals.org](http://www.SpayMoreAnimals.org) or call (520) 237-2331.

Also coming up this fall is **National Feral Cat Day on October 16**, organized by Alley Cat Allies ([www.AlleyCat.org](http://www.AlleyCat.org)). We will be honoring our feral feline friends by offering free spay/neuter surgeries for all feral cats. If you need to borrow humane traps, we have loaners available. Please call us at (520) 247-6469 for assistance.

## 4th Annual No More Homeless Animals Day Concert

Sunday, August 23

The Hut on Fourth Ave  
305 N. 4th Ave. (at 8th St.)

Doors open at 5:00pm,  
Music starts at 6:00pm

### FREE ADMISSION!

Featuring music by Leila Lopez, Courtney Robbins, The Hounds, and more ♦ Information from local no-kill animal advocacy/rescue groups ♦ Leashed pets welcome on the outdoor courtyard patio

### How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions



▶ **Shopping Options.** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) or [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.

▶ **Ethical Choices.** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, [DownBound.com](http://DownBound.com) offers great variety of ethical goods and gifts and we will receive a percentage of your purchase also.

▶ **Car Talk.** If you have a clunker or a junker, please consider donating it to us. Please call us for details at (520) 247-6469.

▶ **Donating Online and at Work.** If you want to make a direct contribution to us, please visit our website for information and a direct link to PayPal, Network for Good, and Arizona Combined Federal Campaign.

▶ **Giving by Mail.** If you still use "snail mail", please send your check to P.O. Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652