

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.

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

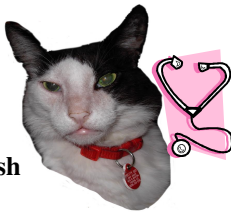


*Happy Holidays to You
and Your Family !
Have a Healthy, Successful 2015*

Spay and Neuter Solutions has now completed **11 years** of service to the Pima County community, and in that time we have raised funds from grantors and from you, our generous donors, for the spays and neuters of **11,367 dogs and cats**. Our contract with Pima County has just been renewed for another year and we are so grateful that we can provide financial assistance to more pet owners in our community who otherwise cannot afford to spay or neuter their pets.

THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG: ANNOUNCING THE PRETTY BOY McTAVISH FUND

Pretty
Boy
McTavish



In the past, our funding sources have limited us to paying only for spay and neuter surgeries. It has always been the goal of SNS to be able to offer **medical assistance** to our clients' pets that is related to spay and neuter or that can be done while the pet is under anesthesia. Funds for post surgery pain medication is not something that our grantors have allocated to SNS and although veterinarians suggest them, pets often go home with nothing to alleviate the pain and discomfort of surgery due to their owners' lack of funds. E-collars that keep pets from licking/biting their stitches are another expense that some of our clients cannot afford and that SNS hasn't been able to pay for. Additional expenses during surgery (which we do pay for) include pets that are pregnant or in heat and male pets for whom just one testicle has descended (crypt orchid) which involves abdominal surgery and is more costly. In addition, many of the pets we serve are rescued from the streets and washes. SNS wants to be able to pay for medications and procedures associated with these situations such as bite wounds, torn paw pads, need for antibiotics, ingrown nails and injuries sustained from car accidents and animal fights.

With our good fortune to be receiving funds from Pima County for spay and neuter, SNS is now raising funds for the expenses that are not covered by our spay/neuter funds. We are calling this fund the **PRETTY BOY McTAVISH (PBMcT) FUND**, in honor of a feral cat that came into the life of Dot Jones, vice president of SNS. It took 7 months to trap this beautiful tuxedo cat and by the time he was finally captured he had been severely mauled by other cats, had contracted FIV, and had teeth in need of attention and desperately needed antibiotics. PBMcT was lucky that his rescuers were able to afford all the medical help he needed and he lived to be a very pampered member of the family.

At SNS we feel that the more assistance we can provide to our clients, the more inclined they will be to **keep their pets or rescued strays** rather than relinquish them to shelters due to an inability to pay for some basic veterinary care.

This is in line with the philosophy of PAAW (Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare), the organization of which SNS is a participating member.



Please mark your donation whether you would like to contribute to the **PBMcT Fund** or to our **Spay and Neuter Fund**. Please donate in honor or in memory of a special pet, friend or family member. We greatly appreciate your support of this additional service Spay and Neuter Solutions will provide to the community.

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



ONE OF MANY LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

“Dot, Spay and Neuter Solutions,

I want to thank you so much for all the help you have given me and my neighbor! Without your help from you and your organization I don’t know what would have become of the pregnant cat and her kittens! Also, you helped me with a very skinny lost dog at CVS Pharmacy! God bless you and everyone who works with you! Darlene”

It is good to be acknowledged... We work hard helping people and animals in need. We are proud to say that during our 11 years of existence we have never refused any applicants. It is because you never stopped supporting us! Together, we are making a difference in the lives of so many animals who depend on us.



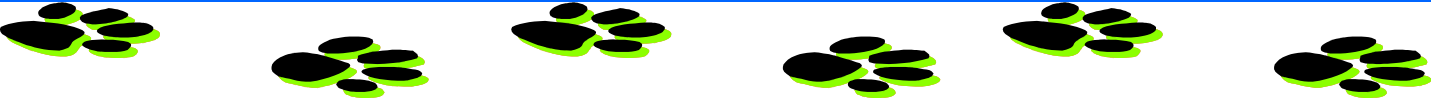
Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

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| • 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 |
| • Pet Doctorx: 6464 N. Oracle Rd. <i>NEW</i> | Phone: 520-829-5166 |
| • 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 |



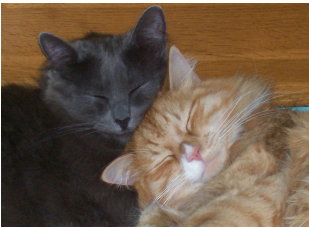
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