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# Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

- ABC Low Cost Pet Care Clinic
- Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic
  - Eastside Pet Clinic
    - Pet Doctorx
- Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic

## Veterinary Clinic of the Quarter

*Arizona Spay Neuter Clinic* was our first partner in 2003. *Dr. Scott Ruth* was dedicated reducing the excess pet population thru fast and high quality surgeries. In December 2015 he decided to retire. We will miss him, his expertise and his character.

We welcome the clinic's new doctor, *Dr. Cynthia Gordon*, who was trained and worked at the Humane Alliance Model Spay/Neuter Clinic in Tennessee and performed over 15,000 spay/neuter surgeries.

# SPAY AND NEUTER SOLUTIONS

#### OUR MISSION — STICH IN TIME

Spay and Neuter Solutions, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was started in 2003 to provide financial support for Pima County pet owners unable to afford the cost of spaying/neutering their pets.

Sterilization prevents unwanted litters, animal cruelty and insures a longer, healthier life for pets.

# STICH IN TIME

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#### Animal Welfare News

The world of animal welfare in the Tucson community is filled with dedicated people who have worked for decades to address the plight of unwanted, abandoned and abused animals.



"If It Works...Fix It!"

Over the years, attitudes and policies have changed from "euthanizing" homeless animals to providing the very best in shelter care for these animals.

There was a time when a no-kill shelter in Tucson was chastised for calling itself "no-kill". Some animal organizations felt that was a condemnation of the shelters that were kill shelters, where adoptable dogs and cats were killed due to lack of space. Now, Pima County officials are talking about Tucson becoming a no-kill community with resources focused on spay and neuter!

SNS has played a major role in the evolution of the animal welfare movement in Pima County. We are dedicated solely to the sterilization of pets of people with low income for a small copay, with the goal of helping people keep their pets rather than relinquishing them to shelters due to the expense of spay/neuter. This reduces the numbers of unwanted dogs/cats that would have become the responsibility of the local shelters.

SNS continues to participate in the **Pima Alliance** of Animal Welfare (PAAW) so that we can share resources and create programs for the benefit of all the animals in the County and to work interdependently. For example, a food bank for pets has been started by one of the member organizations; this enhances the service we can provide to our SNS clients.



After four litters I am finally free!

The University of Arizona is starting a Veterinary School this fall. Students will train at shelters and clinics and will get first hand experience about the practice of a "spay/neuter only" clinic as well as about shelter medicine.

One of our Clients BamBam



The U of A's Eller School of Business is a PAAW partner and students team with various welfare groups to design surveys to determine needs and to help develop programs to meet these needs.

Through our partnership with the **Santa Cruz Clinic and Dr. Neal**, SNS held several mini MASHs in Three Points, where 66 pets were spayed/neutered on one day, and 40 on another. Bringing the service to the outlying areas is such an effective way to increase the numbers of altered pets. The most exciting news is that a very generous animal welfare contributor will be donating a **mobile clinic** to the Santa Cruz Clinic so that reaching out to the community will become so much easier. This has long been a need in Pima County.

Finally, we thank you, our donors, for your support. Your donations have allowed us to grow the **Pretty Boy McTavish Medical Fund**, as well as to continue the never ending task of altering as many pets as possible.

# ARIZONA GIVES DAY



### ONE DAY GOES A LONG WAY.

**April 5, 2016** is a one day online giving event, allowing generous donors like you to contribute to their favorite Arizona-based non-profit organization. Naturally, Spay and Neuter Solutions is proudly participating. This 24 hour-initiative will further increase awareness of our mission and will hopefully lead to more donations.

Please visit <u>www.AZGIVES.ORG</u> Search for Spay and Neuter Solutions in the search bar at the top of the page.

Spay and Neuter Solutions has been a vital part of Tucson's animal welfare community and has been bridging the gap for those unable to pay traditional vet fees for spay and neuter surgeries. We all want what's best for our pets. Your donations help us help pets and the families that love them have happier and healthier lives.

**Donate today!** – Schedule your donation for Arizona Gives Day

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