

Stitch in Time

The Newsletter of Spay and Neuter Solutions, Inc.

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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 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

Eight months have passed since our last newsletter in May of 2007. Some happy and some sad events kept us off our regular schedule; therefore, we apologize for the delay of the issue of this newsletter.

The saddest news is that our beloved mascot, Wishbone, passed away on August 17, 2007. He will be greatly missed by his family and all of his friends. Wishbone will continue his role of overlooking our operation from the other side of the Rainbow Bridge, as he will remain in our hearts forever.



Looking Back at 2007

Our fourth fiscal year ended in **June 2007**. With your help, we were able to raise \$44,499 during the year. Thank you so much for your outstanding support! That amount allowed us to help 971 animals! Because these animals will not reproduce in the future, they won't add to the number of homeless animals in Tucson and they will be happier and healthier. They cannot write thank you notes, but we know that we couldn't have achieved those numbers without your generous support. So, thank you in the name of all the animals we helped with your generosity! We all wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2008!

July was a relatively quiet month. We spent time preparing for our fundraiser, The Pet Rock Festival in October.

August's main event is always the No More Homeless Animals Day, which we observed by organizing our ever-popular "Free Fix For

Felix" event -- we provided spay/neuter for 55 male and 2 female cats.

In **September** and October we focused on feral cat colonies. In October, to celebrate the National Feral Cat Day, we financed surgeries for 23 male and 13 female feral cats. These cats were Trapped, spayed/Neutered and vaccinated and Released (TNR'ed) to their natural environment where caring people will continue to feed them and monitor their health.

October was the time for our first Pet Rock Festival. Great vegetarian food, a plethora of donated auction items and DJ Kidd Squidd spinning the oldies helped make the event a success. The benefit, held at the Historic Y on East University Boulevard, featured music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, food and beverages from local restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries, psychic readings by animal communicator Linda Johns, and dozens of

Planning Ahead for 2008

donations - including, clothing, accessories, artwork and gift certificates - for the silent auction. Funds raised will help us further reduce unwanted litters that contribute to the population of homeless animals living on the streets of Tucson.

November was a rewarding grant writing month. The popular and unique Arizona Animal License Plate generated more than a quarter of a million dollars, and that amount was distributed among different animal welfare organizations in the state of Arizona. Our organization is the proud recipient of a \$10,000 grant from that source. Please support the fund by purchasing this beautiful license plate when you renew your car registration next time. Simply click our website link at www.spayandneutersolutions.org

In **December** we were again invited and happy to participate at the International Bazaar at St. Michael's Church, where local non-profit organizations gather to provide unique craft and art items for Christmas shoppers. We are grateful for this opportunity and thank the Church for accommodating us.

January is the start of a New Year, and we have many new ideas



and plans for this year. Please look for new events posted on our recently redesigned website, www.spayandneutersolutions.org

For the first time in Tucson's history, thanks to your overwhelming support and the generous grants we received, we will be able to provide regular low-cost/free spay/neuter at the Eastside Pet Clinic, 7036 E. Broadway, Ste. 100, phone: 520-731-1714.

On the second Tuesday of each month, we will finance the "[Free Fix For Felix](#)" event for tomcats, and the fourth Tuesday of each month, we will offer the "[Sexless in Tucson](#)" event for the pets of low-income families. Regardless of animals' weight, gender or age, cats will cost just \$10 and dogs will cost \$25 to spay or neuter. We would like to

continue these events as long as funds allow it. Please spread the word about these opportunities to reduce the number of homeless animals in our community, and please support us to achieve our goal: No More Homeless Animals!

If you want to see a display of nearly every dog breed there is, including the Heinz 57 dogs, be sure to come to the [Arizona Animal](#)

[Fair](#) at Reid Park on Saturday, February 16, 2008. You will see many cats there also, strutting their stuff in their cages, all available for adoption. Drop by our booth to get one of our world-famous T-shirts or look at all the other goods and information available.

We are planning to make the [No More Homeless Animals Day](#) even more attractive this year. Mark your calendar on August 16, 2008, for lots of fun with your pet, pet blessings and a candlelight vigil at our regular place, the Udall Park amphitheater in northeast Tucson.

Nathan Winograd to Speak in Tucson



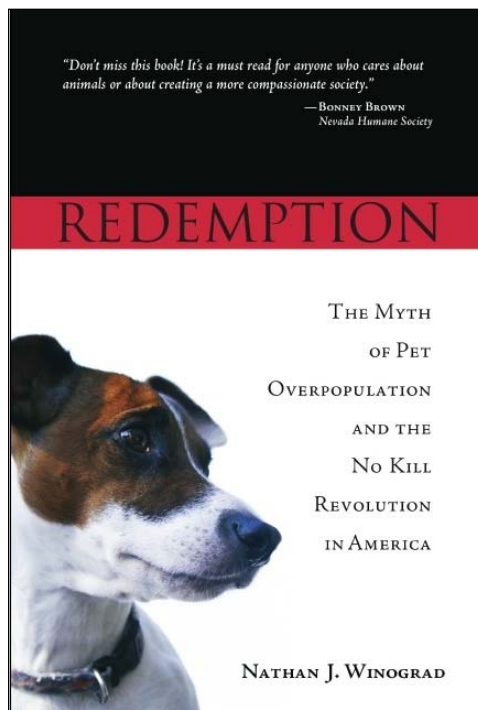
Nationally recognized advocate of the no kill movement, Nathan Winograd, will be in Tucson on Friday, May 9, 2008, for a special speaking engagement at the Marriott University Park Hotel.

As you may know, Mr. Winograd has been involved in successful companion animal program reforms in San Francisco, California, and Tompkins County, New York. He has recently published a book called "Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America." He is an attorney who is now the director of the national No Kill Advocacy Center, whose "No Kill Equation" outlines the steps necessary for

building no kill communities.

For more information, visit www.nathanwinograd.com and www.nokilladvocacycenter.org. To sign up for event announcements, please contact The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption at info@savemoreanimals.org.

Please forward this announcement to everyone you think might be interested, and check our website soon for details as they become available.



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