

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 our progress in addressing the challenge of pet overpopulation in southern Arizona.



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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 for increasing spay and neuter!



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5th Anniversary Issue!



Spay and Neuter Solutions is Five Years Old!

Thanks to your overwhelming support, we were able to finance spay and neuter operations for **3,512 animals** since July 1, 2003.

Please extend your generosity for the upcoming years, so we can continue our mission.

As we announced in our previous newsletter, starting in January, we were able to provide regular low-cost/free spay/neuter events at the East-side Pet Clinic (7036 E. Broadway, Ste. 100, Tucson, AZ 85710; phone 520-731-1714).

On the second Tuesday of each month, we financed the **Free Fix For Felix** event for tomcats. On the fourth Tuesday of each month we offered the **Sexless in Tucson** event for pets of low-income families. Regardless of the pet's weight, gender or age, cats were altered for just \$10, and dog owners paid only \$25 for spay/neuter. These special events were financed by your much-appreciated donations and the generous grants we received from our foundation partners in animal welfare.

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!

In February, we participated in the

annual Arizona Animal Fair. Thousands of people showed their support for the animals, and we were able to spread the word about the importance of spay and neuter as the only successful prevention for animal overpopulation.

March and April kept us busy, applying for more funds and organizing the first visit of Nathan Winograd, a nationally recognized advocate of the No Kill Movement, in Tucson. Hundreds of local residents attended the May 9 "**Building a No Kill Community**" special event.

Nathan has implemented successful no-kill programs in San Francisco, California, and Ithaca, New York. As director of the national No Kill Advocacy Center, he came to Tucson to outline a plan for how Pima County can stop the killing of 20,000 dogs and cats every year.

Currently, an estimated 60 percent of all dogs and cats entering Tucson's animal shelters never make it out alive. The majority of these animals could be saved by implementing no-kill policies, which include community involvement in increasing spay/neuter, pet adoption, animal foster care, feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), rescue group access to shelters, medical and behavioral rehabilitation, and other

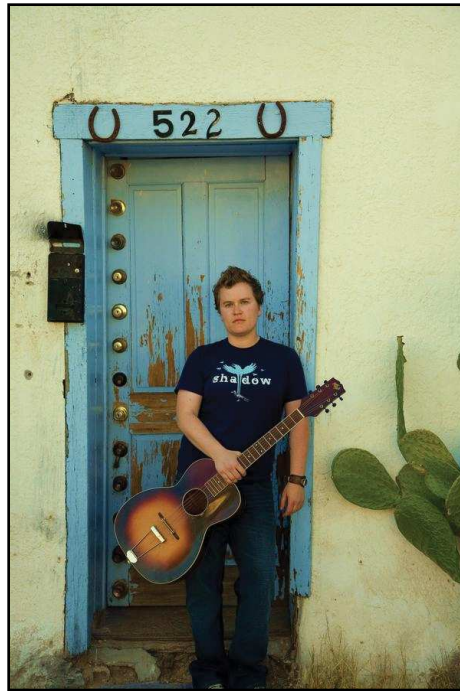
No More Homeless Animals Day - August 30

programs. We are proud to have partnered with our friends at The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption on this important event for our community. To purchase a copy of Nathan's book, *Redemption*, you can go to their website at www.savemoreanimals.org. Proceeds will fund spay/neuter programs.

The event also featured a reading of the "[Be Kind to Animals Week](#)" proclamation issued by Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup. The proclamation included an endorsement of spay/neuter and other animal welfare programs.

In May, we launched our "[If It Works, Fix It](#)" spay/neuter shop online at www.cafepress.com/spaysolutions. You can support spay/neuter programs by purchasing T-shirts, coffee mugs, bumper stickers and other merchandise with our popular slogan.

May is always bitter-sweet for us. [The Spirit of NIKE](#), the beloved shepherd dog, helped us again to alter 76 animals whose owners wouldn't otherwise be able to pay for the surgeries. NIKE's Spirit is a longtime commitment of his owner to help other animals so that NIKE's spirit will live on in these animals.



Courtney Robbins

We closed our fifth fiscal year at the end of June. We raised close to \$50,000 dollars and helped 795 animals during the year. For more information, please see our nonprofit organization tax returns posted online at www.spayandneutersolutions.org

July was hot not only temperature-wise but also in preparation for our yearly event, the [No More Homeless Animals Day](#). This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 30, at our regular site, the Udall Park Outdoor Amphitheater.

A free concert will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., featuring local musicians Courtney Robbins, Serpe, Jeremy Michael Cashman and The Hounds. Food will be available from Lovin' Spoonfuls, and you'll be able to browse some information tables from sponsors KXCI Radio 91.3 FM, Spay and Neuter Solutions, HOPE Animal Shelter, The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption, and Citizens for a No-Kill Tucson. Special thanks to volunteer Melissa Mason for all her time in putting this event together.

More information about the upcoming event, including links to song clips from the bands, can be found online at www.tucsonanimalconcert.info.

How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions



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NO MORE HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY Sat. August 30th 5 - 10 P.M.
Udall Park 7290 E. Tanque Verde Rd

Free Concert Featuring:

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Food will be available from **Lovin' Spoonfuls**
More info at: www.tucsonanimalconcert.info

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