



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. 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 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

OUR NEXT EVENT IN 2011

Saturday, March 5, 2011
The 10th



Happy Holidays
to you and to your
Family!



As we get closer to the end of this year, Spay and Neuter Solutions extends a grateful "Thank you" for your continued support of our efforts to spay and neuter companion animals of people in need of financial assistance. As you can see, we still don't have the fund for fancy Holiday Greeting Cards; we are saving every penny for the animals. We know, you agree.

While getting funds, grants and donations is harder than ever, we are proud to announce that the number of animals spayed and neutered using Spay and Neuter Solution's help is very close to 6,800! We could not have done this without your help.



Spay and Neuter Solutions thanks as well its **long time funders**:

- The Arizona Pet Friendly License Plate Committee
- The Arizona Federal Campaign
- Bonnie Kay
- DJ & T Foundation
- On Shore Foundation
- Petco Foundation
- PetSmart Charities

Thank you to the local companies who provide **in-kind donations**:

IMS – Innovative Mailing Services—prints our Newsletter
www.imstucson.com

NPFE – National Personal Financial Education, Inc.—provides our office supplies. www.npfe.com

Starbucks - will collect dog and cat food, treats and toys at two locations; Oracle & Rudasill and Grant & Swan. We will distribute these items among animals in need. www.starbucks.com

Spay and Neuter Solutions is especially grateful to our participating **veterinarians** who offer low cost spay and neuter services and who play a major role in our achievements:

- Maria Curtis, D.V.M., PhD. - Eastside Pet Clinic
- Scott M. Ruth, D.V.M. - Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic
- Robin Day, D.V.M. - Arizona Birth Control East
- Robin Day, D.V.M. - Arizona Birth Control South
- Kayomee Darowalla, D.V.M. - Benarda Veterinarian Clinic
- Beth A. Witte-Neuman, D.V.M - Twin Peaks Veterinary Center

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM PETS

PLEASE SPONSOR A CAT/DOG SPAY OR NEUTER

- Cat Neuter: \$29-\$30
- Cat Spay: \$50-\$58
- Dog spay and neuter is \$70-\$90 and above, based on weight.

BY DONATING ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.spayandneutersolutions.org

OR BY MAIL CHECKS can be sent to Spay and Neuter Solutions, P.O.Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652



Think about donations to Spay and Neuter Solutions to celebrate birthdays and holidays or to honor a friend or loved one's life. We will send a tax receipt to the donor and a card to the appropriate individuals or families.

From The President:



Katie Powers

I have received a number of inquiries about the status of the low-cost clinic for which so many of you donated generously last year. I am writing this update to share with you the limited information I have on this matter:

A year ago I invited you to help raise money for a high volume, low cost community spay and neuter clinic that The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA) had planned to establish with support from the National Spay/Neuter Response Team in North Carolina. At the time Spay and Neuter Solutions was collaborating with CARA to help raise funds for the clinic.

Shortly after the fundraiser event in November 2009 this collaboration was broken off by CARA. Spay and Neuter Solutions has not been a working partner of CARA since then. Regrettably, CARA's efforts to establish the low-cost clinic have not yet come to fruition. Spay and Neuter Solutions continues to fully support the concept of such a much-needed clinic.

As of the time this newsletter is going to press we have not been able to establish communication with Cynthia Barstad (formerly Cynthia Taylor), President of CARA, regarding information on the clinic and a financial accounting of the funds raised. To the best of our knowledge Ms. Barstad is currently not in Arizona. CARA's website is down, Ms. Barstad's phone has been disconnected and she has not replied to email messages. She has moved from her previous home, which also served as CARA's office. Her organization did not have other officers.

We hope that you will continue supporting our mission. In 2010, Spay and Neuter Solutions helped to spay and neuter 1,704 cats and dogs.

Katie Powers



How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions

◆ **Shopping Options:** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through iGive.com or eScrip.com and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.

◆ **Ethical Choices:** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, DownBound.com offers a great variety of ethical goods and gifts; we receive a percentage of your purchase.

◆ **Car Talk:** If you have a clunker or a junker, please consider donating it to us. Call us at help@spayandneutersolutions.org for details .

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

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



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