

# Stitch in Time

The Newsletter of Spay and Neuter Solutions, Inc.  
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## Grant from the Build-a-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation:

A warm thank you and big Bear hugs to the Build-a-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation for its recent grant of \$1000 through its Bearemy's Kennel Pals (copyright mark) grant program!

According to the Foundation: "Bearemy's Kennel Pals (another copyright mark) is a collection of plush dogs that generates funds for pet programs like [ours]. Build-a-Bear Workshop donates one dollar from the sale of each full-sized furry friend to the Build-a-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation to support domestic pet programs including local animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, pet education programs, and other direct care initiatives...in the United States and Canada".

We are proud to be one of the recipients of this great grant program.



**ADOPT YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND!**

**Somewhere there is a cat or dog who needs you.**

[www.SaveMoreAnimals.org](http://www.SaveMoreAnimals.org)

## Goodbye to a Good Friend



It is with deep regret and sorrow that I am informing our supporters that our co-founder and Vice President Coralie (Corey) Ames passed away on February 11, 2010. During the past seven years Corey was a tireless volunteer, helping animals and their owners on a daily basis. Although a snow-bird (she spent only six months in Tucson) she never stopped working for our community; she even received and returned calls while driving back and forth between Seattle and Tucson. She migrated to Seattle every year with her three cats, who received the royal treatment enroute.

Corey's heart was always with animals, especially "community" (aka feral) cats. In Washington, besides taking care of daily business, she was trapping homeless cats and taking them to be spayed/neutered, even feeding them during their recovery.

Her memorial service was held on April 10th in Olympia, Washington, where her family, friends, former students and faculty members said tearful goodbyes to her. Those attending the service were asked to make donations to Spay and Neuter Solutions in lieu of flowers.

Corey will never be forgotten; we will continue our work carrying her memory in our hearts.

## Pull Together, Win Together

Spay and Neuter Solutions received an unexpected windfall from Pima County this year. When the county gave a grant to AWASA, it earmarked 15% of the grant for community (aka feral) cats. AWASA has designated Spay and Neuter Solutions as the agency to receive the portion of the grant dedicated to sterilize community cats. After receiving

the first check from AWASA, we were able to spay/neuter 47 cats in a month in different colonies.

We are extremely grateful that Pima County is recognizing the value of the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) approach to dealing with community cats and that AWASA has chosen our organization to be the beneficiary of this grant.

**You can be a driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation!**



**Pet-friendly license plate funds spay/neuter in Arizona**  
[www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org)

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### Community Spay/Neuter Clinic Update

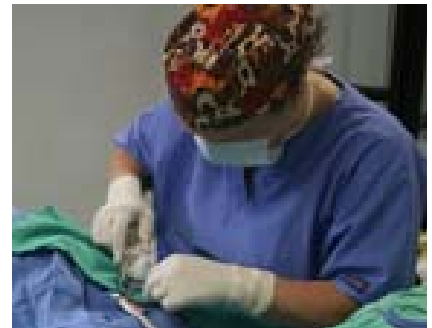
**Thank you** for your support of the November "Spay It Forward!" special event, featuring Faith Maloney, co-founder of Best Friends Animal Society. The event raised nearly \$23,000 for a new community spay/neuter clinic, and we are excited about the prospect of having this new resource available to us and the clients we serve.

As you may know, The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption, a local non-profit, has been accepted as a member of the National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT) program and is developing this high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic in Tucson, based on the Humane Alliance model, which will be



the first of its kind in Arizona. Spay and Neuter Solutions is proud to join more than a dozen other local groups in endorsing this project, and we are looking forward to being able to stretch our dollars even further to help more animals and their people by utilizing the services of the new "Spay More Animals" Community Spay/Neuter Clinic.

The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption is currently in the site selection process and is negotiating details of a building for their clinic. **They also are continuing their search for a full-time veterinarian and spay/neuter surgeon, which has been opened up nationwide.** The clinic is slated to open later this spring, as soon as the



clinic's staff is able to complete the NSNRT strategic training program at North Carolina's Humane Alliance.

For more information about the clinic, or to sign up for email alerts to receive the latest updates about the clinic's progress, please visit The Center for Animal Rescue and Adoption's website at [www.savemoreanimals.org/clinic](http://www.savemoreanimals.org/clinic).

### Special request from Spay and Neuter Solutions



For 7 years **Spay and Neuter Solutions** has been offering financial assistance to low-income pet owners to have their pets spayed/neutered. There has been a large increase in the number of requests for assistance this past year. Although our fiscal year ends in June, we have already helped over 1300 applicants. Grants and donations are understandably shrinking due to the economic downturn, however, we ask those who can afford to, to please open their hearts and wallets to help. Even a small donation of \$10 from enough people can greatly help subsidize our work. Thank you in advance to all those who respond to our request. All donations are tax deductible.

### Other Ways to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions

- ◆ **Shopping Options:** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) or [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.
- ◆ **Ethical Choices:** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, [DownBound.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:P.O. Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652).



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