

# Stitch in Time

The Newsletter of Spay and Neuter Solutions, Inc.  
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## Happy Birthday Spay and Neuter Solutions!



On July 1, 2011 we celebrated our 8th birthday. During the past 8 years we helped to finance over 7,300 spay and neuter surgeries. Thank you for taking part in our success.



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](http://www.spayandneutersolutions.org)

### Don't buy a pet ADOPT

Early spay and neuter is the solution to pet homelessness. **If it works...Fix It**

There's a new driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation: [www.azpetplates.org](http://www.azpetplates.org)



## Virtual Fundraiser with Best Friends

By Katie Powers

Spay and Neuter Solutions is proud to be a Charity Partner with Best Friends Animal Society in Utah. Among the many benefits of this relationship is an opportunity for Spay and Neuter Solutions to take advantage of Best Friends' offer to participate in the **Strut Your Mutt Virtual Fundraising Event**. To read more about this special event please visit: [www.strutyourmutt.org](http://www.strutyourmutt.org)

To join to the Spay and Neuter Solutions' "dog pack" please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3ebkgys> (this is a shortcut) where you can start your own "pack" by creating your own website and recruiting friends to support our mission (It is really simple, even I was able to do it. :)

If you are not up to the challenge of creating a website please support Spay and Neuter Solutions with a donation at <http://tinyurl.com/3qq1mp2> We will receive your full donation; Best Friends is only hosting on website providing a nationwide visibility for a small organization like us.

If you can't participate and you can't donate (and even if you can), then please use your social networks to spread the word. Everyone can do something to help. Link to us on your blog, email your friends, like us on Facebook or tweet about us, or blast us to your IM list.

If you are not using a computer please consider donating by sending us a check to Spay and Neuter Solutions, P.O.Box 762 Cortaro, AZ 85652.

## SPAY AND NEUTER SOLUTIONS TO THE RESCUE

### Tale of The Reservation Dogs

Spay and Neuter Solutions fields calls daily from people needing help with spaying or neutering their dogs and cats. One such call came from Suzanne Rider, who was on her way home from work on the O'Odham Nation just west of Tucson, and saw two puppies on the side of the road looking for food. She followed them into a yard and out came about 20 big dogs and puppies that looked like they needed food. Suzanne went home to get a water bucket and added a few bags of dog food to the ones she always has in her truck for stray dogs. She fed and watered them for two weeks and knew they needed shots, tick medicine, to be dewormed and spayed and neutered and to go to good homes. Suzanne told us: "I went up to the door where they came from and talked to the lady, and she was willing to let me help. So you know the rest, I was so grateful for your help." Even the original owner's family members on the reservation have "let me take their dogs in to get fixed and shots. It was a gift from the Lord when you guys (Spay and Neuter Solutions) helped me fix them".

Spay and Neuter Solutions paid for most of the surgeries. Some of the dogs were helped by the Sells clinic, which kept five older females and a large wolf mix.

**PLEASE SPONSOR A CAT/DOG SPAY OR NEUTER**

- Cat Neuter: \$29-\$30
- Cat Spay: \$50-\$58
- Dog spay and neuter: \$70-\$109 and above, based on weight.



**BY DONATING ON OUR WEBSITE:** [www.spayandneutersolutions.org](http://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 or your own pet. We will send a tax receipt to the donor and a card to the appropriate individuals or families.

**Tale of The Reservation Dogs**

*Continues...*

Animals Crusaders, another animal welfare organization, helped with some of the shots. So many good things can happen for the animals when we all work together!

BB was one of those dogs. She was born in the desert on the reservation. She and her sister were the only ones that survived in the litter. At one year old BB didn't know what it was like to have water and food when she needed them and had to resort to digging in garbage and try to find what ever she could to eat and she had to contend with 17 other dogs. She is now living in a home in Tucson with Terri Labrosse. Within 4 days she settled in and became part of Terri's family. BB is enjoying sleeping under the cooler, having a roof over her head to keep the sun off and a soft carpet. It took her a few days to be brave enough to enter the house but once she did it was home sweet home. She follows her new guardian like a little shadow and has quickly learned the rules of the house. BB just wants to please her people and to be loved.

Suzanne wrote to tell us that as of now 10 of the dogs have found new homes!

*"Thanks again to you guys for all the help, we helped to save a lot of dogs and prevent the birth of many babies. Suzanne"*

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Please send us your name, address and email address to [help@spayandneutersolutions.org](mailto:help@spayandneutersolutions.org)

**Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:**

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| • Animal Birth Control East: 114. S. Craycroft Rd.      | Phone: 520-745-4564 |
| • Animal Birth Control South: 1710 W. Valencia Rd.      | Phone: 520-741-7729 |
| • Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic: 4 W. Grant Rd.        | Phone: 520-624-5005 |
| • Eastside Pet Clinic: 7036 E. Broadway, # 100          | Phone: 520-731-1714 |
| • Twin Peaks Veterinary Center: 7555 W. Twin Peaks #101 | Phone: 520-572-8300 |



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**How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions**

◆ **Shopping Options:** If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.

◆ **Ethical Choices:** If you are a vegetarian or vegan, please visit the local

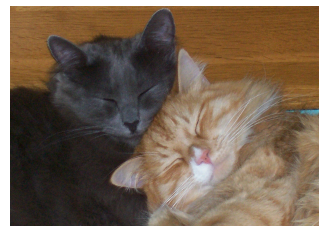
◆ **Lovin' Spoonfuls** restaurant ( 2990 N. Campbell Ave. 520-325-7766) owner Peggy supports our mission.

◆ **Car Talk:** If you have a clunker or a junker, please consider donating it to us. [Email 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, Our Arizona Combined Federal Campaign number is #54167.

◆ **Giving by 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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