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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 We also educate pet owners client. 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

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



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THANK YOU





Happy Holidays to You and Your Family!

Have a Healthy, Successful 2014

As 2013 comes to a close, we send holiday greetings and deep felt gratitude to all of you.

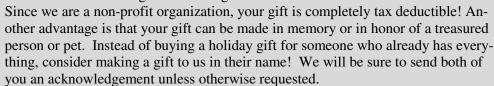
This year is our 11th and we continue to provide services at the same rate as we did in the past. Spay and Neuter Solutions is a small non-profit that is run by three volunteers – all unpaid. We dedicate untold hours working to raise money to help people in our community who are in dire financial straits spay and neuter their pets, thus stopping the birth of thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens.

In the past we have been most fortunate to have the financial support of people in our community and friends all over the country, as well small grants that allow us to continue our work. Unfortunately, one of the largest organizations that has supported us for nine years with annual grants is closing. It will have a devastating effect on our work. Grants for animal welfare organizations are few and far between and there is tremendous competition for this money. In fact the number of grantors able to help us has decreased 50% in the last three years! And unfortunately, money often goes to larger organizations that have the staff and resources that allow them to do the fundraising and marketing that makes their business more visible to the community. This leaves much less money for so many of Tucson's smaller independent animal rescue and animal welfare organizations, like Spay and Neuter Solutions, that are doing a tremendous amount of life saving work.

For these reasons, Spay and Neuter Solutions needs your financial support more than ever.

It is when private donors such as you join with animal welfare groups in the trenches who work with clinics willing to reduce prices that we truly address the problem of pet overpopulation with the solution of free and low cost spays and neuters.

In addition to helping us prevent more unwanted litters, there are other advantages to donating to us as well.



While a one-time gift is wonderful, a monthly gift helps ensure that we have the money to help people and their pets throughout the year. Please see our website at www.spayandneutersoltuions.org for your giving options.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for every donation you give Spay and Neuter Solutions.







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• Cat Neuter: \$29-\$30 • Cat Spay: \$50-\$58

• Dog spay and neuter: \$75-\$150 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 or your own pet. We will send a tax receipt to the donor and a card to the appropriate individuals or families.

COLLABORATION

The issue of pet overpopulation is really a symptom of poverty. The desire of people to enjoy the companionship of pets crosses all economic lines. Spay and Neuter Solutions has partnered with Tucson CARES' SNIP (Spay Neuter Intervention Project) program to assist in administering a program that helps keep pet owners from having to relinquish their unsterilized pets to shelters due to lack of funds for spay/neuter surgery. Funds are raised by SNIP, then Spay and Neuter Solutions makes the arrangements with our seven veterinary partners for the surgery. This is a win-win situation for the pets, their owners, and for the shelters.

Recently we helped a grandmother who was raising her four grandchildren. This is what she wrote to us: "I cannot tell you how grateful I am that you will be able to help us with Baby. I was so scared that there would be no one out there that could help. You are truly a blessing! "

We, with the help of you, are happy to help Grandma and people like her in financial need.

Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

Animal Birth Control East: 114. S. Craycroft Rd. Phone: 520-745-4564 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 Low Cost Pet Care Clinic 3113 E. First St. Phone: 520-881-7387 Small Animal Spay/Neuter Clinic: 7340 N.Cortaro Rd. Phone: 520-744-3458 Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic: 5408 S. 12th Ave. New Phone: 520-889-9643



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- ♦ 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.
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