

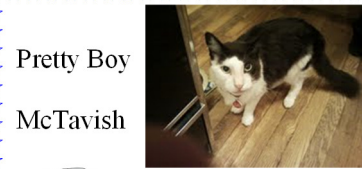
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Stitch in Time

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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.

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.

In January 2015 we started our **Pretty Boy McTavish Medical Fund** that covers medical expenses related to spay and neuter or that can be done while the pet is under anesthesia. Who was Pretty Boy McTavish? Read his story in our 2014 Fall Newsletter on our website.

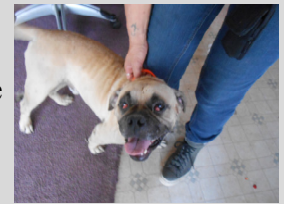
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THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The dog days of summer are here in Pima County but Spay and Neuter Solutions has not slowed down. We are involved in some exciting animal welfare endeavors with other service providers and we are continuing to offer free and low cost surgeries to the dogs and cats of our community.

Our Numbers: 6,959 cats and 5,311 dogs have benefited from Spay and Neuter Solutions, bringing our total to **12,270** pets!

Pretty Boy McTavish Fund: Spay and Neuter Solutions has provided \$3,619.08 worth of medical assistance to 54 pets who had additional medical issues while being spayed/neutered. One of these dogs was Droopy, who was treated for cherry eyes (a prolapse of the third eyelid). This dog lives in a home with no electricity or water. Other treatments included paying for a C-section operation for Sprite, a one year old cat, Rabies vaccines, surgery for an injured dog belonging to a homeless man and surgery for another injured dog. Sadly, PBMcT Funds also paid for the euthanasia of Betsy, a very old sick Chihuahua living in impoverished conditions whose life had become intolerable. She had a distended abdomen, her face was covered with flies, and she was in pain. We were able to relieve her suffering with dignity.



Partnerships: Spay and Neuter continues to be a recipient of funds from **Pima County**, which allows us to expand our services. We have partnered with Jenny, a **woman in Three Points**, who is serving as a volunteer extraordinaire for her community. She transports animals to the Tucson clinics and serves as a liaison for SNS in that area. We are very grateful for her dedication to the animals. **On September 12th** we will cover the expenses of a **Free Spay/Neuter Day** with Dr. Karter Neil, of South Tucson's Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic, in the Three Point and Summit (the infamous Dogpatch) areas, where unaltered owned and stray animals are roaming the streets.

MASH Clinic Spay a thon: SNS will participate in this first ever event in Tucson, which will offer free surgeries for 48 hours to pets of people with low income in our community. This is a joint effort coordinated by a newcomer to Tucson who has partnered with the Santa Cruz Clinic (which we use extensively). Many animal welfare organizations, volunteers and veterinarians have come together in the planning to make this event a huge success, which is scheduled for from Friday, October 9th at noon to Sunday, October 11th, late afternoon.

Spay and Neuter Solutions thanks all of our wonderful loyal supporters without whom we would not be able to continue our work for the animals.

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Pretty Boy McTavish

WELCOME ABROAD

This summer **Jackie DeGuise** joined the SNS team as the Applications Manager. Her impressive resume includes a BS and an MBA, past Manager/ Associate Director of the Spay & Neuter Clinic of the HSSAZ, a certificate as a Veterinary Technician and excellent communication skills.

Petra Gearhart joined SNS as a new Board Member and Marketing Director. She comes with 20 years of experience in event planning and fundraising and involvement with other spay/neuter programs as well being the first Coordinator for a TNVR program in Florida.



Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

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| • Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic: 4 W. Grant Rd. | Phone: 520-624-5005 |
| • Eastside Pet Clinic: 7036 E. Broadway, # 100 | Phone: 520-731-1714 |
| • Pet Doctorx: 6464 N. Oracle Rd. | Phone: 520-829-5166 |
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