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Spay and Neuter Solutions was founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization on July 1, 2003. The mission of SNS is to reduce the number of unwanted, abandoned and homeless animals through an aggressive s/n program. Our goal is to help make Arizona a pioneer state that can soon claim “no more homeless animals.”

We provide free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for companion animals in our community. 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.

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 .



Pretty Boy McTavish

**All donations** are used to 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.

There's a new driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation:

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



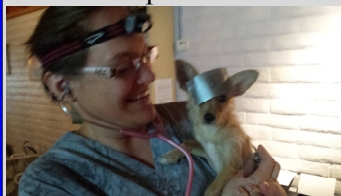
# Stitch in Time

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## WISHING YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY, SUCCESSFUL, NEW YEAR

### NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPAY AND NEUTER SOLUTIONS

SNS will close out 2015 with 13,244 spays/neuters of dogs and cats, including the 300 surgeries scheduled before December 31. Of course, we would never be able to have the impact we have on the Tucson and Pima County community without the support of **YOU**, our wonderful donors.



### 48 HOUR MASH CLINIC:

For the first time ever, during the month of October, many stakeholders of the local animal rescue community came together to provide a 48 hour MASH (Marathon Animal Spay/Neuter Hospital) clinic free to the public. This spay and neuter clinic not only provided much needed surgeries to those unable to afford traditional veterinary costs but included vaccinations as well.

Spay and Neuter Solutions participated in the event as well as all the planning meetings - over 8 months – that led up to this well attended community event. The original plan was to spay and neuter 500 pets over the weekend. The final numbers turned out to be 424 dogs and 376 cats for a total of 800 pets being fixed in the 48 hour period. Another 300 were placed on a list to be provided with future vet appointments also at no cost . SNS will pay for the majority of these surgeries. The 48 Hour MASH directly supported the mission of SNS of offering no/low cost spay and neuter surgeries to local pet owners. We hope by providing funding to the general public, unwanted litters will be avoided. This in turn will reduce the intake numbers at Pima Animal Care Center, the county's only open admission shelter.

*“One of the simplest ways to reduce high intake numbers, and the volume of companion animals needing homes, is to reduce the numbers accidentally being born. This reduction is accomplished by encouraging people to spay or neuter their pets. There will always be medical exceptions, and people who just don't want to alter their animal, but this unwilling demographic is not the majority. Studies have shown that people who live at or below the poverty level cannot afford the often high expense of surgery. When services are free and convenient, these people happily comply.”*

Sara Dent, animal activist and 48hr MASH volunteer .

The huge turnout at this first 48 Hour MASH in Pima County had an enormous impact. Help us assist the members of our community who love their pets and want to be responsible pet owners by making a year end donation to **Spay and Neuter Solutions**.



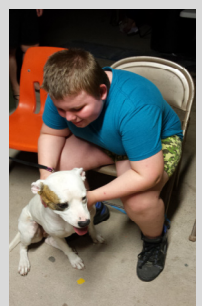
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**If it works...Fix It**



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

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

## Many thanks to our participating veterinarians:

- ABC Low Cost Pet Care Clinic
- Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic
- Eastside Pet Clinic
- Pet Doctorx
- Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic

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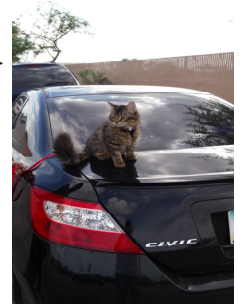
## NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPAY AND NEUTER SOLUTIONS

**PIMA COUNTY:** The County has extended our contract to provide surgeries for pets of residents with low income. These funds have allowed us to increase the numbers of spays and neuters SNS can provide and to decrease the amount of time we need to spend on grant writing. (Continued)

**THREE POINTS:** In order to better serve this outlying community in the County, SNS set up a 1 day spay/neuter clinic with the generous help of Dr. Karter Neal of the Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic. 39 dogs and cats were operated on that day. We continue to work with a local resident of the neighborhood for transportation of pets to the clinic.

**VETERINARY PARTNERS:** Having a relationship with veterinary clinics in various parts of town allows our clients to go to a clinic closer to their home and it reduces the time of transport for the pet. We are very grateful for the reduced rates our clinics offer to us and for the excellent care they give to the animals.

**FOOD PANTRY :** The food pantry that **The Hermitage No Kill Cat Shelter** runs for dogs and cats (through grant funding) allows us to provide nourishment to the pets of some of our clients. The shelter partners with SNS to provide food for the pets of folks that we help through the Gospel Rescue Mission as well as other events where we offer our certificates for low cost spay/neuter.



**PRETTY BOY McTAVISH FUND:** This medical fund for our clients' pets has allowed us to help 35 dogs and cats with procedures ranging from emergency C sections, treating dogs with parvo, providing rabies vaccines and flea and tick dip to treating ear and eye infections.

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