How to Support Spay and Neuter Solutions



- There's a new driving force in the battle against pet overpopulation: Get your <u>PET</u> <u>FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATE</u> at <u>www.servicearizona.com</u> and click on "personalized/specialized plates"
- ◆ SHOPPING OPTIONS: If you are a shopper, consider doing your shopping through Smile.Amazon.com/CH/20-0065631 or IGIVE.COM and we will receive a percentage of your purchase.
- ◆ FRY'S Community Rewards Program.
 Visit <u>www.frysfood.com</u> Our number is
 #28046
- CAR TALK: to donate your clunker or junker. Please call 520-247-6469
- ◆ DONATING ONLINE OR AT WORK: please visit our website, www.spayandneutersolutions.org You will find a direct link to PayPal, Network for Good,
- ◆ GIVING BY MAIL: please send check to P.O. Box 762, Cortaro, AZ 85652.



Our Team

Katie Powers - President
Dot Jones - Vice President
Jackie DeGuise - Applications
Edwin Powers - Secretary
Sashi Lazar - WebMaster

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- •IMS (Innovative Mailing Services) who prints our newsletter free of charge, www.IMSTucson.com
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- •BUSY PAWS for their longtime support
- •THRIVENT FINANCIAL *Thrivent Choice* is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where *Thrivent Financial* distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year.

Many thanks to our partner veterinarians:

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic

In March, they are offering \$20 spay/ neuters for CHIHUAHUAS, including vaccinations!

In April they will offer the same deal for PITBULLS.

For appointments and possible additional charges call

(520)495-5900

SPAY AND NEUTER SOLUTIONS

OUR MISSION

Spay and Neuter Solutions, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was started in 2003 to provide financial support for Pima County pet owners unable to afford the cost of spaying/neutering their pets.

Sterilization prevents unwanted litters, abandonment and insures a longer, healthier life for pets.

A STITCH IN TIME



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

SPAYANDNEUTERSOLUTIONS.ORG FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Remember us on ARIZONA GIVES DAY

On APRIL 4, 2017

The Price was right in February for our

TESTICLE FESTIVAL

event.

A record number of 561 pet owners applied for our special \$5 rate.

Let's hope all will keep their appointments!



"If It Works...Fix It!"

What happens behind the scenes at SNS is something most people don't know about.



All the work we do is as volunteers. That adds up to literally thousands of hours over the last 14 years for which none of us has ever been paid. While **Katie** and **Dot** do administrative tasks, Jackie is the voice of **SNS**. She answers the

phone on a daily basis and can speak with over 20 folks on some days. Jackie is the person who counsels individuals about the importance of having ALL the pets in the household sterilized, about the health risks of not doing so, offers advice on how to deal with "trying" behaviors of cats/ dogs; she explains our program and the procedures to follow regarding making appointments at clinics, she listens patiently to long tales about certain pets, and she coordinates with the clinics to deal with issues that arise. **Sashi** is our volunteer webmaster. He makes all the changes and additions to the application section as well as to the general information pages. SNS has been run by only four to five volunteers for 14 years.

The "culture" of animal welfare is based on networking, collaboration and supporting each other's programs, always keeping in mind that our mutual goal is to take care of the animals in a positive, humane and respectful manner. We keep in mind the impact of the human/animal bond and do as much as possible to offer services that keep pets with their guardians. To this end, we keep track of all the resources in the community and exchange favors with other organizations to meet these goals.

SNS continues to provide services to specific communities in the County for folks who don't have transportation. We financed 2 spay/neuter events out in Three Points and will sponsor one in Dogpatch and one up in Oracle, using the ASAVET mobile clinic. The fire departments in these areas have been most supportive and have even, in some cases, provided lunch for the volunteers, while providing space for post-surgery recovery.

One of the things that happens when you are part of an animal welfare program is that people (neighbors, friends, relatives) see you as the "animal person" and end up relying upon you to perform miracles when an emergency arises with a stray dog or cat, a feral cat, their own pet or a friend's pet. Our knowledge of what is available in the community and our relationships within the animal welfare community often help us with assisting these folks and the animals.

SNS is proud to have found a significant niche in Pima County that was not addressed by any other group, and to have raised and secured funds to pay for over 17,913 spays and neuters. We appreciate the support of the County, of our grant funders and of YOU, our generous supporters.



THANK YOU!



ARIZONA GIVES DAY ONE DAY GOES A LONG WAY.



April 4, 2017 is a one day online giving event, allowing generous donors like you to contribute to their favorite Arizona-based non-profit organization. Naturally, Spay and Neuter Solutions is proudly participating. This 24 hour-initiative will further

increase awareness of our mission and will hopefully lead to more donations.

Please visit **www.AZGIVES.ORG** and search for **Spay and Neuter Solutions** in the search bar at the top of the page. You can schedule your donation in advance.

Spay and Neuter Solutions has been a vital part of Tucson's animal welfare community and has been bridging the gap for those unable to pay traditional vet fees for spay and neuter surgeries. We all want what's best for our pets. Your donations help us help pets and the families that love them have happier and healthier lives.

DONATE TODAY OR SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION FOR 4/4/2017