



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 our 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 vet clinics, and we pay all or part of this 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. Please visit www.spayandneutersolutions.org to learn more about our mission.

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*Serving animals and
the people who love them*



<< A scared and timid Violet covered around people on the day of her capture. After some love and TLC, her true self came out, and she enjoys playing with other dogs and cuddling with people



Success Stories

Violet had been running around the Arroyo Chico neighborhood in Tucson for several weeks, being sighted from time to time around yards and dumpsters looking for food and water. She sought out the company of humans but was always a bit too scared to let them touch her when approached.

A woman named Sheila, always looking out for stray animals in her neighborhood, enlisted the support of several friends and neighbors to try to help this homeless dog. Sheila offered a \$5 reward to the kids in the neighborhood for any sightings of the dog, and she put out food to try to lure the dog into her fenced front yard.

After several very close but failed attempts to catch the dog, Sheila finally turned to a professional service for help. The dog was dubbed "Violet" for her purple tongue, a sure sign that she was likely part chow mixed in with her black lab characteristics.

Neither of the local animal shelters was a good choice for Violet, since black dogs are among the most commonly abandoned and least adopted animals in the shelter environment. So Sheila decided to take on the responsibility of helping Violet herself. She found another woman named Linsey who agreed to provide temporary foster care for Violet until a permanent home could be found.

Once Violet was safely off the streets, she was ready to be seen by a vet. She was brought in for a thorough health exam and vaccina-

tions. With a clean bill of health, Violet's caregivers turned to Spay and Neuter Solutions for assistance with getting Violet spayed -- and just in time, because at about 5 months of age, Violet was already showing signs of going into her first heat (yet another case supporting early-age spay/neuter!).

After Violet recovered from her spay surgery, Linsey found a wonderful home for her with one of her best friends. Now renamed Roxie, this lucky dog has a lot of people to thank for her new life -- including Spay and Neuter Solutions for helping with her spay surgery!

Violet's story proves that one person can indeed make a difference in the life of a homeless animal, and that, by working together, we can reduce pet homelessness and overpopulation in our community. Even if you can't get involved with direct animal care, you can help homeless animals by supporting Spay and Neuter Solutions with a generous donation. Your contribution will help animals and the people who love them. Thank you!

**You can be a driving force
in the battle against
pet overpopulation!**



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