



Spay Neuter Assistance Program
The Humane Solution to Pet Overpopulation

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Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

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Human Peeves

Have you ever wondered what “human” peeves our furry friends might have about us? Here are a few to ponder.

- Having inconsistent rules and boundaries – Dogs thrive on consistency and routine, and take comfort in it. If your pup is allowed on the couch one week, then scolded for it the next, she will become stressed when she can’t anticipate your reaction to her behavior. She won’t understand if one night you decide to “let it slide” or you allow her to break the rules for a “special occasion.” When you create boundaries, stick to them!
- Staring at a dog you don’t know – There is a difference between the loving gazes shared between a dog and her family members and a dog that’s being stared down by a stranger. If you meet a new dog, try to avoid eye contact as he is getting to know you. Some dogs will consider extended eye contact from a stranger to be a challenge which will increase their stress response.
- Overly aggressive petting – When it comes to petting, many cats prefer a light touch. Petting too aggressively can over-stimulate your cat and invariably lead to you getting scratched or bitten since that’s the only way he can tell you to knock it off. When petting your cat, observe his body language carefully and stop if you see tail flicking, ears curled back and other signs of displeasure.

CAN YOU HELP?

Case #90 – Kim is a single parent living on disability and food stamps. She found a stray cat with kittens. A friend fixed the female cat and they placed all the kittens except one that she is keeping. She also has a Pit Bull puppy that needs to be spayed. SNAP’s cost to spay these animals is \$145.

Case #91 - Carolyn found a stray cat and has already had him neutered. A neighbor could no longer care for his two Beagle mixes so she decided to take them in since they are older dogs. SNAP’s cost to have both dogs neutered totals \$180.

Case #92 - Nicholas has been unable to find work for the last several months. He has a cat and two dogs that need to be neutered. Two of the animals were strays and one came from a family member. It will cost \$195 to have these animals fixed.

If you are able to help fix any of these animals, please send your donation to SNAP, PO Box 14354, Springfield, MO 65814. No amount is too small. It all adds up to do great things! You can specify which case you would like to contribute to. In the event the case you specify has already been helped by another caring donor, your contribution will be used to help a different but equally in-need pet owner. Thank you for your support!

Community Foundation of the Ozarks

SNAP is pleased to announce that we have established a fund at Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) as part of their Agency Partners program. Being part of this program will benefit SNAP in many ways. Not only will we be exposed to CFO's extensive donor network, we will also be eligible for fundraising opportunities, networking, and other perks.

If you would like to make an online donation to our CFO fund, please follow these simple steps:

- Visit the CFO website at <http://www.cfozarks.org>
- Click on the *give online* link at the top of the homepage
- Designate the amount you'd like to donate
- Under *gift designation*, select *other* from the drop-down menu
- In the space provided for *other designation* enter "SNAP"
- Enter your contact and donation information, then click on the *donate now* button

We need your support!

SNAP's Mission is to eliminate the need for euthanasia in our community's animal shelters, to reduce the number of homeless animals, and to educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter.

Name _____ Phone _____
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- I want to help! Please send information about becoming a SNAP volunteer.
 I want to support SNAP's work with the enclosed tax-deductible donation.
 Please accept a donation in memory of _____.
 I would like to set up a monthly gift as an automatic withdrawal. Please contact me!
 Case # _____ on page 1 of this newsletter.

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