



Solution

Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

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SNAP is pleased to announce another great way you can help us raise funds and spread the spay/neuter message.

Our t-shirts, which are white and feature a sepia toned photo of the adorable puppy shown below, are now available to the public. Call 823-SNAP to find out how you can get one. But hurry...they're going fast!



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Turning Trash into Cash for Critters

It has never been easier for you to help us solve Southwest Missouri's pet overpopulation problem. Instead of tossing your empty printer cartridges into the trash, you can help shelter animals and needy pet owners by donating them!

SNAP is partnering with two area animal shelters, Castaway Animal Rescue Effort (CARE), and Southwest Missouri Humane Society, to raise funds by recycling empty printer cartridges.

For every accepted ink cartridge recycled for our team, *Cash for Critters* will donate \$1 to \$12. The funds will be shared by our three organizations to alter pets of low-income families and to care for shelter animals.

There is no cost to you. You will be provided with postage-paid mailing materials. All you have to do to participate is contact SNAP (e-mail is preferred, but voicemail is fine, too.) Provide your name, mailing address, and phone number. A SNAP volunteer will get you all set up. It's that simple!

If you prefer, you may take your cartridges to CARE's adoption center at 1328 W. Sunshine or to either Southwest Missouri Humane Society location.

There is really no reason not to take advantage of this quick and painless way to donate. Money is literally being thrown away, as *thousands* of printer cartridges are dumped into our community's landfill every year. So not only will you be helping animals, but you will be protecting the environment.

Please sign up today. And help us spread the word. Invite your employer, your school, your church, your family, and your friends to join you in this worthwhile fundraiser.



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.

Sponsor a Spay

SNAP tries to make spay/neuter surgery affordable for *every* pet owner, but there are some who simply cannot afford to pay anything. Some are elderly, living on fixed incomes. Some are disabled or have family members who are disabled. Many are unable to find employment due to our struggling economy.

Whatever the reason, the result is often an accidental litter of puppies or kittens. Many of these litters are taken to the shelter and destroyed, or they are taken to the shelter, and *other* animals are destroyed to make room—simply because one pet owner could not afford to fix his pet. SNAP believes that the lives of these animals are too precious to allow this to continue, so we developed our *Sponsor-a-Spay* program.

The program is simple. We maintain a waiting list of pets who need to be fixed, but whose owners cannot afford to do so. Participating sponsors donate \$25 to alter

a cat or \$40 to alter a dog. SNAP issues a certificate to fix a pet on the waiting list. Sponsors can even specify a particular pet if they so choose.

The following pets are currently awaiting sponsors:

- Angel, 7-year-old female Pomeranian (has produced multiple litters)
- Peanut, 8-month-old female Pom-Chi (Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix)
- Ladybug, 8-month-old female Pom-Chi
- Cassie, 2-year-old female Pit Bull
- Sadie, 8-month-old female Shepard/Rottweiler mix
- Buttons, 8-year-old female Shih Tzu
- Shalie, 3-year-old female Shih Tzu
- Toot Toot, 2-year old male Maltese
- Mr. Kitty, 1-year old male Grey Tabby

If you are interested in “sponsoring a spay”, please contact us. Keep just one animal from reproducing, and you will save countless lives.

A Change of Heart

Annie Allendale* loves dogs, especially rat terriers. So when she heard that an area breeder was selling his kennels, she decided it would be an opportunity to make money while being around the little dogs she loves.

She sold a few litters, but she found that she didn't have the heart for it. It was hard letting the pups go. She often wonders where they are, if they're happy, or if they're even alive.

While researching the breed on the Internet, she learned that millions of animals are dying in shelters every year. She knew that animals were being destroyed in shel-

ters, but she didn't realize how many!

Now she wants to spay and neuter all 32 of her intact dogs, so she will no longer be contributing to the problem.

It is not often that we hear of a commercial breeder who has had a change of heart, so SNAP wants to help. But the surgeries will cost at least \$1,600, so we must raise some extra funds to pay for them.

Please contact us at 823-SNAP, and help us reduce the number of commercial breeders by one. It's a start!

*name changed to protect privacy

Events Calendar

SNAP Volunteer Picnic

Ozark City Park

Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 - 3:00

If you are a SNAP volunteer or would like to become a SNAP volunteer, please join us at our first annual volunteer picnic. Families are welcome, as well as any of your friends who would like to volunteer for SNAP.

Admission: a covered dish. **Please RSVP by calling 823-SNAP.**

Dog Fest

Chesterfield Park Pavilion

Saturday, September 27 from 11:00 - 4:00

This event is sponsored by the "Dogfest-For the Dog Park" Committee to raise funds for Springfield's first off-leash dog park. Featured events include contests (longest tail, biggest ears, worst breath, smallest dog, etc.), demonstrations (Therapy/Assistance, Agility/Obedience, Police K9, AKC "Good Citizen" Testing, and a Rescued Dog Parade. Be sure to stop by SNAP's booth and check out our pet-themed merchandise. We look forward to meeting you *and* your dogs. For more information about the proposed dog park, call 891-1616.

National Feral Cat Day

Thursday, October 16

Throughout the month of October, SNAP will be accepting donated cat food to assist feral cat caretakers who are involved in approved trap/neuter/release (TNR) projects. TNR is an effective and non-lethal method for controlling the wild cat population. Call 823-SNAP for the collection point nearest you. For more information about feral cats, visit www.alleycat.org.

Benefit Concert -Lost Highway

Boondocks Country

Sunday, November 16 from 3:00 - 5:00

Lost Highway, a popular local band often featured at Cartoons, will perform a concert to benefit spay/neuter. Boondocks is located in Mt. Vernon, just 20 minutes from I-44 and James River Freeway. Admission is \$5, and you must be 18 or older to attend.

Ozark Mountain Cat Fanciers Cat Show

University Plaza Hotel, Saturday & Sunday,

November 22-23 from 9:00 - 4:00

SNAP will host a booth on Saturday only.

Where the money goes...

<i>Surgeries</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Dog Neuters</i>	45	111	116	93	365
<i>Dog Spays</i>	64	177	218	168	627
<i>Cat Neuters</i>	43	174	219	161	597
<i>Cat Spays</i>	87	295	487	373	1,242
<i>Total</i>	239	757	1,040	795	2,831

1st Annual Ice Cream Chill Out

Saturday, July 19, was a day of refreshing fun as SNAP hosted our 1st Annual Ice Cream Chill-Out at Rogersville City Park. The event, a fundraiser to assist in curbing Southwest Missouri's pet overpopulation problem, was a huge success.

Thanks to our Chill-Out supporters, SNAP raised over \$8,500 to assist low-income families spay or neuter their pets. Approximately 390 pets can now be altered, preventing the births of countless unwanted dogs and cats.



Jim Tucker's dog Apollo enjoys a taste of ice cream, while Sintra (whom the Tuckers adopted from a Doberman rescue group) patiently awaits her turn.



Volunteers JoAnn & Chuck Bardeen take a moment to "chill out" after a busy morning taking tickets and selling Black Angus Bingo plots.

Several area business owners sponsored booths and provided unlimited ice cream samples for the crowd. For a small donation to SNAP, vendors offered face painting, French-braiding, massages, and games. Diane Budler's Pampered Chef booth raised the most donations, winning her the People's Choice Award and a free booth space at next year's Chill-Out.

Children enjoyed the duck pond game and bounced around in the Dalmatian moonwalk. Adults were entertained by our auction and a yard sale full of bargains. *Everyone* enjoyed the delicious ice cream, even those of the canine persuasion.



Little Sophie Platz thinks a little swim in the Pampered Chef's duck pond might be a great way to cool off.



Smooth-talking auctioneer Clint Shortt entertains the crowd with his humor and enthusiasm.

The day of fun ended with the highly-anticipated Black Angus Bingo event. Shortly after 1:00, SNAP's favorite cow made her grand entrance into the park's arena. Forty-five minutes later, "Babs" (as she was affectionately nicknamed by SNAP volunteers) made her "deposit" in the plot belonging to Angie Bolin of Springfield. Needless to say, Angie was thrilled with her \$500 prize!

SNAP is grateful to everyone who attended the Chill-Out, as well as to our many volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible.

We hope you will mark your calendars now for July 17, 2004, and make plans for your own booth at our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Chill-Out. See you again next year!



Kids and adults alike were amused by Clint's antics.

OUR THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF SNAP'S 1ST ANNUAL CHILL-OUT, especially A New Look Beauty Salon, Ad-On Promotional Products, All Events Rental, Amberg Entertainment, Andy's Frozen Custard, Anne's Hallmark, Apple Market, Arbor Care, Elizabeth Aull (Purina), Donna Baxter, Tony Bird, Blue Bunny, Breadsmith, Briar Rose Florist, Diane & Tanya Budler (Pampered Chef), Carlos O'Kelly's, Caroline's Pampered Pet Motel, Coca-Cola, Cookies by Design, Creative Memories Scrapbooking, Cruisin' USA, Dairy Queen, Dillons, Doggie Doos, FOX 27 TV, Frito Lay, Grace Unfolding Bodywork, Jessica Hacker (Vector Marketing), Lisa Haney, Hanna Banana's Gourmet Ice Cream and Cakery, Kevin Harville - Massage Therapist, April Haynes, Heather Heinrichs, Hometown Furniture, Jim Keltner & Babs, KOLR 10 TV, KTTS FM, KSPR TV, KY3 TV, Pam Mace, Kim Manley Massage, Randy Miller, Noah's Pet Boutique, Todd Oliver & Lucy, Parkcrest Health Foods, Price Cutter, Razor's Edge Hair Salon, Red Oak Inn, Riverside Inn, Roddie's Salon, Rogersville Building Center, Rogersville City Hall, Rogersville Saddle Club, Randy Schuder, Jerry & Judy Schweitzer (Century 21), Clint Shortt Auctioneer, Subway (Rogersville), Subway (S. Campbell), Sunrise to Success (Brigitte Conkling), The Cookie, Tindle Mills, Tower Club, Tropical Breezes Restaurant, Wal-Mart Supercenter (Independence Avenue), Westlake Hardware, Ashley Andrews, Chuck & JoAnn Bardeen, Katie Berkgigler, Cindy Bird, Leslie Boughton, Connie Chitwood, Susan Colburn, Hannah Dorr, Erin Everett, Kim Figg, Jackie Glass, Debbie Gross, Chelsea Hacker, Marcy & Sarah Hammers, Jo Haraldson, Kylie Haraldson, Mandi Haraldson, Anne Heim, Stephanie Heim, Holly Herrman, Carol Hocklander, Lindsey Holm, B.J. Horrichs, Kale & Kathy Horton, Justin Jones, Terry Kapp, Cindy Kough, Jim Lambert, Chelsea Larimore, Carole Lewis, Rhonda Lewsader, Karen Martin, Richelle Massengale, Amy McCroy, Kathi McDermott, Betsy Miller, Charley & Susie Moody, Kay Powell, Fallon Nelson, Rhonda Nelson, Heather Riggs, Barb Rogers, Janet Turner

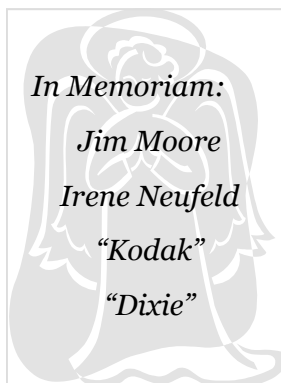
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The success of our organization's work depends upon the generosity of our participating veterinarians, our financial supporters, and our dedicated volunteers.

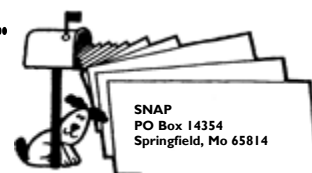
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A very special thanks to Susan Tolliver, our Chill-Out chairperson, and her husband William Hutcherson for the many back-breaking hours they worked to insure the event's success!



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SNAP's Wish List

- 🐾 Cash - your cash donations save lives (and they're tax-deductible)
- 🐾 Envelopes and postage stamps
- 🐾 Discounted printing and copying services
- 🐾 Products and services for sale or raffle at our fundraising events
- 🐾 Computer software (Microsoft Office or Works)
- 🐾 Four-drawer file cabinet
- 🐾 Printer cartridges for Lexmark Z52 or Epson Photo 825
- 🐾 Brochure paper 32# or heavier
- 🐾 Fabrics with dog, cat, sports, or holiday themes
- 🐾 Postal scale to weigh large boxes of empty printer cartridges
- 🐾 Address labels (Avery 5160)
- 🐾 Sponsors for pets on our waiting list (See p. 2)
- 🐾 Gift certificates for office supplies (Office Max, Office Depot, etc.)



Yes! I want to make a difference...

We are grateful for the generosity of those who have helped us to accomplish so much. There are many simple ways to make the Ozarks a happier and safer place for our fur-covered friends. Please let us know how you would like to help by checking the appropriate spaces and returning this form to: SNAP, PO Box 14354, Springfield, MO 65814. Thank you for your support!

_____ *I want to support SNAP's work with the enclosed tax-deductible donation.*

_____ *Please send me a volunteer application. I want to help!*

_____ *I would like to organize a fundraiser to benefit SNAP.*

_____ *Please add me to SNAP's e-mail distribution list.*

_____ *I can recycle my printer cartridges to raise "Cash for Critters". Please contact me.*

_____ *I would like to "Sponsor a Spay". I am enclosing \$ _____ to sponsor:*

_____ *a specific pet (indicate pet's name) _____*

_____ *the pet at the top of SNAP's waiting list*

Name: _____ Phone (day): _____

Address: _____ Phone (evening): _____

E-mail address: _____

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What's Inside....

Cash for Critters

Learn how you can help animals by donating your used printer cartridges.

A Change of Heart

One area breeder decides to spay and neuter her dogs.

Upcoming Events

An off-leash dog park, a benefit concert, a picnic, a cat show, and a day to honor feral cats — something for everyone!

Sponsor a Spay

SNAP's exciting new program will help even more pets live long, happy, healthy lives.

1st Annual Ice Cream Chill-Out

Find out who won \$500...with a little help from this cow.



Black Angus Bingo Star, "Babs"

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