



2006 Annual Report

Spay Neuter Assistance Program



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.

SNAP partners with over 40 veterinarians in the Ozarks to provide spay/neuter services for pet owners who could not otherwise afford to get their pets fixed. It may be all about the animals, but at SNAP it is also all about the volunteers. With no paid staff, volunteers performed all functions of this



nonprofit organization in 2006. Countless emails and phone calls were exchanged and many miles were logged on vehicles, all in an effort to keep SNAP up and running efficiently.

Here is a recap of what our dedicated volunteers accomplished in 2006:

Certificate and Veterinary Services

On any given day, the SNAP phone line may have as many as 30 messages. Most are from people seeking our assistance. Each pet owner must be called – often multiple times – and eligibility interviews completed to determine if the owners qualify for our services. After the client co-payments are received, spay/neuter certificates are issued and mailed to the owners. Later, follow-up phone calls are placed to owners who have not redeemed their certificates. In addition, our volunteers must also occasionally help with transporting ani-

imals to the vet's office for surgery when the owner is not able to do so.

Paying the vet bills and coordinating the annual vet appreciation Christmas baskets round out our certificate and veterinary services, the heart of what SNAP is all about.

Data Management

A database management system enables us to track our certificates, memberships, and financial data. With 1,874 certificates issued in 2006 and 2-3 database entries per certificate, the work adds up quickly! Tracking our certificate program allows us to run such disparate statistics as the number of cat versus dog surgeries, the percentage of clients who live in Greene County, the average household income of our single-parent clients, or a list of clients who have not yet redeemed their certificates.

We also use the database to produce our monthly statistics, our monthly and yearly financial statements, and even tax information for our participating veterinarians.

Merchandise Sales

A group of SNAP volunteers made and sold more than 1,000

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handmade bandanas last year! Most of the sales took place at PetSmart, where volunteers staffed a table for more than 150 hours on Saturdays throughout the year. We also sold bandanas and other limited merchandise at Artsfest and several pet-related events.

Fundraising

SNAP volunteers raise money in a variety of ways, from recycling printer cartridges to busing tables at McAlister's Deli to collecting Summer Fresh store receipts to postage stamp donations. Here are some of the ways we raised funds in 2006:

- We increased the number of donation canisters placed at businesses around the Ozarks to 34 in 2006 and doubled our donations from \$2,000 to \$4,000!
- A group of volunteers met in February to assemble the annual membership drive mailing. Thirty people or businesses became new members as a result, and many others renewed their memberships throughout the year, thanks to monthly mail reminders.
- The Ice Cream Chill Out was held on a hot day in July and consisted of pet activities, Black Angus Bingo, a talent show, and much more. A massive number of hours were logged by the volunteers who planned and carried out this event.
- Christmas Sponsor-a-Spay trees were placed at four area

businesses during the holiday season, resulting in donations for 25 surgeries.

Grants

2006 was a lean year for grants. In some cases, we were no longer eligible to receive funding from organizations that have funded SNAP in the past. In other cases, our applications were rejected. This is the capricious nature of grant funding, but our volunteers will continue to submit grant applications on a regular basis.

Community Education

SNAP's primary outreach to the community is through our newsletter and website. Four times a year, our newsletter is designed, written, and edited by volunteers. Five hundred copies are printed, and a portion of each of our quarterly volunteer workshops is devoted to assembling the newsletter for mailing.



The website is updated regularly. New Sponsor-a-Spay lists and statistics are posted monthly. We also have many of our educational publications available in formats that may be downloaded from the website.

2006 was a special year because it heralded the development of SNAP's first ever public education campaign. As the year drew to a close, we were on the verge of unveiling the campaign and increasing our outreach to the public about the importance of spay/neuter.

Volunteer Coordination



The assignments of the many volunteers who complete SNAP projects throughout the year must be coordinated, and that is no small task. Each potential volunteer completes an application

and attends an orientation. We make every effort to place volunteers in positions that best fit their needs and schedules. We also try to offer a variety of volunteer assignments. The preceding pages are a testament to the many and varied activities in which SNAP is involved.

Volunteer workshops are held on a quarterly basis, at which time a volunteer is formally recognized for his or her contribution to SNAP. Each volunteer also receives a monthly volunteer e-newsletter to keep informed about current activities and board meetings, which are open to all volunteers (and the public).

SNAP could not exist without the commitment of our volunteers. Many thanks to the devoted animal lovers who gave of their time and talents in 2006:

Jennifer Ashton

Mel Auston

ME Beach

Susan Bell

Cindy Bird

Korina Branson

John & Barb Brockschmidt

Laurel Bryant

Mike Carlie

Susan Colburn

Mike Divine

Aaron & Elisa Edgington

Jackie Glass

Janet Halbrook

Vicki Hanson

Anne Heim

Sara Houston

Holly Hurshman

William Hutcherson

Stephanie Hurt

Lisa Ice

Sandy Jensen

Terry Kapp

Bonnie Klockenbrink

Niki Knopf

Christina Lee

Emily & Katy Manck

Richelle Massengale

Janet Martin

Julie Miller

Kimela Mullen

Renee Penninger

Mandy Phillips

Pam Poirot

Paula Roach

Susan Robords

Susan Scobey

Becky Seigel

Susan Smith

Larry & Judy Starnes

Mary Thompson

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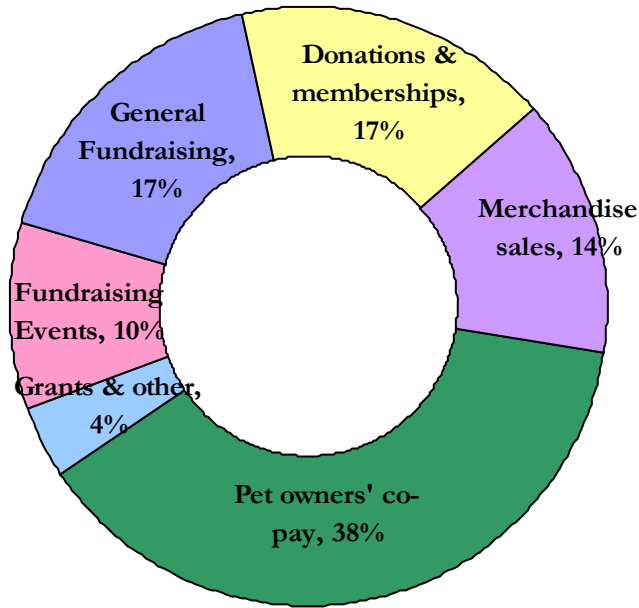
Susan Tolliver

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Ann Weiss

FINANCES

2006 Income: \$58,404



2006 Expenses: \$70,660

