



Solutions

Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

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Cool Off This Summer at SNAP's 2nd Annual Ice Cream **Chill-Out**

Ice cream, anyone? SNAP is again hosting a fun-crammed, ice-cream-slurping, activities-filled day to get the word out: Fix Your Pets!!!

Wanna entertain your kids? Show off your dog and his/her talents? Get your dog bathed? Then you won't want to miss the Chill-Out! Auctioneer Clint Shortt will be on hand for our live auction. We'll have musical entertainment. Do you enjoy games of chance? They don't come any more entertaining than this one...we've invited Babs, one of SNAP's most loyal supporters, to "decorate" a \$5-a-ticket square with one of her juiciest "pies." As last year's winner, Angie Bolin, will testify, Babs' pie placement won her the \$500 Black Angus Bingo prize. And, of course, we'll have plenty of delicious ice-cream. *All proceeds will fund spay/neuter surgeries for pets of needy families.*

Mark your calendars for July 17. Then join us at Rogersville City Park, from 10 am to 2 pm or till the cows come home, i.e., whenever Babs makes her deposit. (dog walk starts at 9 am)



How you can help:

- Sponsor a booth. You can promote your business while serving ice-cream, raising funds for SNAP and competing for the People's Choice award!
- Purchase some squares for Black Angus Bingo. Take a chance on winning \$500!
- Show up at the event, participate, and join us in making sure every pet is a *wanted* pet.
- Donate quality items for our auction.

To reserve a booth, submit your registration and payment no later than June 15. Make your \$50 check payable to SNAP (all are non-refundable, tax-deductible donations). You'll receive a welcome packet with Chill-Out tickets, event rules, and additional information.

For More Details:

- view a brochure at www.snap123.org
- call us at (417) 823-SNAP
- Email us at snap123@att.net

Last year we raised \$8,500, allowing us to fix more than 400 animals. Help us meet this year's goal of **\$10,000!**

How Can You Help? Sponsor a Spay!

Nearly a year ago we *unleashed* our Sponsor-A-Spay program. Since then, your generous donations have funded more than 120 spays *and* neuters (“speuters”) for needy pet owners. We’ve had great success, but as SNAP becomes more well-known (which is what we want), our waiting list keeps growing and now stands at 101 pets!

We’ve got everything from A to Z (Angel, a gray cat, and Ziggy, an orange cat), from cat to dog (Hope, 9-month old gray & white, to Missie, a brindle pit bull), from young to old (Baby, a 6-month-old chow/shepherd mix to Cassy, a 6-year-old white pom/spitz mix), from Chihuahuas to Collies (Paco to TAZ), and everything in between: all shapes, sizes, colors and political affiliations (just kidding, because that’s yet another wonderful trait of our four-legged friends...they don’t care about our politics!).



We are looking for donors to dig deep for some dough before these 101 pets quickly become 1,001 unwanted homeless animals. Our waiting list includes 23 dogs (13 are females) and 78 cats (26 are females). Fixing these Free-Lovin’ Felines and Casanova Canines will greatly reduce future pet overpopulation in the Ozarks.

For just \$25 you can sponsor a cat fix, and for \$40 you can sponsor a dog fix. Just send your check to SNAP and specify, if you wish, which pet(s) you want to help. In addition to the previously-named pets, here are just some of the meow-meows and bow-wows who await your generous sponsorship:

Cats awaiting sponsors:

- 🐾 Betty; 8MO/F, gray & white
- 🐾 Grey Baby; 2YO/M, black
- 🐾 Ivan; 1YO/M, gray
- 🐾 Kiara; 2YO/F, Siamese
- 🐾 Cody; 9MO/F, calico
- 🐾 Fluffy; 8MO/F, tortie
- 🐾 Hisser; 8MO/M, black
- 🐾 Jinx; 10MO/F, black
- 🐾 Leo-Daddy; 4YO/M, gray/tan

Dogs awaiting sponsors:

- 🐾 Ellie Mae; 1YO/F, white & brindle pit bull
- 🐾 Possum; 4MO/M, rottie/lab mix, tan
- 🐾 Squirrel; 4MO/F, rottie/lab mix, gry
- 🐾 Dirty Face; 6MO/F, yellow lab mix
- 🐾 Hot Rod; 1YO/M, poodle/terrier mix
- 🐾 Gretchen; 2YO/F, boxer mix, brown
- 🐾 Cornflake; 1YO/M, minpin/shih-tzu/chihuahua mix, white & brown

A Sassy Thank You Note

We received the following letter from a Fair Play couple who contacted us about a dog that had been dumped in their yard.

Thank you very much for your assistance in getting “puppy” spayed. We had her done on April 15th...and, we have named her Sassy, because we have decided to keep her as our own!! The vet determined her age to be eight months! She is a very good dog, and we do enjoy her company. As soon as we take some pictures of her I will mail one to you. She loves to run and explore our yard (which is fenced!!). Again, Thank you...Randy & Doris.

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Thank You, Merci, Gracias, Woof, and Meow

Our success depends upon the generosity of our participating veterinarians, our financial contributors, and our dedicated volunteers. We are very proud of what we have accomplished with your support! Thanks to you, more than 4,240 dogs and cats (and two bunnies) will live healthier lives, and many thousands of homeless animals will have a better chance to find a forever home.

Dear SNAP Supporters,

Can you provide any of the following items, so area dogs and cats will get fixed and stop producing puppies and kittens that compete for the homes we want?

- Cash donations (these help save lives, plus they're tax deductible!)
- Envelopes and postage stamps
- Gift certificates for office supplies (Office Depot, Office Max, etc.)
- Products and services for sale or raffle at SNAP's fundraising events and garage sales
- Long distance pre-paid Calling Cards
- Empty printer cartridges - SNAP gets money for recycling them!
- Best Choice UPC codes & Summer Fresh grocery receipts
- Clear plastic storage bins
- Auction items
- Fabric and old neckties. The SNAP sewing circle makes neat stuff out of them and sells them to raise money!

Love,

Southwest Missouri's Homeless Animals



Finish Up Your Spring Cleaning!

We desperately need quality items for our July 17 auction. Some ideas: furniture, appliances, antiques/collectibles, tools, jewelry, fishing/camping/sports equipment, horse tack, garden or patio furniture, farm equipment. Items can be used as long as they're in good condition. Some good resources: your attic, manufacturer reps with leftover samples, retail stores with overstocks; furniture consignment shops, your friends, your family. If you or someone you know owns a retail shop and can help out, please let us know by June 15. The auctioneer will be printing handbills for placement all over town, and your donation can be included on the bill. Of course, we will also gratefully accept items up to the day before the event!

Alert! Alert! Alert! Important Medical Warning!!!

We are including a synopsis of an article from the Alburtis Animal Hospital written by veterinarian Dr. Donovan for their March 20, 2004 newsletter. The article has been reviewed and its content confirmed by a local vet. We pass on this important information to make sure you do *not* administer Kaopectate®, which is newly formulated and now potentially lethal, to your feline friends. As always, please check with your veterinarian!

In the past, many veterinarians have told their customers to administer a small dose of Kaopectate® when their cats are experiencing gastro-intestinal problems. However, the “New & Improved” Kaopectate® now includes an aspirin derivative that can be toxic to cats in amounts formerly recommended by veterinarians.

To summarize, aspirin, Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, and now Kaopectate® must never be given to cats without consulting your veterinarian. Some dogs, too, can be sensitive to aspirin and its derivatives. For more information on preventing and treating poisonings, visit the ASPCA's Poison Control Center website at www.apcc.aspc.org.



Babies Having Babies



Meet Lily Marlana. She's currently being fostered for an area shelter by one of our SNAP volunteers. Lily is a poster child for “babies having babies.” Just look how little she is—only seven months old (which means she got pregnant at five months) and hardly bigger than a size seven sandal—yet she gave birth to five kittens just a few weeks ago. The babies didn't survive. Please let Lily be a reminder of how young a cat can get pregnant. Have your pets fixed *before* they are five months old!

If you know someone who would like to give Darling Lily a forever home, please contact SNAP asap!

What a Dog Gone Cute Name!

Ever wonder what the top ten North American dog names are...and what they mean?

1. *Sam/Samantha/Sammie*: From Hebrew meaning “the listener.”
2. *Max/Maxwell/Maxine/Maxie*: From Latin meaning “the greatest.”
3. *Lady*: Self explanatory.
4. *Bear*: Ditto.
5. *Maggie*: Derivation of a Persian word for “pearl.”
6. *Buddy*: Means friend.
7. *Tasha*: From the Russian, Natasha, meaning “birthday.”
8. *Chelsea*: A section of London.
9. *Holly*: Shrub that signifies good luck.
10. *Shasta*: A kind of daisy.

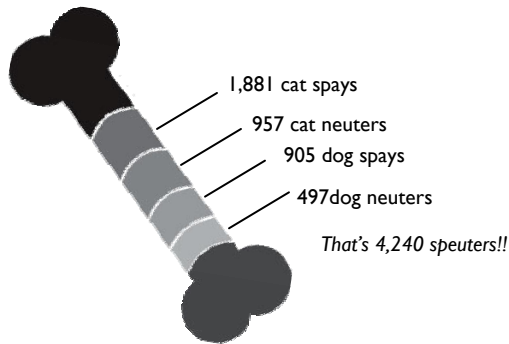
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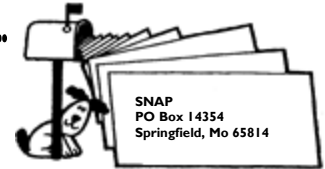


'cuz I'm the greatest!

Where The Money Goes!



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Mission Statement

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.

In Memoriam:

SNAP wishes to thank the caring individuals who contributed in the memory of:

Marlyn

Bryan Watts

Alice Roach

LaNita Edwards

Nancy Horton

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 ask SNAP's volunteer coordinator to contact me. I want to help!*

_____ *I have used printer cartridges to donate. 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: _____

What's Inside....

SNAP's 2nd Annual Ice Cream Chill Out

Join us for a live auction, Black Angus Bingo, dog activities, kids' activities, and lots of delicious ice cream!

Sponsor-A-Spay Program

As our successful program grows, so does our list of needy pets

Pet Alerts

Learn about how the new formula for Kaopectate makes it no longer safe to treat cats

Just for Fun

Top ten dog names in North America (David Letterman, here we come)

Babies Having Babies

Sweet Lily Marlena touches the hearts of SNAP volunteers

Calendar of Events

June 12; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Bark in the Park, Sequiota Park

July 10; 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Volunteer Workshop, Library Center

July 11; details TBA
Hogs for Dogs, SW Mo Humane Society, Northside Shelter

July 17; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*SNAP's 2nd Annual Ice Cream Chill Out
Rogersville City Park. Dog walk starts
at 9:00 a.m.*

August 14; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Volunteer Workshop, Library Center

September 17; details TBA
Second Chance Garage Sale

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