



Solutions

Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

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Randy & Virago's Happy Ending

"First of all, I want to say thank you so much. The place where I live says my dog, Virago, either gets fixed or goes. Although I don't have a lot of money, I have a lot of time and love for him. I spoil him the best I can. He is my life. Matter of fact, he is pretty much all I have.

Again, I am so thankful for your help and SNAP. You probably have no idea how much this means to me." - Randy N.

Many people depend on their pets for comfort and companionship. To have a pet taken

away would be emotionally devastating for any person and can be life threatening for the pet. It happens every day, and it almost happened to Randy and Virago. Thanks to our generous donors, however, SNAP was able to help keep this man and his beloved dog together.

This is just one example of how \$25 can have a major impact in someone's life. There are many more people like Randy who face the same circumstances. SNAP is very grateful that with your help, we can make the holiday season brighter for some of them!

Make Someone's Day...Sponsor a Spay!

In our September newsletter, we announced our Sponsor-a-Spay program. This program gives our supporters an opportunity to help specific pets who are waiting to be fixed but whose owners cannot afford to pay anything. We told you about nine pets and 32 former breeding dogs who needed help, and you came through for all of them! In fact, we received enough donations to fix even *more* pets who had since been added to the waiting list.

There are still many pet owners who want to fix their pets, but who do not have \$15 to \$40 to spare for the surgery. So they wait

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Everyone needs a friend to lean on!

Sponsor-a-Spay

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and hope that they'll be able to afford it soon. These delays are costly, though, because the pet owners often end up with six to ten *more* pets that need to be fixed or taken to the shelter.

This is where you can make a difference. Right now, there are at least 17 pets who need sponsors. You can sponsor a cat for \$25 or a dog for \$40. Just send a check to SNAP, indicate which pet you want to help, and you will insure that your sponsored pet can never add to our pet overpopulation problem.

The following pets are awaiting sponsors. Will you be their "Secret Santa" this year?

- Angel, 6-month-old female calico cat
- Slippers, 2-year-old male yellow cat
- Mojo, 4-year-old male yellow & white cat (known as the neighborhood tomcat)
- Divine, 6-month-old female black Cocker Spaniel
- Harley, 4-year-old female black & tan Dachshund
- Itty Bitty, 1-year-old female Siamese mix

cream with chocolate points

- Salem, 10-month-old male black cat
- LBA, 10-month-old male manx/tabby mix
- Gizmo, 6-month-old male white & black cat
- Sadie, 1-year-old female Yorkie
- Malcolm, 3-year-old male black cat
- Junior, 3-year-old male blonde cat
- Kitty, 2-year-old calico (she has a litter of 3-week-old kittens). Kitty's family has taken multiple litters to the humane society because they can't afford to fix their pets.
- Homer, 4-year-old male Boxer/Shepherd mix
- Buddy, 3-year-old male Yorkie
- Little Bit, 10-month-old Catahoula/Malanois mix
- Harry, 5-year-old male Beagle mix
- Five feral cats, gender unknown

SNAP plans to continue the Sponsor-a-Spay program until healthy, adoptable animals are no longer being euthanized in our shelters and pounds. With your help, that day will arrive much sooner!

Where the money goes...

<i>Surgeries</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>Total</i>
Dog Neuters	45	111	117	126	399
Dog Spays	64	177	218	223	682
Cat Neuters	43	174	219	214	650
Cat Spays	87	295	487	512	1,381
Total	239	757	1,041	1,075	3,112

All I Want for Christmas....

Dear Santa (or anyone else who is reading this),

SNAP volunteers have worked SO hard this year to try to end pet overpopulation and give us a chance for happy lives. But there still many pet owners out there who need to fix their pets. If you can help, then we won't have to compete with so many kittens and puppies for good homes. Please bring SNAP the following items. They're doing such a great job, and they can do even more with your help!

- Cash donations (these help save lives, plus they're tax deductible!)
- Two four-drawer filing cabinets and hanging file folders
- 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
- Long distance pre-paid calling cards
- Empty printer cartridges
- Best Choice Labels & Summer Fresh grocery receipts

Sincerely,



Southwest Missouri's Homeless Animals



P.S. SNAP doesn't have a house or a chimney, so if the object is too big to fit into their post office box, can you please call them to arrange pick up? Thank you.

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 3,100 dogs and cats will live healthier lives, and many thousands of homeless animals will have a better chance to find a forever home.

Shopping for Fur Kids? - Check Out These Ideas



The holiday season is here, and in the hustle and bustle of decorating the tree, holiday parties and family dinners, our furry, four-legged family members can sometimes feel left out. Our pets are never too busy to lavish attention on us, so shouldn't we return the favor?

If you are like most people, you will be struggling to find that one perfect gift for everyone on your list. Thankfully, dogs and cats are easy to please. Here are some ideas for spoiling your best friend this Christmas.

- Purchase some festive bandanas. SNAP has a huge selection available for pur-

chase thanks to Dorothy Nimmo, our friends at Krazy Kats, and our generous volunteers. No well-dressed dog or cat should be without a bandana. And our bandanas attach to your pet's collar, so they stay in place!

- Use SNAP's cookbook to prepare some tasty, healthy treats for your dog, your cat, or your bird!
- As long as you're purchasing neckwear for your pet, this is a great time to replace that grungy old collar with a new one that complements your pet's new bandana.
- Buy your pet a soft, warm bed to cuddle in on long winter nights.
- An interactive toy can provide hours of entertainment for you and your pet. The right toy can also provide lots of exercise, keeping your pet healthy and trim.

So don't forget your pets this season. Give us a call to find out how you can purchase a cookbook or bandana. Ask us about *Bottle Bingo*, a fun gift idea for the person who has everything.

Your Trash Means Cash to Us!

Here are some *easy* ways you can help SNAP and homeless animals.

- Let us recycle your empty printer cartridges. You can take your empty cartridges to the Southwest Missouri Humane Society location at 5135 S. Campbell or the CARE adoption center at 1328 W. Sunshine. You can also call us to locate more convenient drop points or request a prepaid mailing envelope for mailing your smaller cartridges. Proceeds from our Cash for Critters printer cartridge program also benefit the Southwest Missouri Humane Society and CARE.
- Send us your Summer Fresh grocery receipts and your Best Choice labels. SNAP can redeem them for cash!



If you decide to add a furry friend to your household this holiday season, please save a life by adopting from a shelter or rescue group.

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.

SNAP is a Missouri 501c3 not-for-profit corporation.

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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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