



Spay Neuter Assistance Program  
The Humane Solution to Pet Overpopulation

# Solutions

*Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them*

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

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## **Springfield SAAFhouse 2010**

By the time you read this, the SAAFhouse Spay-Neuter Clinic will have done 1,000 surgeries! After a year of planning and preparation, the clinic opened on August 24 and has been extremely busy. SAAFhouse provides high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter services to rescue groups, animal shelters, feral cat caregivers, and low-income pet owners.

The clinic is located in Springfield at 1600 North Washington, one block north of Division and six blocks west of National. For more information, visit <http://saaf2018.org/saafhouseclinic.html>.



SAAFhouse quick facts link: <http://saaf2018.org/saafhouseclinic.html>.

# Cold Weather Tips

Article from ASPCA.org

As it gets colder outside the ASPCA provides a list of ten tips or things to consider to help keep pets safe.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.

9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) more information.

10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.





# SPONSOR-A-SPAY FOR THE HOLIDAY!

Each year SNAP helps more than 1,500 pet owners who could not otherwise afford to have their pets fixed. Won't you help by sponsoring a spay this Christmas? Your tax-deductible \$25 gift will sponsor a cat, while \$40 will sponsor a dog. Simply fill out the form below and be assured that your generosity will help prevent unwanted litters.

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City-St-Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to "Sponsor-a-Spay." I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to sponsor: \_\_\_\_ Cat \_\_\_\_ Dog

**Mail to SNAP, PO Box 14354, Springfield, MO 65814**



Thank you for  
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Have a wonderful  
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## **SNAP's Role**

Many people have asked us what SNAP's role is now that Springfield is fortunate to have two low cost spay neuter clinics available to the public, the SAAFhouse and the Humane Society. SNAP has always maintained that we will help wherever we are needed. At this time, we are referring all Greene County residents to SAAF and the Humane Society. The only exception to that is if we qualified someone prior to September 1, 2010, then we will honor our commitment to help those animals. Any additional animals from that person will be referred to one of the above clinics.

Our focus now will be to help individuals in Christian, Dallas, Polk, Lawrence and Webster counties. We hope that with fewer calls coming in, (we had been getting approximately 30 calls a day for seven plus years), that we will be able to do a better job of assessing the needs of the individuals requesting assistance and assisting them with getting their pet or pets done immediately. The volunteers at SNAP continue to appreciate all the support we have received from the veterinary clinics, our members, and donors. We will continue to support spay/neuter in the area and provide spay/neuter service and education to financially strapped individuals.