



Solutions

Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

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Ice-Cream, Fun, and Painting Dogs! (seriously!)

It's right around the corner—your chance to beat the heat at SNAP's 3rd Annual Ice Cream Chill-Out!

Rogersville City Park is the place to be on Saturday, July 16 from 9am to 2pm for plenty of free entertainment and all the ice cream you can eat for just \$3! Whether you're a Chill Out veteran or a rookie, you're in for a treat, because we've gone "dog wild" to come up with even more doggone events for the kids (furry or human...or a little of both) and their parents.

Of course, back by popular demand is SNAP's Black Angus Bingo. Rogersville City Park's arena is marked off into grids and "Babs," our celebrity cow, having eaten to her four tummies' content, will roam the arena until she decides where to make her first "deposit." For a mere, miniscule, microscopic \$5 per ticket, *you* could take home the \$500 prize if Babs chooses your square for that deposit! Best of all, Black Angus Bingo will raise enough money for SNAP to fix up to 300 needy pets. So don't miss out on the fun. To find out how you can get your Black Angus Bingo tickets, contact us today at 823-7627 or snap123@att.net.



Also on hand: Model-Ts, concessions, exhibitors' giveaways, games and prizes, a Pet "cake-walk,"



short-legged dog races, face painting, balloon animals, a live band, and a water/treat station for our furry friends. As if all that weren't enough, this year we've added a couple of fire trucks (one's antique; one's new), roaming jugglers, an "Ask the Vet" booth, a pet parade, a middle school Essay Contest, an elementary grade Poster Contest, and the piece de resistance (drum roll, please) ... "Animal Idol" - SNAP's special talent show for pets and/or their people!

And here's something we bet you *haven't* tried...Kim Lilley, and her dogs known as the "First Aid Kit," will host a dog painting booth for those of you who think you have a budding little "Puglo" Picasso or Henri "Muttisse" just waiting to demonstrate his artistic talents. Original water colors will be available for purchase from the "pawsome" painters as well! This is a sight *nobody* will want to miss! Be sure to bring your cameras. ☺

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Nickel Neuter Day is a Yowling Success!

Wednesday, May 18, was SNAP's first ever *Nickel Neuter Day*. As part of the *Operation TLC* grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, SNAP was able to offer neuter surgeries for a nickel per cat to qualified low-income pet owners living in zip code 65802.

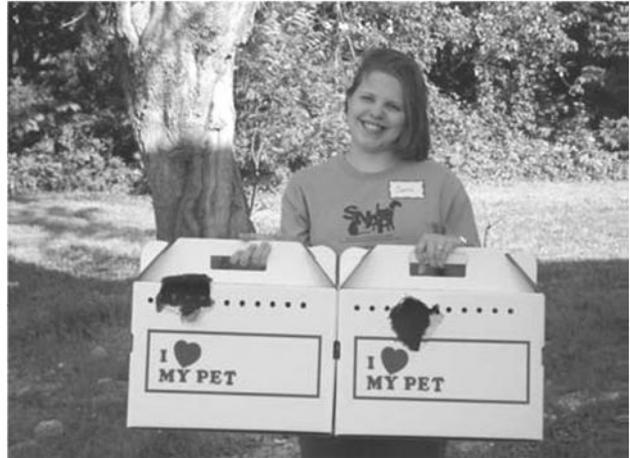
Enrollment got off to a slow start, but publicity from KOLR TV and KTTS in early May helped us increase the number of appointments. By the 18th we had a band of volunteers in place and a bunch of soon-to-be-fixed tomcats ready for their big day.

Volunteers arrived at 7 am at a central drop-off point. A cool, clear morning awaited us. Cats of all shapes and sizes poured in for the next hour-and-a-half—51 in all. There were kittens and adults, short-hair and long, brown tabbies and tuxedo cats. They had great names like Chico, Stu, Henry, and Cat Man Do. After check-in, volunteers loaded the cats into vans and transported them to one of three area clinics for surgery.

By early afternoon, volunteers were back at the drop-off point. The cats returned shortly after, alert and ready to go home. Jesse Blades, a student member of the SMSU Vet Club, was on hand to answer questions and give post-op instructions.



SNAP volunteers Holly Hurshman, Sara Houston, and Reagan Henry check in SNAP clients as they arrive with their little Casanovas.



Volunteer Sara Houston displays the handiwork of our furry little escape artists.

Nickel Neuter Day was a resounding success, especially since we had never attempted anything like this before. No cats escaped, although a couple of cardboard carriers were declared DOA (dead on arrival) thanks to a couple of resourceful kitties with sharp teeth. We had some no-shows. Apparently some neighborhood strays must have sensed what was up and decided to go into hiding until they knew the coast was clear and *Nickel Neuter Day* was history. Fortunately, we'll be able to follow up and get those sneaky kitties neutered through our regular program.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who were a part of this unique and rewarding experience—Mel Auston, Cindy Bird, Anne Heim, Reagan Henry, Sara Houston, Holly Hurshman, Jana Johnmeyer, Janet Martin and Earl Rothman. Thanks also to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for providing the funding, and to Bradford Park, Grant Avenue, and Divine vet clinics for neutering 51 cats in just a couple of hours! Finally, thanks to KSPR TV for sending out a crew to cover our big event!

We have lots of good memories from *Nickel Neuter Day*. Who can forget Rascal, the last cat to be picked up? Rascal was not happy to be kept waiting, but despite his valiant efforts—and because three of us watched him like a hawk—he did not manage to open his carrier.

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In Memoriam*Charles O'Reilly, Sr.**Edie Cox Riffel**Margarete A. Scholz**Bee Payne-Stewart**Pearlie Mae Weiss**Helen Williams***Spread the Word...**

Do you have animal loving friends who might be interested in supporting SNAP's efforts? Please provide their mailing addresses and we will be happy to send them one of our newsletters.

Where the Money Goes....

Thanks to your generosity, SNAP has helped fix

6,371 pets!

93% of SNAP's budget pays for spay/neuter surgeries, and 7% goes toward operating costs. SNAP pays no salaries or rent.

Pain-Free Giving

They say "No Pain—No Gain." Well, at SNAP, we've proved them wrong! There are *numerous* painless ways to give to SNAP, and there is a definite gain for needy pets!

- 1) Best Choice UPC codes
- 2) PriceCutter Community Bucks (Please watch the expiration dates!)
- 3) Summer Fresh Grocery Receipts
- 4) Empty Printer Cartridges
- 5) iGive.com (Visit our website for the link. A portion of your purchase is donated to SNAP.)

Thank you so much for your support!!

Have You Sponsored a Spay Today?

There are some new pets on our Sponsor-a-Spay waiting list. Won't you please sponsor one of these pets, or visit our web site for a complete listing of the 75 pets currently awaiting sponsors? If you would like to sponsor one of these pets (or two or twelve or twenty....), we thank you!

Your \$25 donation will sponsor a cat; \$40 will sponsor a dog. Your generosity truly *saves lives!*

Kittens and cats awaiting sponsors:

- 🐾 Dijon, 4 mo Male
- 🐾 Pooter, 18 mo Female Short-Haired Calico
- 🐾 Mayo, 4 mo Female
- 🐾 Fluffers, 8 mo Male White & Orange
- 🐾 Ketchup, 4 mo Male
- 🐾 Kia, 8 mo Male Short-Hair Grey
- 🐾 Marley, 8 mo Male Short-Hair Grey & White

Dogs awaiting sponsors:

- 🐾 KC, 7 yr Female Cocker Black & White
- 🐾 Woody, Male Rat Terrier Black & White
and some oldies still need your help...
- 🐾 Aussie, 1 yr Female Rat Terrier/Aussie Mix
- 🐾 Wrangler, 3 yr Female Blue Heeler
- 🐾 Millie, 1 yr Female Dachshund
- 🐾 Pugsy, 1 yr Male Shih Tzu Mix Black

SNAP's Wish List

- Cash donations
- Empty printer cartridges
- Gift certificates for office supplies
- Gift certificates from local fabric stores (Hancock Fabric, JoAnn's, FM Store)
- Long distance pre-paid calling cards
- Best Choice UPC codes
- PriceCutter Community Bucks (please send them before they expire!)
- Summer Fresh grocery receipts
- 4-drawer filing cabinet
- Envelopes and postage stamps
- Pre-paid monthly rental on a storage unit
- Printer paper (white or colorful)

To Contact Us...



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SNAP is a Missouri 501c3
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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.

Tell Us What You Think!

How much do you read our newsletter?

- From cover to cover
 Selected articles
 Skim at best
 Hardly ever/not at all (Would you like to be taken off our mailing list? YES NO)

What happens to the newsletter at your house?

- Keep it as reference or until next newsletter arrives
 Toss it right away
 Pass it on to others

Please check the types of articles that are of interest (check all that apply)

- SNAP events
 Information about SNAP results (spays and neuters, etc.)
 True life stories about animals that have gotten neutered/spayed through SNAP
 Educational articles & current events
 What volunteers are doing
 Other (please specify):

We'd be delighted to receive any feedback you might have to help us stay in touch and provide you with a newsletter you will enjoy.

Thank you for your time and input. We are very interested in your opinions!

Extreme Makeover - SNAP's Web Site Has a New Look!

SNAP volunteer Christina Lee, a student at Drury University has given our website a new look! We hope you will stop by to check it out – she did an absolutely fabulous job, and we are very lucky to have her!

New features include an events calendar, an updated list of pets waiting for sponsors, some new links to helpful animal-related resources, and some very cute photos.

We hope to include on our events calendar all animal-related events happening in the Ozarks so that people can find fun things to do with their pets and can support animal rescue efforts in as many ways as possible. If you know of an upcoming event, contact us with the details, and we'll add it to our calendar.

Our new Resources page has some great new links for pet care, lost and found pets, ideas for kids, and more. We will be adding to this page often, so be sure and visit us frequently.



And if you like to shop online, be sure to click on our iGive link! A portion of your purchase price will be donated to SNAP.

Sadly, Christina is in California for her summer break, and we don't have any volunteers who can keep the content fresh during her absence. If you are proficient in web design or HTML programming (or know somebody who is) we need you! Please get in touch with us at 823-7627 or snap123@att.net. Thanks!

Nickel Neuter Day

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And we remember the people. It was great to meet some of our clients and see firsthand how much SNAP's help is needed and appreciated.



Hey, Butch...how you makin' out on that lock? You might want to pick up the pace...Someone's comin' to get us, and he looks like he means business!

Ice Cream Chill Out

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If you would like to showcase the goods and services of your business, agency or group, there's still time to rent a Chill-Out booth. Booths are available for \$50, and vendors are responsible for providing ice cream and a game with small prizes or giveaways.

Still needed: walkie-talkies, donated items for door prizes, and *volunteers* to help us make this the best Chill-Out ever.

To reserve a booth, to volunteer, or to ask for additional information, call us at 823-7627 and leave a message for Susan.

We'll see you next month!



Pet Product Alert!!

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) – Pet care products company Hartz Mountain Corp. said Friday it would discontinue two over-the-counter topical flea and tick products for cats next spring, a move prompted by concerns over the number of adverse reactions suffered by the pets.

The Hartz Advanced Care 4 in 1 Flea and Tick Drops Plus for Cats and the Hartz Advanced Care 3 in 1 Flea and Tick Drops for Cats will still be sold in retail outlets through March 31, 2006, when the company will launch a new product for cats.

No other Hartz Mountain flea and tick products are affected by the voluntary cancellation, which came about after discussions with the Environmental Protection Agency. The Secaucus-based firm also said it had signed an agreement with the agency to cancel the product registrations for the advanced care topical cat products.

Signs of individual animal sensitivity have included skin irritation, hair loss at the application site, salivation and tremors. If signs of sensitivity occur, pet owners should bathe their cat with mild soap, rinse with large amounts of water and consult a veterinarian immediately.

Consumers with questions can call the company at 800-275-1414.

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