



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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SNAP receives grant from Nestle Purina

Christmas came a little early when we received a grant from Nestle Purina on December 21, 2005. \$3,160 was given to SNAP for a single-parent hardship fund.



The average monthly household income of SNAP clients is only \$946. For single-parent families, however, the financial situation is often more dire with an average household income of only \$785. In the coming months, the money so generously provided by Purina will fund 70-80 surgeries for families who would not otherwise be able to afford to have their pets fixed.

'Hear Ye, Hear Ye' Annual meeting notice

Mark your calendars now! SNAP's second annual meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5, in the Library Center's Story Hour Room (near the Children's Department), 4653 S. Campbell. We will give a full report on SNAP's 2005 activities, as well as a sneak preview of things coming up this year. The annual meeting is also a chance for us to say thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers. Without you, there would be no SNAP, so please join us if you can! We'll have refreshments, and do our best to make it an interesting and informative evening.

April 5
7 p.m.
Library Center
4653 South
Campbell
Story Hour
Room

Lessons Learned from Katrina

Proposed Pet Evacuation Bill Among New Ideas

The heartbreaking pictures and stories of the devastation no longer appear on the nightly news. It's a new year and we are all maxed-out on holiday cheer, credit cards, natural disasters and wars. We're ready for a fresh start and high hopes for a much better year – right?

Meanwhile, we read in the latest issue of *Best Friends Magazine* that people are still working to rescue the animals roaming the streets in the devastated areas of New Orleans and other Gulf Coast cities. Displaced pets in the hundreds roam the streets, some hiding because of fright or injury. The workers are faced with the challenge of keeping the animals alive until the overcrowded shelter facilities have space to take them. They routinely place food and water in the destroyed neighborhoods to keep the animals alive.

After the hurricane, there was an unprecedented outpouring of financial support for national animal welfare groups. According to Paul Berry, Best Friends Director of Operations, the public's response to Katrina created an opportunity for a



more progressive method of animal care, including spay/neuter clinics and shelters designed for adoption rather than euthanasia. "It was the silver lining in

the cloud of catastrophe: the chance to build an entirely new approach to animal care and control to a region that had resisted spay/neuter, adoption and other no-kill programs."

Unfortunately, these plans for the future must be put on hold because of the numbers of displaced pets still roaming the streets. Growing up without

human contact on the streets, they can grow into packs of feral dogs and cats, enlarging the cycle of pet overpopulation, homeless pets and ultimately euthanasia.



What lesson can we take from this? As animal lovers, we know how difficult it is for you to see and hear about an event that causes such widespread suffering to our best friends. Instead of resting easily here in sunny Missouri as we enjoy our own four-legged families, let us be proactive in honor of the Katrina animals.

If you haven't already, we urge you to 'spread the message' that spaying and neutering is the best opportunity we have to stop the overpopulation and killing of animals. Until the *entire* Ozarks community gets that message, we will continue to be part of the problem instead of the solution.

Another lesson learned from Katrina is how important pets are to their families. If you're reading this newsletter, you already knew that, but apparently some people did not! Evacuation plans separated people from their pets, a mistake that was not repeated when Hurricane Rita struck a few weeks later. In fact, on September 22, 2005, just two days before Rita came ashore, U.S. House Representatives Tom Lantos (D-California) and Christopher Shays (R-Connecticut) introduced the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS) bill into Congress. The bill would require the government to include animals in future emergency evacuation plans.

None of us can comprehend the devastation that awaited animal welfare groups in those days and weeks following Katrina. But what we can do is *not forget*. There is much work left to be done. If you'd like more information on hurricane relief efforts and how you can help, please visit www.bestfriends.org.

New member welcome

Student/Senior

Bill & Phyllis Barclay
Mary Ann Clements
Jeanne Komo
Alberta Lafleur
William Reynolds
Joyce Tinsley

Individual

Douglas Anderson
Crystal Callahan
Marjorie Daniel
Cindy Platz
Jim Preston
Betty Sugg
Mary Thompson
Carol Thornsberry
Cindy Turner
Edna White

Family

Marty & Melodi Bare
Stacy Bernard
Laura, Chandler
& Jackson Beaty
Susan & Raymond Bell
Stephanie Hurt
Marilyn Johnson
Madeleine Kernen
Shanne Shipman
Susie Singleton
Judy Starnes

Business

Autumn Olive Farms
Tender Care Grooming

Lifetime

Jim Mason
Mary Mudry

Bandanas are back!

After a brief winter respite, our tabling resumed at PETsMART on March 4, 2006. From 11:00 to 5:00 pm each Saturday, SNAP volunteers will be at PETsMART selling bandanas, handing out educational literature, and admiring all the dogs that have brought their owners in to shop. Stop by and say hello!



By the numbers...

- **3.3** - The average number of unaltered pets owned by SNAP clients
- **60.9** – the percentage of SNAP clients who live in Greene County
- **\$67,245** - the amount SNAP paid to area veterinarians in 2005 for 1,953 spay/neuter surgeries
- **7,677** – the total number of spay/neuter surgeries sponsored by SNAP since 2000

In Memoriam

Keno Doty
Arlean Graves
*Leesa Padgett's be-
loved dog Cheyenne*



New year, new day—a great time to sponsor a spay

As usual, there are plenty of 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 more than 40 pets currently awaiting sponsors? Your generous sponsorship helped 152 pets in 2005!

Your \$25 donation will sponsor a cat, while \$40 will sponsor a dog. Simply fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter, and be assured that your generosity will help *save lives!*

Kittens and cats awaiting sponsors:

- ☛ Monkey, 1 yr Male, Short-haired Gray Tabby
- ☛ Muffie, 2 1/2 mo, Female Short-haired Calico
- ☛ Coda, 2 yr Female, Short-haired Tuxedo
- ☛ Stokes, 5 mo Male, Long-haired Cream & White
- ☛ Hobbit, 4 mo Male, Short-haired Orange & White
- ☛ Stormy, 3 yr Female, Short-haired Gray
- ☛ Precious, 1 yr Female, Short-haired Black

Dogs awaiting sponsors:

- ☛ Shane, 2 yr Male, Lab Pit Husky Mix
- ☛ Sam, Male, Rat Terrier mix
- ☛ Cindy, 1 yr Female, Pointer Walker Hound Mix
- ☛ Mama's Baby, 1 yr Male, Pomeranian
- ☛ Tootsie, 1 yr Female, Chihuahua Mix
- ☛ Dolly, 1 yr Female, Shih Tzu Mix
- ☛ Snoopy, Male, Rat Terrier Black & White



Your lifesaving gift

There are many ways to make a planned gift to SNAP. The most common way is in a will or living trust. You can set aside a certain dollar amount or leave a percentage of your estate or any assets after your family bequests have been fulfilled. Planned gifts may also include property, a life insurance policy, retirement account, or other financial investment.

Your gift can help countless pets through our program and will be recognized in a professional and courteous way. We welcome your interest, questions and contributions. For more information, please contact Becky Seigel at 848-3469

MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP SNAP

eBay and iGive

Here are two more ways you can help SNAP raise money!

One is through **eBay**, the Internet auction company with which you are probably already familiar. We are looking for items to sell on eBay, and we need your help! Most of us have hidden treasures lurking about in our homes, attics or garages—things we just can't bring ourselves to give away at garage sale prices but don't need or want anymore. Well, here is a wonderful opportunity to get rid of them and help SNAP raise money at the same time. We are looking for items that have a minimum value of \$30, weigh no more than 20 lbs., and are a reasonable size for our eBay volunteer to pack and ship. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Susan Scobey at smcobey@mchsi.com, or call the SNAP line (823-7627) and leave a message. Susan will call you back to discuss all the details.



The other way you can help SNAP is by using **iGive** if you shop online. It's as simple as going to this website: www.igive.com/html/refer.cfm?memberid=385667&causeid=30278. This link is also at the SNAP website (www.snap123.org) under the "how to help" tab. Either way, visiting this address automatically identifies SNAP as your charity of choice. Then shop till you drop! SNAP will automatically receive a check.

There are over 660 stores on iGive—everything from clothing and collectibles to health and home. Some of the participating stores include Hammacher Schlemmer, Target, Neiman Marcus, PETsMART, JC Penney's, Lands' End, Home Depot, Sharper Image, and tons more! Donations vary, but the average amount is typically 2-5% per purchase.

Thanks for a very good year!



Here are some of the area businesses who have been so helpful to SNAP. Please acknowledge them with your patronage and mention that you appreciate their support of our organization.

In the next issue we will be thanking the various retailers, artists and providers who have helped SNAP raise much needed funds to carry on our important work.

Animal Related businesses that have donated items or gift certificates to our auction

- **All About Cats and Dogs** 2632 S. Glenstone ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 883-7387
- **Bass and Smith Feed Service** 148 Industry Rd. ♦ Rogersville, MO 65742 ♦ 753-2402
- **Bradford Park Vet Hospital** 1255 E. Independence ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 886-0777
- **Bea's Pet Grooming** 380 Deffenderfer Rd. ♦ Ozark, MO 65721 ♦ 582-0775
- **Candid Creations** 799 Green Mound Rd. ♦ Highlandville, MO 65669 ♦ 443-6073
- **Doggie Doo's Grooming** 137 W. Hwy 174 ♦ Republic, MO 65738 ♦ 732-8830
- **Gourmet Paw Barkery** 3830 S. Lone Pine ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 799-0084
- **Kim Lilley and her First Aid Kit** and doggie art ♦ 887-9197
- **Pet Beautician** 2539 E. Cherry ♦ Springfield, MO ♦ 862-7387
- **Ralston Purina** 2555 Partnership Blvd. ♦ Springfield, MO 65803
- **Three Dog Bakery** 900 E. Battlefield Rd ♦ Springfield, MO 65807 ♦ 889-3647
- **Randy Hanson, Pet Photographer** 2632 S. Glenstone ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 883-7387

Thank you!

Restaurants that have provided food or gift certificates for our events

- **Abbey Roads Foods** 1307 E. Montclair ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 831-9944
- **Bijan's** 209 E. Walnut ♦ Springfield, MO 65806 ♦ 831-1480
- **Bruno's Restaurant** 416 South Avenue ♦ Springfield, MO 65806 ♦ 866-0007
- **Café Roswitha** 2640 S. Glenstone ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 881-2003
- **Flame Steak House** 314 W. Walnut ♦ Springfield, MO 65806 ♦ 862-4444
- **Nearly Famous Deli** 1828 S. Kentwood ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 883-3403
- **McAlisters Deli** ♦ 1460 E. Primrose ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 890-5250
- **Mille's Café** 313 S. Jefferson ♦ Springfield, MO 65806 ♦ 831-1996
- **Riad Greek Cuisine** 105 Park Central Square ♦ Springfield, MO 65806 ♦ 866-1151
- **Touch** 1620 E. Republic Rd. ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 823-8383
- **Tropical Breezes** 1730 E. Republic Rd. ♦ Springfield, MO 65804 ♦ 883-1411
- **Valentines** 2902-B S. Campbell ♦ Springfield, MO 65807 ♦ 891-9700

YES!

I would like to become a member of SNAP to help reduce the number of unwanted animals born in Southwest Missouri. I understand that by becoming a member, I will receive a quarterly newsletter and an invitation to SNAP's annual meeting. (Membership is renewable annually and is tax deductible. Payment may be made by check or money order.)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student/Senior (60 & over) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Lifetime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Family | |

OR...

- _____ I want to help! Please send information about becoming a SNAP volunteer.
_____ I want to support SNAP's work with the enclosed tax-deductible donation.
_____ Please make a donation in memory of _____
_____ Please send me information on estate planning .
_____ 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

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