



# A Stitch n Time



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## New Item for 2002 Nut Sale

☛ You don't know the meaning of "double-dipped" until you have tried the *NEW* item in the nut sale! Malted milk balls have been added to the traditional list of nuts and candy.

This fundraiser is vital to SNSI. Without it, we would not be able to continue through the following year!

Help increase our sales this year by finding new acquaintances to sell to — they will surely enjoy these delicious nuts and candy.

Be sure to have your orders to **Xandra Hamilton** by October 7. Delivery will be made by Thanksgiving. Perfect for holiday baking, enjoying, and gift giving.

Note that the White Chocolate Covered Pretzels are no longer available.

Oh, and don't forget to order a couple bags of giant malted milk balls!



## New Feature Column

☛ There is a new column in this issue that will be continued in each newsletter. On page six you will find the *Animal Control Report* by **Lucy Meyer**. Each column will give SNSI members some insight as to what is currently going on at 2600 South Harding (Animal Care and Control).

Although **Lucy** is starting this column, she will not

be able to continue to as she is leaving Indianapolis to get married. **Darcie Kurtz** will take over the *Animal Control Report* in the next issue.

We are also printing extra of this newsletter to send to those who purchased in the 2001 Nut Sale. Our hope is that some of those folks can become "nut sellers" in addition to "nut buyers!"

## Since 1775, The U.S. Postal Service has been connecting people by mail. Now, in 2002, helping animals near you.

☛ The new 37-cent first-class Neuter or Spay postage stamp will officially go on sale nationwide at post offices on September 20!

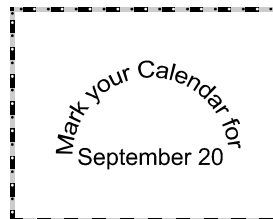
The Neuter or Spay stamps portray a male puppy and a female kitten that were photographed in a Connecticut animal shelter while awaiting adoption. Each was subsequently neutered or spayed and adopted into a loving home.

Additionally, the margin of the pane of stamps features a

toll-free telephone number, **1-888-pets911**, and a website address, **www.pets911.com**, for customers to obtain additional neuter and spay information.

Hoosiers who call the telephone number or go to the website will be led to Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana.

This is the first U.S. postage stamp to call attention to the pressing issue of pet overpopulation. Be ready to get your supply on September 20.





*Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc. is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization supported by people who care. It was formed in 1977 to provide a solution to the pet overpopulation problem.*

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**Be Sure Your Kindness  
Lives Forever**

A helping hand can be extended beyond your lifetime. Endowments and bequests enable SNSI to add services to our program of assisting limited-income families with the spaying-neutering of pets and to educate pet owners on the need to spay-neuter their pets.

If you wish to remember us in your will or life insurance policy, be sure to use our corporate name, Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc. This way you can be certain that the kindness of your lifetime will be perpetuated.

## **REMEMBERING SPECIAL FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND PETS**



### **PET MEMORIALS**

In memory of **COLCA**,  
beloved dog of Brad, Leslie,  
Meredith and Caroline Stoner  
Jodi Stoner

In memory of **MAGGIE**,  
Tuffy and Clover's Buddy and  
companion who lived with  
Marilyn Goff  
By: Xandra Hamilton  
Also: Margot Finot  
Ginny Kingsbury  
Jean Ditzenberger

In memory of dog, **HAGUS**,  
who was a Great White Pyreneese  
and cat, **FELIX**, who was an all  
American cat. The cat had  
survived by staying about a  
nursing home and when the lady  
who fed it died, Kathy and Roger  
Heffner took it in and gave a home  
to the "survival feline."  
Margot Finot  
Ginny Kingsbury  
Dudley

In memory of **WENDY**, a  
Border Collie owned by  
Sally and Hugh McKnight  
Margot Finot  
Ginny Kingsbury  
Dudley

**M**ake A Difference Day is America's largest day of service. Millions helping others. Millions of lives are changed forever. Please join the action on the 12th Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 26.

**It's easy to make a difference.**


Look around your community and identify a cause that needs attention. Then decide to tackle it — by yourself or with a group.

If any SNSI members participate in Make A Difference Day, we want to hear about it! No matter how small or large the act, everyone can make a difference.

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**Thank you to the 124 teachers who are "making a difference" by participating in the Kind News Program for 2002-2003 School Year.**

## Pet Sitting Resource


 Pet Sitters International allows you to search for a pet sitter in your area by entering a zip code or city.

There are also tips on choosing a trustworthy person such as checking references and choosing a sitter that is bonded and insured.

Pet sitters found on this website are held to "Standards of Excellence" set forth by PSI.

Click on [www.petsit.com](http://www.petsit.com) to find a listing near you.

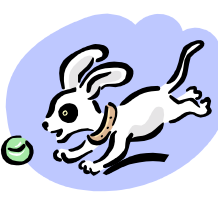
## Oh, Piddle

 Neutralize odor by alternating baking soda and vinegar.

Follow cleaning up a pet mess by sprinkling the area with baking soda, leaving that overnight, and then sweeping or vacuuming it up.



Pet urine often has both acidic and alkaline components, so the next step is to neutralize the alkaline baking soda and residual alkaline odor using a strong vinegar wash. Use 2 cups

 of white distilled vinegar to 1 gallon of water. Wash the area with the vinegar wash, and then rinse. The strong smell of the vinegar will dissipate in a few hours.

Always a good idea to check an inconspicuous spot before treating your carpet.


## Marsh Supermarkets Community Shopper

Register SNSI as your favorite charity: 1) show your Fresh Idea Card, 2) choose "Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc." and 3) give our Express Code of 310922223.

*Participants who have designated SNSI as their "favorite charity" at Marsh — 17*

SNSI Corporate Sponsor:  
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## High-Tech Solution Saving Pets From Euthanization

 Recently, Indianapolis officials were offered a potential, simple solution to the thousands of unwanted pets that get euthanized each year.

**David Loftus**, a Washington State resident, is a pet lover, marketing guru and co-developer of Pet-Ark, a software package designed to help animal shelters. **Loftus** was in Indianapolis in mid-August to demonstrate the system to **Jim Garrard** (Interim Director of Indianapolis Animal Care and Control) and the Mayor's Task Force.

The software is very user friendly. When an animal is taken into a shelter, the Pet-Ark program guides animal control staffers through a series of questions about the animal.

Once entered, Pet-Ark automatically writes a short biography.

At the same time, animal shelter staff members take a digital picture of the animal that is attached to the biography.

This high-tech method is more efficient than paper-pencil or one staffers' memory.

Pet-Ark is already being used by shelter and rescue agencies in some western states.

The amazing part, Pet-Ark gives away the software! There is no fee for this simple, effective way of getting maximum exposure to animals in shelters.

## How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?



Golden retriever: "The sun is out, the day is young and you're worrying about a stupid light bulb?"

Border collie: "Just one? And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code."

Lab: "Oh, me! Me! Pleese let me change the bulb! Can I? Can I?"



Rottweiler: "Make me."

Old English sheepdog: "Light bulb? I don't see a light bulb."

Cat: "Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the question is, how long will it be before I can expect light?"





## ANNUAL NUT SALE ORDER FORM

**DEADLINE: October 7**

Individual orders from order form on page **five** should be combined and the salesperson should return this summary sheet with payment to:

Xandra Hamilton  
1025 South 900 East  
Zionsville, IN 46077  
(317) 769-6386



### NOTES TO SALESPERSON:

- Make check(s) payable to **Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc. (SNSI)**
- Keep a copy of this sheet for yourself; individual sheets will not be returned to you!
- Compile all of your orders on this one sheet.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE, EACH	TOTAL PRICE
	1 lb. Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$7.00	
	1 lb. Deluxe Mixed Nuts - No Peanuts	\$7.00	
	1 lb. Chocolate-Pecan Carmel Clusters	\$7.00	
	1 lb. Giant Roasted Whole Cashews	\$8.00	
	1 lb. Honey Roasted Peanuts	\$4.00	
	1 lb. Chocolate Covered Almonds	\$6.00	
	1 lb. Malted Milk Balls	\$5.00	
<i>I cannot participate in the nut sale, but I will contribute:</i>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

SALESPERSON'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery will be made before Thanksgiving \*\*\* Order form may be reproduced.



## Mobile Spay Neuter Clinic News

 **Eric and Julie Smith** of I-CAN (*and SNSI members!*) made a major purchase recently.

In late July, they bought a 34-foot travel trailer and a 15-passenger van to tow it. No, they are not retiring!

They are hard at it, still with the goal to end euthanasia of stray, abandoned and unwanted pets by 2008. This vehicle has hopes of becoming Indianapolis' first mobile spay-neuter clinic!


There are at only eight mobile clinics operating in the United States. A mobile clinic in Indianapolis means more spay-neuter surgeries in low-income neighborhoods where transportation may be a problem.

Donations are still needed to add the medical equipment and meet the goal of starting surgeries before the end of the year.

Mind you, the Smith's are not resting idly until the mobile van is on the road. They coordinated a huge spay-neuter day on August 11 where 48 cats were sterilized. In addition, another day in August — organized by the Smith's — found homes for 38 cats from various rescue groups.

Give generously to I-CAN so we can see Indianapolis' first mobile clinic on the road! (See special insert.)



 It is a pleasure to kick off a new column devoted to news from the Indianapolis Animal Care and Control (ACC) Division. It is an even greater to report that progress and improvements at the city shelter are continuing at a rapid pace. As you may recall, the city ended its contract with the Humane Society and a

new management team took over. The Mayor appointed Jim Garrard as "Interim" Administrator and Margie Smith-Simmons as the new Community Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator. Also hired were Gary Throgmorton, the Operations Manager who oversees the law enforcement functions, and Dave Wintz, the new Kennel Manager. Together, these committed and caring professionals have "turned the place around," making significant improvements in animal care, community relations, employee morale, and program development.

The long list of

## Animal Control Report by Lucy Meyer

accomplishments includes the hiring of a part-time veterinarian, Dr. Brett Johnson, who has overseen reforms for improving disease control and veterinary care to the animals.

Thanks to the generosity of private donors, ACC is now equipped with outdoor fencing so that dogs can get some fresh air and exercise. The shelter will

**Registration Discussion**  
Currently there is a proposal before the City-County Council to re-establish a registration program for animals residing within the city limits. Most cities throughout the country have such a program in place whereby pet owners pay a nominal annual fee to register their pets (fees for spayed/neutered animals are reduced). The current proposal would require only owners of unaltered pets to register and pay a \$50 fee. Various other registration/identification proposals are being considered and it is likely that amendments will be made. The Public Safety Committee of the City Council will weigh in on this issue on October 9th.

rely heavily on volunteers to assist with dog walking. The staff has also created a website, with pictures of adoptable animals, and is exploring computer software options to help streamline operations. In addition, animals are being featured in a list of media events and other appearances.

In summary, ACC has come a long way in the last few years.

However, there is still much to be done. Meaningful progress for animals in our communities are seen in reduced numbers entering shelters and being euthanized. ACC is making great strides to become a partner in this effort.

That is good news, indeed.