



A Stitch in Time

Central Indiana's Leading Resource for Spay-Neuter Services

SNSI Holds Annual and Nationally Recognized Fundraiser

Nuts and candy will be sold again by SNSI to benefit local pet owners and their animals. This annual fundraiser allows SNSI to continue to provide financial spay/neuter assistance and responsible pet ownership education to our community throughout the year. **Every sale contributes directly to helping eliminate pet overpopulation!**

SNSI is especially pleased to have received **national attention** for this important fundraiser in

September of 2005 from Tonight Show host, Jay Leno through his "Headlines" segment. Mr. Leno jokingly called to the attention of his audience that "Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana is selling various nuts through October..." while bringing **serious and much needed attention to pet overpopulation** and the importance of spaying and neutering our pets..

A wide variety of nuts and candy can be purchased for baking, snacking or gifts. The selection

includes *pecan halves, mixed nuts, chocolate-pecan caramel clusters, giant roasted whole cashews, honey roasted peanuts, chocolate covered almonds, and malted milk balls.* Orders can be placed up to **October 9, 2006 (deadline)** and the goodies are delivered before Thanksgiving.

For more information on the fundraiser or to download the order form, please visit spayneuterservices.org or call voice mail **317.767.7771**.

Hair Ball Party to Benefit SNSI Around the Corner

Planning for the 2006 Hair Ball to benefit SNSI is well underway with an even better event planned. What started as a backyard event by co-founders Cheri Storms and Joe Loughmiller in memory of their beloved cat, Hairy, will hopefully quadruple in size with a larger venue—the **Robert Irsay Charity Pavilion** at 116th Street and Ditch Road in Carmel held on **Saturday, October 7** from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event features both a silent and live auction, music by the Circle City Bluegrass Band, children's entertainment, a bake sale, and food, wine, beer and soft drinks. Top prizes for the auctions include roundtrip airfare and luxury vacation accommodations. Also up for auction will be numerous autographed items from Hoosier celebrities like John Mellencamp, Steve Alford, Florence Henderson and Fuzzy Zoeller.

"It is important that SNSI supporters and members attend this event," said SNSI President, Judy Harvey. "A lot of work has been put into this event, and we're only going to be successful if we get a good turnout of our supporters and from the public at large, so **mark your calendars and tell all of your friends** you'll see them there."

Dean Metcalf, producer of the nationally-syndicated Bob & Tom Show will host the event. Local TV personality, author, columnist and humorist Dick Wolfsie will also be on hand to speak to attendees and host a book signing.

Thanks to the generosity of area business and individuals who have donated goods and services, admission is just \$15 per person (children under 16 free). **Attendees MUST RSVP for this event as space is limited.** Visit IndyHairBall.org today.

It's Time for the 2006 October Campaign Tell Someone!

Each year in February and October, SNSI sponsors programs whereby any pet owner in our community—regardless of income—can take advantage of reduced spay-neuter fees to have their pet altered. Not only is this a great time for pet owners who would like to save money on surgery, it is also a great time for us—people who are passionate about the plight and importance of spaying and neutering. Why? Because we all have an opportunity to **tell everyone** we know about the issue (pet over-population) and then tell them how they can help solve the problem—at a reduced fee!

In 2005 more than 17,000 animals were euthanized in

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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.



In memory of "**Murphy**"
Submitted by Carol A
Ryan

In loving memory of
Nancy B. Adams
Submitted by Chi Chapter

In memory of Vicky Lane's father
George Lane from Marilyn
Greenlee & Carol Kubli

In memory of "**Annie**", my
beloved Australian Shepherd.
Lived & loved for 11 years.
Submitted by Judy Long

Remembering Special Friends, Family, and Pets

In memory of "**Finn**", beloved pet
of Pete Van Overwalle & Family

In memory of "**Oreo**", beloved pet
of Lisa, Bob, Hunter &
Amsi Davis



In memory of "**Maddy**",
beloved pet of Mychaela
Brandle

All submitted by Stacey
Bogardus

In memory of "**Euclid & Tigger**"
Submitted by Laurie Davis

In memory of **Nancy Pearson
Adams**, past president of SNSI.
The memorial is given by Ginny
Kingsbury
Submitted by Ginny Kingsbury

In memory of "**Scraggles**": A cat
saved and cared for in her many
last sickly days by Roger and
Kathy Heffner
Submitted by Ginny Kingsbury

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Indianapolis alone. That averages out to be greater than 1,400 per month, 326 per week and **46 per day**. No matter how you break it down, it is too many!! And when you add in the statistics from surrounding communities, these numbers increase dramatically.

Each one of us has the ability to affect these statistics in a positive way.

Through the October Campaign and other services offered through SNSI, thousands of litters of puppies and kittens can be prevented and the number of unwanted animals entering shelters, animal control facilities and rescue groups can be significantly reduced. Each day, many of us interact with **pet owners who aren't aware of the pet overpopulation issues** we face in our community. It could be a co-worker, a friend, a neighbor, a service provider, or even someone we meet at the Dog Park or pet clinic. **Tell them about the importance of spaying and neutering** and how they can save lives by participating in the October Campaign!

Through the generosity of local participating veterinarians, SNSI's efforts to promote the program, and the commitment and word-of-mouth promotion of our members, we can make this October Campaign a huge success and save thousands of lives! October Campaign certificates will be available early in September at area libraries, pet stores, on our website spayneuterservices.org, or by calling our voice mail 317.767.7771.

We invite you to help us to make the 2006 October Campaign the most successful year ever – **Tell Someone!**

*The unbearable heat this summer
is tough on our pets too—be
especially cautious with their care!*

Thanks for the devotion and service

The Board of Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana wants to acknowledge the following Board members who have resigned in 2005 and 2006. These four women, Kathy Able, Jane Yakey, Jean Ditzenberger, and Joey Daye Cross, gave hundreds of hours of service to our organization over many years. For various reasons, they chose to help animals in other areas, and we are very grateful for their dedication to SNSI and their compassion for the dogs and cats in our community.



They all participated in the growth of SNSI from a small, unknown group in 1977 to a noteworthy, progressive organization in 2006.

Thank you to Kathy, Jane, Jean and Joey from the current Board members and SNSI membership!

KIND News Subscriptions

KIND News is published by the Humane Society of the United States. The emphasis is to teach compassion for animals, humans, and the environment. The papers have great educational potential because they are colorful and informative with reading level puzzles and stories. They can be used in a variety of ways to teach or reinforce math, science, geography, and reading skills. Each monthly subscription includes 32 papers per classroom.

SNSI sponsors the subscriptions of newspapers for elementary students from

kindergarten through grade six. Over 150 teachers renewed their subscriptions for the 2006 school year and over 170 new subscriptions will be sponsored in 2006 to 2007.

We are planning ahead for 2007 to 2008 to locate teachers who would like to have these worthwhile, environmentally-friendly newspapers for their classrooms.

If you know a teacher who teaches kindergarten through grade six, have him or her contact Judy Harvey at (317) 861-4007 for further information or a sample of the paper.

SNAP—Cornerstone Program Revisited

The Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) is SNSI's cornerstone program. It has been available to help limited income pet owners in Central Indiana since 1977.

People who need financial assistance with the cost of spay or neuter surgery apply for assistance, and pay a flat fee of \$20 for a certificate which covers the cost of the spay or neuter surgical procedure.

And now, SNAP is even better. In April, SNSI took a long hard look at SNAP, to see how we could help even more people. After studying the federal poverty guidelines and looking at how eligibility is determined for some other successful spay neuter assistance programs, some major changes were made.

First, we felt that SNAP needed to be available to a greater number of households. Household income has increased in recent years, but so has the cost of living.



We felt it was time to increase the minimum income requirements to better reflect the actual income of the households we are trying to assist.

Second, we felt that too many people assumed that income was the only way to qualify for SNAP. We clarified the process for qualifying for assistance due to special needs (apart from income).

Finally, we felt the application itself could be improved. We gave the application a new look and a more user-friendly format.

We noticed an immediate increase in submitted applications, and have been **issuing approximately 3 times** as many certificates to qualified pet owners as before the update. Print a copy of the application for yourself or keep it on hand for the next time someone you know needs help with the cost of spay or neuter surgery. Visit spayneuterservices.org and click on Programs. No computer? Call our voice mail 317.767.7771 and we'll mail one to you.

*Group Anniversary * Milestones * Reflection*

In May of 2007, SNSI will celebrate 30 years of assisting Indianapolis area pet owners. Every one reading this newsletter should be part of the celebration! Together we are making a difference in the lives of pets.

We would like to find as many past board members or members since the inception of the group – 1977. Do you have any pictures of events, newspaper articles, SNSI flyers, brochures, materials or fundraiser paperwork? Can you help us locate past participants in SNSI? If so, please contact Board President, Judy Harvey at (317) 861-4007.



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Profiling Dangerous Dogs – the Facts

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year, 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs. These bites result in approximately 12 fatalities; about 0.0002 percent of the total number of people bitten.

The CDC does not identify specific breeds that are most likely to bite or kill, and thus states it is not appropriate for policy-making decisions related to the topic.

According to American Humane, neutering reduces aggression, especially in males. Unneutered dogs are more than 2.6 times more likely to bite than neutered dogs.

The breeds most commonly involved in both bite injuries and fatalities changes from year to year and from one area of the country to another, depending on the popularity of the breed.

Although genetics do play some part in determining whether a dog will bite, other factors such as whether the animal is spayed or neutered, properly socialized, supervised, humanely trained, and safely confined play significantly greater roles. Responsible dog ownership of *all breeds* is the key to dog bite prevention.

The American Veterinary Medical Association's study called *A community approach to dog bite prevention* cited that intact (unneutered) male dogs represented 80% of dogs presented to veterinary behaviorists for dominance aggression, the most commonly diagnosed type of aggression.

This study further noted that intact males are also involved in 70 to 76% of reported dog bite incidents.

Outside The Box

This year, SNSI has been taking their educational booth to more non-pet related events in an effort to reach pet owners who might not hear about the importance of spay/neuter otherwise. SNSI Volunteers have been beating the streets at places like Summer Camp Fair, Glendale Mall Community Day, Earth Day Indiana, Kroger in Haughville, Emerson Avenue Baptist Church Community Event, Damien Center Community Fair, and Block Party in Hawthorne Park on Westside.

We are interested in knowing about **your neighborhood block party or street festival**. If we missed the event for 2006, we'd like to attend in 2007. Please contact Verna Boggs, SNSI Volunteer Coordinator, at verna@spayneuterservices.org or 317.767.7771.