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Spay/Neuter/Now (SNN) 2013 Summer Newsletter

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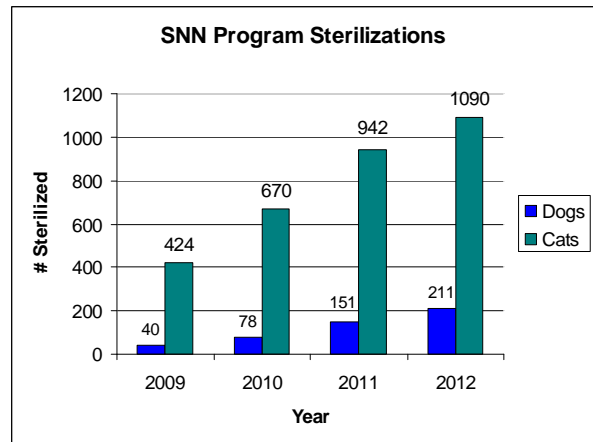
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Another Record Setting Year!

Spay/Neuter/Now set a new record year in 2012 with the mobile clinic performing 1026 spay/neuter surgeries, the voucher program aiding in 261 sterilizations and additional projects neutering 14 cats, SNN had over **1300** total sterilizations in 2012!

"Thank You!" Donors, fundraisers, volunteers clinic hosts and staff make this impact on the companion animal overpopulation possible! SNN could not continue without your support and our efforts will be continuing throughout 2013!

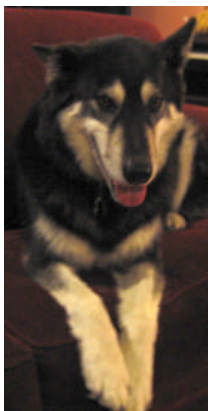
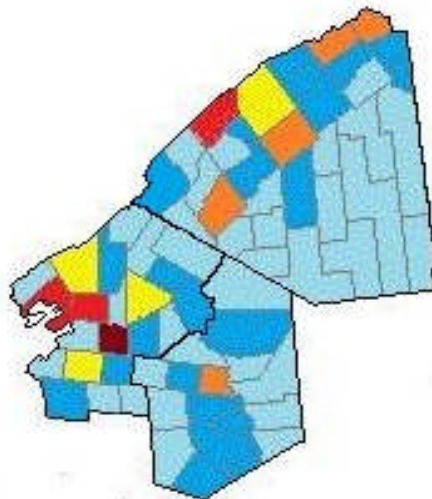


From 1994 through 2012 SNN has aided and performed **13,237** spays/neuters! For every cat or dog sterilized, it means innumerable future litters are prevented for animals that would be without a proper home, shelter, food or care.

Spay/Neuter/Now hopes to continue to expand our ability to put a dent in the companion animal overpopulation in Northern New York State in 2013. We rely on donations, fundraisers and grants to continue to fund our operations.

PLEASE JOIN TEAM SNN!

- # Mobile Clinic Feline Spays/Neuters
St. Lawrence, Jefferson & Lewis Counties
- 0-5 (Light Blue)
 - 5-15 (Dark Blue)
 - 16-30 (Yellow)
 - 31-50 (Orange)
 - 51-100 (Red)
 - 100-150 (Dark Red)



Listen Lily! SNN Mobile Clinic for Dogs!

SNN's mobile clinic has expanded this spring to include low-cost spay/neuter for low-income owned dogs!

SNN clinic services focus low-income owned cats & dogs and feral, colony & barn cats. Information and applications are available at 486.0094, 629.8651 or www.spayneuternow.org.

Workshop Success!



Thanks for our presenter Dr. Kathleen Makolinski, the ASPCA, the SUNY Canton Veterinary Technician Association and all who attended our November 2012 continuing education workshop: "Working Together to Address the Problem of Companion Animal Homelessness."

SNN's Neuter Commuter may be used for part of Dr. Makolinski's upcoming book!

SNN Winter Clinics Set New Record

The March 22nd, 2013 clinic hosted at the Jefferson County SPCA (Watertown, NY) performed a new daily sterilization record of 45 cats. The previous day the SNN clinic program neutered 39 cats at the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA (Ogdensburg, NY).

Spay/Neuter/Now thanks both shelters for hosting us at their facilities while the Neuter Commuter is in hibernation. Without organizations hosting SNN clinics over the winter, there would be 200 more cats contributing to the companion animal overpopulation in the North Country in 2013.



Winter Concert Fundraiser



Thanks to Barb Heller & Danny Gotham for choosing SNN as the beneficiaries the December 2012 Holiday Sing-Along & Guitar Concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton, NY that raised over \$300! Good luck with the new album!

Christmas Tree Fundraiser



Our 2012 tree donated by SNN Board Member Wanda Chase earned almost \$300 in chances at the Alexandria Bay Library in December!

Santa Paws Fundraiser



SNN's Annual Santa Paws event in December raised over \$400 for SNN at the Potsdam Agway. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Genine Gehret (Keepsake Photography) and our volunteers for all their help!

Spay/Neuter/Now Receives \$10,000 ASPCA Grant

In October 2012, SNN was awarded a second Animal Population Control Program (APCP) Grant by the ASPCA®. Grant funds originate from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and is designated to aid in the sterilization of low-income owned dogs and cats.

This grant helped SNN cover the operational costs of 351 spay/neuter surgeries (309 cats & 42 dogs) through the mobile clinic and voucher programs. We are immensely thankful to the ASPCA® and the APCP program for providing much-needed financial aid to our organization and supporting low-cost spay/neuter for low-income clients.

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Rabies Warning

Unvaccinated animals place your community and pets at risk. Check with your county public health department for a list of upcoming rabies clinics.

Of nearly 2,000 SNN mobile clinic cats sterilized from 2011-2012; 90% needed rabies vaccinations and over 96% needed distemper vaccinations. Both vaccinations are included as part of SNN's mobile clinic low-cost packages.

Additional Aid for St. Lawrence County Clients & Upcoming Charity Walk



The St. Lawrence Valley S.P.C.A. (Ogdensburg) has expanded its Furry Angels Medical Fund discount program to all of St. Lawrence County clients going through the Spay/Neuter/Now Mobile Clinic. "Only by reducing the unintended births among our dog & cat populations can we hope to reduce euthanasia, neglect and cruelty," said the SPCA's president Karen Cunningham. "We cannot adopt our way out of the pet overpopulation crisis. Spaying & neutering is the only real 'no kill' solution!"

This expansion now includes Massena addresses that were previously covered by a similar voucher program run by the Massena Humane Society that was recently shut down. At the end of 2011, the SPCA expanded to provide aid to an additional 12 towns when the Potsdam Humane Society shut down their voucher program. Eligible clients will automatically receive a \$10 discount of SNN's mobile clinic low-cost flat fees.

Spay/Neuter/Now and the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA have a joint **Spay/Neuter Charity Walk** on **September 15th from 12:30pm-3pm** at Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority. Pledge sheets are available at spayneuternow.org & stlawrencevalleyspca.org. Dogs are welcome to walk too! Please see the pledge sheets for details.

SNN Mobile Clinic Packages

SNN's clinic uses a flat-fee model for low-cost spay/neuter services. The flat-fee includes the surgery, pain management, rabies & distemper (FVRCP or DA2PP) vaccination and a treatment for fleas & ear mites. There are no additional charges for age, reproductive status or body condition.

Dog pricing is based on gender & weight.

Cats: \$55.00 Dogs: \$75.00-\$150.00

We rely on donations, fundraisers and grants to keep our fees low. The market value of our package is \$150.00-\$500.00 in our region. The flat-fee helps cover only part of SNN expenses.

Spay-Ghetti Dinner



SNN and Alley Cat Rescue of Alexandria Bay have our 2nd Annual Spay-Ghetti Dinner coming up soon on **June 12th** from 4:00pm-8:00pm hosted by the Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay. Call 315.482.9917 for info.

SILENT AUCTION! BAKE SALE!

ANTIQUÉ CARS ON SHOW 6PM-8PM!

COME ENJOY THE EVENING AND HELP THE ANIMALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Humane Education



In the fall, Peggy Blackmer, our Humane Educator, went to visit Morristown Central School to talk to the third graders. During her presentation, she introduced, Daisy, her Labrador retriever. Daisy loves to visit students and show off her good manners.

Peggy's presentation includes a discussion of the basic needs all pets require and how third graders can help their own pets meet those needs. After her presentation, questions, answers and many pet stories were shared by all. Peggy is available to come visit other schools.

C.A.T.S. in Akwesasne



The C.A.T.S. Spay & Neuter organization hosted a SNN mobile clinic at the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club that sterilized over 30 cats this May. The C.A.T.S. Spay & Neuter program covered the SNN flat fee for Akwesasne & Fort Covington clients. A **BIG** thanks to C.A.T.S., the Boys & Girls Club for hosting us and to Jenna Herne & Dr. Mary Arquette from C.A.T.S. for their hard work in the Neuter Commuter.

Regency Collection Fine China Dinnerware Service for 12 Raffle!



Our longtime SNN board member Wanda Chase has graciously donated a lovely Regency Dinnerware Service for 12 (South Hampton pattern) and Fifth Avenue Crystal Winston Glass Beverage Dispenser for a Labor Day 2013 drawing.

The set includes the beverage dispenser, 15 cups, 13 saucers, 12 dinner plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 salad plates, 12 soup bowls, 1 serving bowl, 1 creamer and 1 sugar with lid.

Tickets are available from SNN board members for \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3. You can also contact Bea at 315-324-5969 or snnschermerhorn@gmail.com.

From Our Founder



For every new human baby, there are 15 puppies and 45 kittens born. Simple math tells you that there will never be enough homes or care for them all. The solution is to stop the births by spaying & neutering. It is that simple. It is humane. It is our mission and it is what we do!

It is impossible to adopt or euthanize our way out of this problem. By spaying & neutering the companion animal population, many animal issues can be eased.

A "no kill" philosophy is idealistic at this time and can only realistically happen once the companion animal overpopulation is brought under control. Currently, the "no kill" concept is a very successful fundraiser, but not a totally honest one. This is especially true with "no kill" shelters that do not have a true open door policy. What happens to the animals that are turned away at the shelter door?

I wish to thank **YOU** so much for supporting the animals by your gifts to Spay/Neuter/Now. We need your help even more now since we have started spaying & neutering dogs in the mobile clinic. Please remember, it is all for the animals! Spay/Neuter/Now helps Animals, People & Communities.

SPAY/NEUTER/NOW NEEDS MORE VETS!

SNN is very thankful to our high quality, high volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) veterinarians Dr. Joan Puritz (Oneonta, NY) & Dr. Michael Romp (Cambridge, VT). Both veterinarians travel 3-5 hours once a month and perform two back-to-back days of clinics.

While 4 clinics a month is fantastic, SNN is capable of much more and the animals, people and communities in the North Country need more help & more SNN mobile clinics!

If you know any HQHVSN NYS licensed veterinarians, please tell them about SNN!

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Spay/Neuter/Now today!

Your financial support is what allows our organization to continue to reduce the companion animal overpopulation in Northern New York State!