



## Spay-Neuter-Now (SNN) 2015 Summer Newsletter

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### Lacking Veterinary Care for North Country Pets

Every day our office receives calls from clients in need of affordable spay/neuter services. Many of them are looking for help with a family pet, but others are looking to get the local stray or feral cat fixed. The unfortunate truth is that in both cases, many of the animals coming to our mobile clinic are lacking even the basics of veterinary care.

Over the past 7 years and 6,741 spays & neuters, 91% of cats and 42% of dogs required vaccinations against rabies. 96% of cats and 63% of dogs were not protected against feline and canine distemper. 90% of animals had no flea protection and other pets had existing, untreated and sometimes severe disease conditions significant enough that we could not perform a safe surgery.

SNN's mobile clinic is not a full service clinic and there are many conditions that we cannot cure with our spay/neuter supplies. We include vaccinations for rabies, distemper and a flea treatment as part of our spay/neuter package.

### Spayghetti Success

Our cooperative Spayghetti Dinner fundraiser with Alley Cat Rescue of Alexandria Bay at the Riveredge Resort raised over \$3,800 split between both Alley Cat Rescue and SNN!



We would like to thank the Riveredge staff volunteers, Alley Cat Rescue volunteers, our own SNN volunteers and over 100 people and businesses that donated silent auction items. A special thanks goes to SNN founder Beatrice Schermerhorn for spearheading the silent auction collection and processing.

### Beat the Heat by Spaying & Neutering Your Pets!



As summer 2015 comes to a close, our spay/neuter programs have been hard at work resulting in **896 cats & dogs** getting fixed and no longer contributing to overpopulation in the North Country this year!

We thank Town & Country Vet Clinic, with which we are celebrating the first anniversary of our partner spay/neuter program that since August 2014 has fixed over 420 pets!

Unfortunately, puppy and kitten season does not wait for our four-legged friends with pets that will be going back into heat this fall. Far too many of the stray and feral cats have already had one or two litters this year and SNN needs your help to support caretakers of unowned, barn and colony cats, as well as low-income and military households to keep the pet population under control in the area.

We touched bases with the farm that SNN helped trap, spay/neuter and release 41 barn cats (they thought they had 26!) in October 2013 and they have not had a litter since! This is a perfect example of how spaying & neutering makes a significant difference in keeping the population under control and it is thanks to your support!

If you know anyone looking for spay/neuter information or assistance, please contact us right away or visit our website.

-Kevin Mace, General Manager

## From Our Founder

*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"*  
-Mahatma Ghandi



The two most vulnerable members of our society are children & animals. This is why the spaying & neutering of our companion animals is so important. Not only does it reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats, but those animals can live longer, healthier lives. When done before their first heat cycle, it can reduce or eliminate the risks of certain cancers, as well as other diseases.

Please help Spay-Neuter-Now make our 21<sup>st</sup> year the greatest yet! SNN offers affordable spaying & neutering services for those in need of this critically important service. Please help us to bring the pet overpopulation under control in our community by supporting us with your donation.

*Thank you. -Bea Schermerhorn.*

## Ogdensburg Resident Raises Over \$3,300 for SNN!



John Miller accepting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beatrice Schermerhorn Community Service Award recognizing a lifetime of efforts to fundraise for North Country nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Miller's raffle this spring brought in \$3,343.25 for SNN and we cannot thank him enough for his hard work, as well as his wife for telling him about SNN!

## A Day in the Life of the SNN Neuter Commuter



Local author Val Silver volunteered a day with SNN and the Neuter Commuter and wrote an in-depth blog about her experience. If you ever wondered what things look like on our clinic days, please take some time to sit down and read the full article with pictures and some especially kind words about SNN, our founder, volunteers and staff!

<http://tapinfinity.com/2015/07/spayneuternow2/>

## Mark Your Calendars! Santa Paws & Wreath 2015



SNN's 2015 Santa Paws is coming to town on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Potsdam Agway! Come and get photos with Santa and your four-legged family members. Photos by Genine Gehret.

SNN will have a decorated wreath on raffle at the Alexandria Bay Library this November!



**SNN's 2016 Shelter Animal Wall Calendars are available at events or by mail for \$10ea.**  
Order at [spayneuternow@hotmail.com](mailto:spayneuternow@hotmail.com).

## Pet First Aid Kits



### Kits are available for only \$20!

Includes a first aid booklet and products that will help you help your pet when hurt or sick. Topics include allergic reactions, CPR, choking, toxins, cuts, vomiting and more.

Kits can be delivered in some North Country areas at no cost or mailed within the US at an additional \$10-\$15 depending on your location.

For orders or questions, please call our veterinary technician Jaylynn at 315-489-0541 or [firstaidtech1@gmail.com](mailto:firstaidtech1@gmail.com). Proceeds to benefit SNN!

## North Country Low Cost Vaccine Program

SNN is collaborating with Jefferson County Public Health Service to increase vaccination rates within the county. Public Health has been providing rabies vaccine and supplies for SNN to distribute as part of our mobile clinic program for the underserved populations that may not traditionally be able to seek veterinary services.

It is mandatory by law to maintain rabies vaccinations for your pets. Funds for this NY Ag & Markets program were secured by Senator Patty Ritchie and resources are distributed locally by Public Health.

Public Health hopes that assisting SNN will also support responsible population control by fixing pets.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to SNN today!**  
**Your support continues to reduce the companion animal overpopulation for in-need communities in the North Country. Join Team SNN Today!**