



2015 Holiday Gifts of Spaying



We want to thank everyone who has made our Gift of Spay program successful. In our last newsletter, we requested donations to pass onto our clients who needed a "little extra help" during the holidays. These funds were used to help reduce the cost of spaying & neutering down to \$20 for our clinic's in-need animals. We were so thankful for the donations that began to roll in, and they continue to do so. The Gift of Spay received over \$5,100 to help towards the surgery of nearly 100 cats and dogs in Northern New York.

Our clients were surprised with the generosity of strangers. While presenting the "gifts," we have had people cry tears of joy, let out whoops of glee, utter a few exclamations of "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!", and say many God-blesses. We were able to get many of these animals scheduled before the holidays, and because of our big-hearted donors, we will continue with the late-Christmas presents throughout the winter.

We at Spay-Neuter-Now thank you all so much for supporting our goal of reducing the number of unwanted cats and dogs in the North Country by spaying & neutering. Thank you for making a difference for our organization, our clients, and the animals.

Santa Paws 2015



Thanks to everyone for helping raise over \$900 at Santa Paws hosted at Potsdam Agway! Special thanks go to our long-time volunteer photographer Genine Gehret (www.gkphotography.com)!

Spay/Neuter Programs Roundup

Since 1994, SNN has provided and aided in over **16,900 spays & neuters** of North Country animals. That means far fewer unplanned litters, but we still have a lot of work to do!

The middle of a North Country winter is no time to dawdle on spaying & neutering cats & dogs. SNN has been busy continuing our winter MASH clinics and working together with local municipalities in Chaumont, Clayton, Hammond and Three Mile Bay to bring our services into their communities. You can follow our clinic schedule from the SNN website and on Facebook.



Partnering with SNN, Town & Country Vet Clinic in Ogdensburg, Potsdam and their new location in Massena has been making a truly amazing contribution to the community. Since August 2014, Town & Country staff have provided over **560 spays & neuters** for income-qualified families and their pets!

We are also excited about our continued series of clinics hosted by B.O.C.E.S. in Lewis and Jefferson counties. At both locations SNN gets a chance to show students a real-world example of work in the veterinary field and teach them additional skills that they can take into their future education and careers. Jefferson County B.O.C.E.S. has also been converting an adjacent room to their classroom into a surgery room that SNN can use for clinics!

Volunteer Shout Out!



When Angelica Smith brought her first rescues to us in 2013, she never thought that she would end up volunteering for SNN in the future. "I've always been an advocate for spay & neuter and I knew low-cost clinics existed, but I didn't realize there was one in our area until I needed help with a couple of strays. It just kind of snowballed from there" she explains. "I started doing intake and monitoring animals waking up from anesthesia, then quickly moved to assisting with animal preparation and surgeries."

Angelica also helps to fundraise and has brought in a total close to \$5,000 so far. "What people don't realize about volunteering is that even though organizations do need monetary support, there are so many other ways people can help without ever spending a dime. If you have a certain knack for something, a specialty or expertise, you can offer your services for free. Most organizations welcome the extra help in many diverse areas and the value is just as important as any monetary donation." If you would like to volunteer for SNN give us a call, send us an email or message us on Facebook. We would be glad to match your talents or interests up with one of our volunteer opportunities!

Humane Education: Winter Weather Pet Care

During the winter, please don't leave your pets outside for long periods of time. The fact is, if you get cold outside, they do too. The pads on their feet and their extremities are susceptible to the cold.

Also, be careful where you put rock salt or other ice-melting materials. The salt can get lodged in their paws and cause irritation.

It is a good idea to make noise before you start your car. Cats have been known to crawl into car hoods for warmth. This may scare them out and prevent them from being injured.

Together, we can keep our pets safe throughout the year!

NYAB Donation for Anesthetic Equipment

Corporate giving and the notion of social responsibility have increasingly become the norm in today's society with many local businesses supporting community non-profit organizations.

NEW YORK AIR BRAKE 

Last year, New York Air Brake made a special donation to SNN in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of Knorr-Bremse's global care/local care initiative. The donation allowed SNN to purchase a much needed new gas anesthesia machine and several peripheral components related to its use. In addition, NYAB employee driven donations comprised a major percentage of the funding that allowed us to purchase a new pulse oximeter.

We thank everyone involved at NYAB who secured funding for both of these purchases and for believing in our mission to humanely reduce the pet overpopulation in the North Country!

ASPCA Animal Population Control Grant



Shortly before New Year's Eve, SNN received a confirmation from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) that we were awarded a NYS Animal Population Control Program (APCP) grant that provides spaying & neutering support.

We are eternally grateful to the ASPCA for supporting spaying & neutering programs, which is the most effective long-term and humane method we have to combat pet overpopulation.

The grant helps support part of SNN's mobile clinic costs: Fees for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, surgical supplies and vehicle costs, as well as program discounts for 400 cats & dogs.



Keep an eye out on Facebook and our website for upcoming SNN clinics, fundraisers and other events where you can meet us!

SNN programs are made possible thanks to generous tax-deductible donations.

Recognizing Community Service



This winter Spay-Neuter-Now honors Karen Cunningham and the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA for their countless years of selfless dedication to the animals and people in the community.

Karen Cunningham is the president of the SPCA's board of directors and a huge advocate for spaying & neutering as well. SNN's staff is also indebted to Ms. Cunningham, who would personally treat SNN to lunch at every clinic the SPCA hosted.

For many years the SPCA provided an additional discount of \$10 per animal for SNN program clients from St. Lawrence County, making the cost more affordable for SNN clients and helping to spay & neuter thousands of animals in the county.

SNN presented Ms. Cunningham and the SPCA's board of directors the third annual Beatrice Schermerhorn Community Service Award, recognizing a lifetime of outstanding dedication and devotion to the North Country community. Pictured above are Karen Cunningham and the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA board members that braved the day's sub-zero temperatures.

From Our Founder



I am very proud of Jaylynn Boyce, a SNN board member who is also one of our vet techs in the SNN clinic.

Jaylynn had the idea for the Gift of Spay program and her idea personifies what SNN is all about: bringing people together to help animals, people and communities.

I thank both Jaylynn, as well as our most generous donors who made this program a huge success!

Every year we see our shelters overloaded with pets looking for a new home, or their first home. Far too many of our four-legged family have been abandoned or neglected and someone else has taken up the mantle to care for the local stray and colony cats.

There is a solution: Spay/Neuter! SNN specializes in bringing this service to animals, people and communities that need the help desperately, in the North Country and this brings the population under control.

To solve this problem, it is also so important that we help to promote proper care of our pets and to fight against cruelty and help the pets that are left behind.

