

Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) of Gallia County

December 2014 Newsletter

As the end of 2014 approaches, we want to let you know how you have made it possible for SNAP to impact our community this past year.

First, we want to express our appreciation to the veterinarians and their staff at **Riverbend Animal Clinic** (Sherry Queen, DVM, Brian Hendrickson, DVM, Bill Harnetty, DVM, Janice Williams, DVM), and **French Town Veterinary Clinic** (Angela Shelton, DVM), because without you there would be no low-cost spay neuter program in Gallia County.

We received 142 applications for spay/neuter assistance and from January through November, **153 female cats, 109 male cats, 26 female dogs and 12 male dogs were spayed or neutered.** That brings the total (since we began in September 2010) to **915 cats and 152 dogs!** That's a lot of litter prevention. The sad news is that many people could not afford the co-pay. One person had 22 outside cats and had wished she had called us when there were only five. One of the reasons our program gets more cats than dogs "fixed" is that – simply put – there are more stray cats than dogs. And there is no shelter for cats, now that the Perennial Cat Shelter is closed.

The cost of the spays and neuters was **\$11,784.** Our other expenses of \$311.67 were for postage stamps (to mail spay/neuter vouchers, thank you notes, and newsletters), the post office box, return address labels, and yard sale expenses. (Jim & Chris Cozza donate paper, envelopes, and the ink for the printer/copier.) We don't have a cell phone for SNAP and we don't have paid employees. You are assured the majority of your donation to SNAP goes directly to help the cats and dogs. We think this is very important.

Without all the people who donate money, collect money, and raise money – the number of spays and neuters would be substantially fewer. We thank Robbie & Tessa Pugh and their staff at **Silver Screen VII; Bob Evans Restaurant** in Rio Grande; bracelet fashionista **Katie Queen**, her bracelets are available for a donation at Riverbend; **Riverbend Animal Clinic**; and **Stacey Barnes & Gary Trent** for helping raise funds for our program.

Additionally, we are **very grateful** to the following individuals for your cash donations. We could not exist without your generosity!

Patsy Glass and Bud & Mary K. Carter
Gallia County Charitable Foundation
Ben & Kathy Baxter - Shirleen Wiseman

Stacey Barnes - Jim & Chris Cozza – In memory of Dakota Yester
Mary Floyd - Malcolm & Sally Orebaugh - Cliff & Angie Queen

Suzanne Frazee – In memory of Sheba, beloved dog of Butch & Judy Mathews
Craig & Donna Barnes - Tom & Nancy Childs - Paul & Christine Cozza

Kyger Dental Associates - Henry & Pauline Myers - Mike & Linda Plymale - Lori Preston - Dave & Charlotte Seamon - Cynthia & Winston Saunders

**Sharon Carmichael – Mary & Bill Chipman - Phyllis Copley
Gary & Sherrie Fenderbosch - Judy Halley - Roberta Holzer - In memory of Lydia Luman
Jennie Locke - Nancy Preston - Sherri Repass - Audrey Taylor**

**Scott Baker - Bert & Judy Browning - Mabel Copley - Beth Evans - Charlie & Sandra McFarland - Sue Freyberg - Charlie & Peggy Huber - Carol & John Jackson - Keith & Lisa Jeffers - Connie & Phil Koebel - Jacky Owens - Charlotte Patrick - Cliff & Fran Richie - Bob Rothgeb - Glenn Smith - John & Anita Strauss - Mary Ann Taylor - Jan Thaler - Howard Waugh
Dolores Wilcox - In honor of Spooker the cat - Michael & Jean Zirille**

And thank you to the following people for your donations of items for our yard sale fundraisers!

**Dorothy Roach - Patty & Zeb Jones - Cliff & Angie Queen
Scott Baker - Bert & Judy Browning - Sean, Tracy and Allie Call - Gallipolis Christian Church
Jim & Chris Cozza - Kay Dey – Priscilla Dodrill - Roger Fetterly - Charlie & Peggy Huber
Louise Kiesling - Betty Long - Phyllis Loveday - Charlie & Sandra McFarland
Henry & Pauline Myers - Amy Ours - Virginia Owens - Charlotte Patrick
Mike & Linda Plymale - Juanita Rainey - Amanda Smith - Anita Smith - Jill Strauch - Randy & Deanna Syrus - Mary Ann Taylor - Autumn Thomas - Steve & Valerie Thomas**

We appreciate the volunteers who helped with our yard sales and Paws for a Cause: **Angie and Katie Queen, Chris & Jim Cozza, Patty Jones, Betty Halley, and Amanda Smith.** And thank you, **Autumn Thomas**, at Thomas Do-It-Center Rentals for the use of the popcorn machine.

We will be applying for a grant offered through the **Ohio Pet License Fund**. Please consider buying a pet license plate if you don't have one. They feature pictures and wording which identify you as a pet friendly person. Check out their Website at petsohio.com. The more license plates sold, the more organizations they can help.

A couple more things before I close. This year, **Mary Chipman**, our volunteer who takes care of our Website, made it possible for people to complete applications on line. She's the best! Thank you, Mary. And – if you shop online at Amazon, shop **AmazonSmile** where they donate a percentage of your total sales to a number of nonprofit organizations like us. Just designate SNAP of Gallia County.

Thank you and we wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year filled with much love.

Chris Myers Cozza
President and Founder

SNAP is a 501(c)(3) organization. We provide qualifying individuals who reside in Gallia County with access to low-cost spay and neuter procedures for their cats and dogs, and help get roaming cats “fixed” when we have funds available. We do not receive any funds from local, state or federal agencies. All of our money is obtained from fundraisers and personal donations. Our Website is snapofgalliacounty.org. We are also on Facebook. Donations may be mailed to SNAP of Gallia County, PO Box 86, Gallipolis OH 45631.