

SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) of Gallia County

SNAP is an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization.

Please mail donations to: SNAP, PO Box 86, Gallipolis OH 45631

Dear Friend,

SNAP has existed for 2 1/2 years and during this period of time, a handful of volunteers and many concerned pet-owners and citizens have made it possible to get **464 cats and 91 dogs** in Gallia County spayed or neutered. We are thrilled with our work, but we also realize that we could do more. And we will not quit as long as we have the means to continue. The paperwork for our 501c3 application is nearly completed and if we are approved, we will apply for spay/neuter grants that target community, stray, free-roaming and feral cat populations since we do participate in trap-neuter-return (TNR). This will free up funds to cover more of the cost of dog spay/neuter procedures for dog owners. There are far too many puppies and adult dogs ending up at the county pound. Friends of Gallia County's Animals has worked with rescue groups within Ohio and New York and they have accepted hundreds of Gallia County dogs. We applaud their efforts. Unfortunately, there are no rescue groups for cats, and the Perennial Cat Shelter in Rio Grande is forced to limit the number of cats they house because of funding, space, and volunteers. That's why it is so important to get every cat "fixed."

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many people like yourself support SNAP and several have made donations since we began the program in September 2010, and we appreciate your generosity more than we can express in words. Michelle Miller, creator of the Gallia Hometown Herald, a Web-based newspaper, wrote a story about SNAP and posted our yard sales on her site. Thank you, Michelle. We are also blessed to have husband and wife team Brian Hendrickson and Sherry Queen as SNAP benefactors. The two veterinarians are owners of Riverbend Animal Clinic, the only clinic we utilize for our program. Last year veterinarians Janice Williams and Bill Harnetty joined their staff working one day a week making it possible to perform more spay/neuter surgeries.

We appreciate all of you.

FUNDRAISING

We have been very fortunate. Our yard sales were quite profitable last year, thanks to contributors and customers. Our yard sales this year will be on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; August 10th; and October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The May and October sales will be held at 1031 Second Ave. in Gallipolis as they have been in the past. The August sale will take place at the city park as part of the Gallipolis city-wide yard sale. Look for future notices on SNAP's Facebook page and the Gallia Hometown Herald's Website.

The Perennial Cat Shelter in Rio Grande is open. The new phone number is 645-0950.

Overheard: A junior-high student to another student about her family's unwanted cats. **"We'll just take them and drop them off in the wild or at the shelter; they can survive in the wild."** Really?

Zeb & Patty Culpepper Jone's granddaughter Jade wrote the following article last year as a school assignment. Patty is a SNAP board member and trapped and/or transported 62 cats for spay/neuter.

I am a middle-school child who just turned 13. In thirty-six years I'll be the same age as my grandma, Patty. My grandma is a cat trapper for SNAP. She traps cats and takes them to Riverbend and then returns them to their previous locations. The whole point of the program is so there won't be as many kittens born, ensuring that

there aren't as many kittens abused. Plus, there are neighborhoods that have too many cats to handle, which means fewer cats are fed either because of lack of money, people just don't care, or because some people would rather abuse them than feed them. Lots of people these days abuse animals but, some people need to realize that hurting animals isn't any better than murder or any other kind of horrible thing people do. SNAP relies on people to make donations. Face it, a vet bill is pretty expensive. Sometimes Grandma takes other people's cats, with their permission, and gets them fixed but it's only for people who have low income and can't afford to get them fixed. My grandma is a role model and because of her I'm going to grow up, go to college and study animals to become a wildlife biologist. I might even become a writer, since I write and read everyday. My grandma is striving to make the world a better place. But she (SNAP) needs your help and support.

CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2012

Ed & Ruth Ann Craig, in memory of pets Abby and Sami - Patsy Glass

Gallia County Charitable Foundation

Dave & Lori Preston Campbell - Bud & Mary K. Carter - Jim & Chris Cozza

Mary Floyd, in memory of her husband Tony

Peggy Callihan - Patricia Haas, in memory of Bambi Kiesling - Kyger Dental

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Sean & Tracy Call - Paul & Christine Cozza - Jerry & Lennie Davis - Maresa Fanelli

Gary & Sherrie Fenderbosch - Dottie Locke - Henry & Pauline Myers - Dave & Charlotte Seamon

BJ & Sally Barnette - Ben & Kathy Baxter - Sharon Carmichael - Tom & Nancy Childs - Mark & Barbie Cline
India Cullen - Julie Dragoo - Linda Lear, in memory of her husband Tom - Sandra McFarland, in memory of her
mother Wanda Atha - Charlotte Patrick, in memory of her cat, Rascal, "the best" - Randy & Kelly Patrick
Mike & Linda Plymale - Nancy Preston, in memory of her 16-year old cat, Buck - Sherri Repass - Cliff & Fran
Richie - Bob & Gerry Rothgeb - Cynthia Saunders - Jan Thaler - Howard Waugh - Dolores Wilcox

Craig & Donna Barnes - Karen Brady - Joseph & Judith Carter - Marjorie Casto - June Cheatham - Jon Cook & Christy
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her dog Reese Renee - Sue Freyberg - Roberta Holzer - Jean Houck - Richard & Betty Jo Houck - Charlie & Peggy Huber,
in memory of pets Jake and Josie - Audrey Johnson - Daisy Knotts - Betty Long - Marian Louderback
Jacky Owens - Ollie Paxton - E. John & Anita Strauss - Mary Ann Taylor - Louella Webb - Polly Wetherholt
Ruth Young - Steve & Gloria Young - Jean Zirille

Donations to Yard Sale Fundraisers in 2012

Thank you to everyone who made donations to our yard sale fundraisers. If you have ever had a yard sale, you know how much work is involved, but we do raise several hundred dollars. Start spring cleaning now and consider making donations to SNAP. Please limit clothing; we don't make much money on clothes. Furniture - even if it needs some work - is a big seller, along with household items that are in good condition. If you are a crafter, quality craft items are very popular. The following individuals contributed items last year.

Scott Baker - Betty Beggrow - Tracy Call - Dave & Lori Campbell - Amy Carter - Bud & Mary K. Carter

June Cheatham - Jim & Chris Cozza - Jerry & Lennie Davis - Betty Halley - Richard & Linda Howard

Zeb & Patty Jones - Louise Kiesling - Betty Long - Virginia Owens - Charlotte Patrick

Cliff & Angie Queen - Dorothy Roach - Jill Strauch - Dolores Wilcox

God bless all of our contributors. Thank you for caring.

