



A Stitch in Time

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"Pet Friendly" License Plate

SNSI's Board of Directors has begun the process of applying for an Indiana "pet friendly" license plate! This project has been spearheaded by Jennifer Jones, Deputy City Prosecutor for Indianapolis, and Amber Meyers, interim Assistant Administrator for Indianapolis Animal Care & Control; both working on this project in their free time to make a difference in the lives of dogs and cats across Indiana.

We are applying for the plate with the intention that the proceeds will go into a state-wide spay/neuter assistance fund that will work like SNSI's current SNAP program, which subsidizes spay/neuter surgeries for low-income Indiana residents. In addition the funds will be used to pay for spay/neuter surgeries for other animal welfare organizations in Indiana.

We see this fund as a way to penetrate areas that don't have low-cost alternatives, as well as a way to bolster existing spay/neuter

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SNSI Announces Special Meeting

A special meeting of the members will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm at The Pyramids (near 86th & Michigan Road).

The purpose of the special meeting is to vote on a proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation of SNSI to eliminate Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana's membership structure.

If the proposal passes, SNSI will no longer have members, will no longer collect membership dues, and therefore, will no longer be required to do

the administration work associated with keeping memberships current. The Board of Directors will continue to serve SNSI as in the past, but without the need for annual re-election by members. The Board of Directors of SNSI recommends that the proposal be passed.



If you want to attend and vote at the special meeting, please verify that your membership dues are current.

For those unable to attend in person, a proxy vote is available on SNSI's website, www.spayneuterservices.org

Where: The Pyramids (near 86th & Michigan Road)

1035
DePauw
Boulevard,
Pyramid
Three
Lower
Level
Conference
Room A



When: January 12, 2010
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Registration/RSVP:
No reservations are required but those who wish to vote must be current on membership dues.

Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc. is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization supported by people who care. It was formed in 1977 to provide a solution to the unnecessary killing of cats and dogs.

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Current Program Reference

SNSI Board is working 365 days a year to bring affordable, easy-to-use and convenient spay/neuter programs for cats and dogs to Central Indiana.

Some programs are during specific times of the year and others are year-round. Below we highlight the spay/neuter program SNSI is promoting at this time:

SNSI's Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)

To qualify for assistance, you must meet the income guidelines shown on the SNAP Application or qualify due to considerations other than income (see the application for considerations). Under this SNAP Program, the cost of the spay or neuter procedure for your cat or dog will be \$20.

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www.spayneuterservices.org

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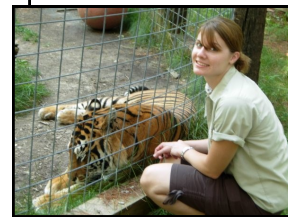
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***Remembering Special
Friends, Family, and Pets***

- By Jean Ditzenberger and Irene Heffley In Memory of **Bandit** (aka Bandido) A gentle and loving pug and great buddy to Stormy.
- From Jody and Fritz Lamprey in Memory of **Bandit**, most loved puppy for many years of Irene Heffley and Jean Ditzenberger
- From Dr. Rachel Anderson In Memory of **Apollo**, beloved friend of Shelley North.
- From Elizabeth Ott In Memory of Marian Osborn's dog **Mai Tai**.
- From Don Nesler and Russel A. Lind In loving memory of **Florence H. Bullock**, mother of Sue Nesler.
- From Marilyn Greenlee and Carol Kubli In Memory of Sue Reel's "**Beau**" The Grandest of Cats.
- From Elizabeth Ott and Suzanne Smith In Memory of **Coco**, dog of Don Nesler and Russ Lind.
- From Connie Hight and "Joey" and Marian Osborn In Memory of **Coco**, Beloved Poodle of Don Nesler and Russ Lind.
- With love from Mike, Jenny, Eddie, Kathryn, Brad, Karen and families In Memory of **Dudley**, he was a special friend to all!
- by Ginny Kingsbury and Margot Finot In Memory of **Elaine Millis**, long-time volunteer for SNSI in the 70s and 80s days before computers.
- by Ginny Kingsbury and Margot Finot In Memory of **Winston**, beloved companion and "All American Dog" of Jim and Theresa Walker.
- By Ginny Kingsbury and Margot Finot In memory of **Tess**, a very sweet Bernese Mountain Dog owned by Nora Peverly and Judy Guden of Vermont.
- By Marilyn Goff and Shadow To thank **Xandra Hamilton** for all her help, thanks!
- By Ginny Kingsbury and Margot Finot In memory of **Winnie Flowers**, founder of SNSI.

Winifred M. Flowers of Indianapolis passed away in September. She was the first president of SNSI in 1978.

SNSI is pleased to welcome Ashley Kidd to the Board of Directors. Ashley is a senior at IUPUI. She currently volunteers at the Humane Society of Indianapolis, but her passion for animal welfare started at the young age of 16 through her volunteer activities at Black Pine Animal Park, an exotic animal rescue sanctuary in



Northern Indiana. In addition to her love of animals, Ashley's interests also

include non-profit management and leadership, making her a great fit for SNSI's board.

A few people your donations to SNSI helped this quarter:

- A woman who lives in rural Jackson County where dogs and cats are routinely abandoned.
- An elderly woman in Southern Indiana who has taken in a stray dog.
- A cancer-patient who was given a puppy to help lift his spirits.
- A Cloverdale woman who has been taking care of four cats and wants to make sure they don't add to pet overpopulation.
- A woman who has taken in a stray dog and wants to make sure it is spayed before she finds a new home for it.

SNSI and Pet Supplies "Plus" at Great Indy Pet Expo

SNSI recently partnered with Pet Supplies "PLUS" at the Great Indy Pet Expo to promote spay/neuter. With the help of a generous financial contribution from Pet Supplies "PLUS" owner, Nick Milano, SNSI offered certificates for spay/neuter surgeries at a cost of only \$20 per certificate.

To draw attention to the importance of spay/neuter and responsibility for our pets, Nick Milano spent three days in a dog crate at the Great Indy Pet Expo! Nick received media coverage (while sporting a fashionable SNSI t-shirt) and routinely "Tweeted" from the crate.



Milano at home in dog crate.

With friends like these ...

Xandra Hamilton knows a fine bunch of people who gathered together early in October to present a donation to SNSI all in honor of Xandra. These friends donated the money in appreciation of and to honor her for many years of tireless work for the welfare of animals!

SNSI Assists Dogs Seized In Dog Fighting Bust

In the aftermath of the largest dog fighting bust in Indiana history, which occurred last August, Casa del Toro, an organization committed to responsibly rescuing and re-homing Pit Bulls in Indianapolis, was recently awarded custody of ten dogs. Of these ten dogs, eight of them were intact.



In order to get these dogs out of a boarding kennel and into foster homes, Casa del Toro recently turned to SNSI, and we were pleased to provide free spay/neuter surgeries for these dogs. We're excited we were able to help Casa del Toro move these dogs one step closer to finding loving homes!

Grant News

SNSI is the proud recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust. With these funds, SNSI will bolster the number of free surgery certificates we provide to our partnering non-profit organizations.



The shelters and rescue organizations carry the weight of animal care and adoption along with conducting some of their own fundraising. Because SNSI has no animals in our care, we are able to focus on fundraising and provide much-needed support to these organizations. We are grateful to the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust, for providing funds that will enable us to work together to spay/neuter a minimum of 250 animals.

License Plate

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efforts throughout the state.

A specialty plate costs an additional \$40, of which \$25 goes to the organization. This can translate into hundreds of additional spay/neuter surgeries each year in Indiana!



www.spayneuterservices.org

To complete the application, we must gather signatures of at least 500 people willing to purchase the plate if issued. If you'd like to help us with this effort, please go to our website, download a blank petition form and get signatures of those committed to purchasing the pet friendly plate.

We must have **original** signatures on the petitions, and all petitions must be mailed to SNSI by December 31, 2009.



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Wait...Don't recycle this newsletter just yet. Isn't there someone you know who would like to read it? Pass it on!

2009 Hair Ball sets record. But goal has not yet been hit!

SNSI and the Hair Ball Planning Committee would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers and attendees of this year's Hair Ball. Donations have continued to roll in, and we are slowly inching our way toward our record goal of \$30,000. We are approximately \$1,500 away from this goal.

To make a donation, visit www.IndyHairBall.org and click on “Donate”.

A big “Thank you!” goes out to our presenting sponsor, PETCO Foundation. We greatly appreciate their continued support of our spay/neuter efforts.

If you know people who are having financial difficulty in paying for their pet's spay or neuter, please pass on our information.

Economic difficulties are hitting everyone, including those who were not hurting financially prior to the official economic turmoil. These are the days that require all of us to prioritize what we need in life to get by. Some need more than others, and some really just need the only friends they have, their pets.

In recent months, applications for our Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) have more than

doubled.

We, as an organization, are pleased that people are continuing to keep their pets as a priority in their lives. However, this also means we are subsidizing more surgeries for those who would have been able to afford their pet's surgery prior to the economic downturn. Therefore, as a non-profit organization, we depend upon generous donors, like you, to help us sponsor these surgeries.

