



Spay-Neuter-Now (SNN) 2020 Newsletter

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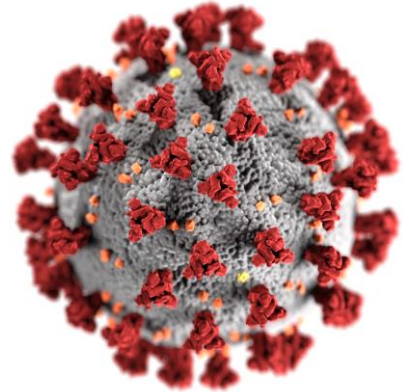


COVID-19 Update on SNN Programs

After our March 12th, 2020 mobile clinic, SNN postponed all mobile clinic operations and moved to skeleton hours in the office due to concerns of the impending COVID-19 crisis that we continue to live through. The following 11 weeks of shutdown unfortunately hit at a critical moment to curb the incoming May kitten season. Our programs resumed in earnest in June, but we have been fighting against a significant backlog.

Due to COVID-19 safety, our recurring fundraising events like Spayghetti and Santa Paws have been cancelled for 2020. SNN programs depend on donations and fundraisers to continue operations and we greatly appreciate the donations of those who have been in a position to donate since this crisis began.

2020 is SNN's 26th year of operations, having provided over **22,500 spay/neuter surgeries** to in-need animals, people and communities. Despite the loss of operational time this year, by the end of September we have been able to spay/neuter over 1,200 cats & dogs!



Mobile Clinic Winter MASH Season



Our mobile clinic program has been running strong since June. Harsh North Country winters force the Neuter Commuter into hibernation and we transition our mobile clinic to a MASH setup at host locations.

During the MASH season we load a cargo van with all of our supplies and bring them into our host locations and build a surgical suite inside.

We would like to thank the Glen Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Village of West Carthage for their support hosting the majority of our 2020 mobile clinics. You have been wonderful hosts allowing SNN to use your facilities for holding mobile clinics!

SNN is still searching for a suitable permanent MASH clinic space in Jefferson County for this coming winter where we can reduce costs by not needing to load and unload supplies to run each clinic day.

Spay-Neuter-Now's Mission

Our mission is to create & maintain a significant reduction in companion animal overpopulation in the North Country by providing help to animals, people and communities through education and prevention.

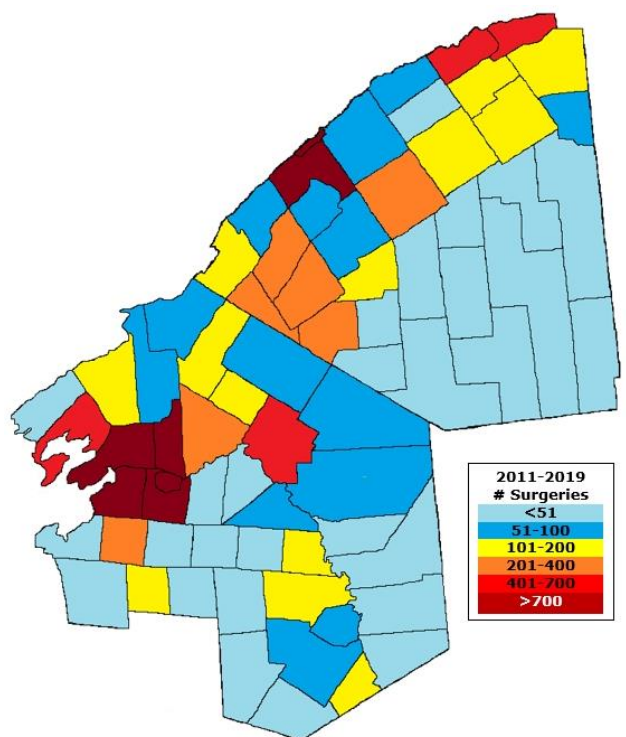
You can help your community by:

- Give Information:** Share our program with others.
- Give Time:** Volunteer at an event or run a fundraiser.
- Give Resources:** Donate money or supplies.

SNN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.



Helping Animals, People & Communities



The majority of animals helped by SNN programs follows the general human population in the tri-county area that generally follows NY Route 11 and NY Route 26.

Please let us know how SNN can help more in the communities on this map that are colored in blue.

In 2019, SNN programs set a new record with a total of 1,395 spay/neuter surgeries! Last year SNN programs provided 1,190 rabies and 1,246 distemper vaccinations, as well as 1,274 flea treatments to cats & dogs.

SNN Program Package & Fees

Unfortunately, due to increasing costs since the last change in 2015, we have updated our package and pricing to help ensure our ability to continue providing high quality services to North Country animals.

We understand this news comes at an inconvenient time for many due to COVID-19. We hope that you understand that these fees still do not cover SNN's actual cost of providing these services and that we try to make up the difference through donations and fundraising.

Our package includes the spay/neuter surgery, pain management, rabies & distemper (DA2PP, FVRCP) vaccinations, a nail trim and a check/treatment for ear mites (cats).

All Cats (Male or Female) \$85.00

Dogs Under 25 lbs Males \$140.00 Females \$155.00

Dogs 25.1-50 lbs Males \$155.00 Females \$175.00

Dogs 50.1-75 lbs Males \$170.00 Females \$195.00

Dogs Over 75.0 lbs Males \$185.00 Females \$215.00

Dogs 3 Years & Older +\$25.00 (due to additional surgery time)
Cryptorchids +\$25.00 (due to additional surgery time)

Optional: Flea Treatment \$5.00 (Advantage II)

Messages from TEAM SNN About 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, we are hesitant to set many of our regular fundraisers for 2021. Please keep an eye on our website's calendar and our page on Facebook for updates on fundraisers and events. We hope to return to our normal schedule of a spring and fall newsletter next year to keep you informed.

Our mobile clinic program will continue operations as the weather moves us into our winter MASH season until springtime when the Neuter Commuter returns.

Our partner programs for cats and dogs at Town & Country Vet Clinic, located in Ogdensburg, Potsdam, Massena and for cats at Little Friends Vet Clinic located in Lyons Falls, continue operations year-round. Town & Country has helped spay and neuter over 630 cats and dogs in 2020 so far!

We are hoping that our Spayghetti fundraiser hosted along with Alley Cat Rescue of Alexandria Bay and Riveredge Resort will return in 2021 near its normal time in early June. This will hopefully also give our area businesses some time to recover and possibly provide donations for the Spayghetti Silent Auction next year.



While disappointing to miss this year, we could not find a satisfactory COVID-19 solution for Santa Paws hosted at Potsdam Agway for this year. We are hoping that the situation improves enough for the event to return in December 2021.

We are planning a series of capital campaigns for upcoming projects and program needs that will be run over this coming winter. Please let us know if you are interested in receiving a mailed or emailed post-card style mini-newsletter as these fundraising campaigns take off. For example, before next spring's kitten season and the weather allows for safe TNR (trap-neuter-release) operations, we need to restock our supply of humane traps for free-roaming cats.

For information & applications, call 315-489-0541 or 315-486-0094.
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The events of 2020 have turned most of our lives upside down. We are happy to continue to provide a much-needed service to the region and we hope that you all continue to be well and stay healthy! -TEAM SNN

Unicorn of Cats!



You would not believe the excitement of our veterinary staff members as we crowded around a rare male calico cat that came into our mobile clinic this February! Males with this hair coloring are about 1:3000 chance because they have an extra sex chromosome.

Working Together

Each animal organization in the North Country has its own mission and priorities, but we have so many things that cross over. We are all at our best when we are working together on our goals to help animals.

This September, SNN worked with the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA (Ogdensburg) and Alley Cat Rescue of Alexandria Bay to help a client to trap, spay and neuter over 25 barn cats in Hammond, NY. This included providing financial support and additional humane traps needed to address the colony's needs.

Over a week, SNN's mobile clinic spayed and neutered 23 of the cats and any remaining cats will be going through our partner program with Town & Country Vet Clinic.

Spay Neuter Now's Gift of Spay Fund Provided Over \$23,000 in Program Discounts



In December 2015, SNN asked for donors to help further reduce the cost for in-need clients having a hard time meeting even our subsidized package fees. Since then, we have been able to provide over \$23,000 in direct donation-in, discount-out relief to SNN program clients who needed the extra help and that is thanks to the many donors over the years!

For our 2020-2021 Gift of Spay season, we are simplifying the process so that a "Gift of Spay" is now a \$50.00 donation per pet, which will discount an in-need client's fees for that animal by the same \$50.00. We are able to combine partial contribution amounts together to reach a full \$50.00 Gift of Spay discount.

SNN will send Gift of Spay donors a photo & name of the pet that you helped to spay/neuter through our programs. The recipients of past Gift of Spay assistance have expressed how thankful they are and sometimes give us notes or cards to pass along too.



Please have my donation to the Gift of Spay Fund go to help: CATS [] DOGS [] ANY ANIMALS []

DONOR NAME

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