



Spay-Neuter-Now (SNN) 2022 Newsletter

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Beatrice D. Schermerhorn "Lady for Animals" 1927-2022

It is with our deepest sadness that we share with the SNN community that our founder Bea Schermerhorn passed into eternal peace this July.

Before focusing her energy on creating Spay Neuter Now in 1994, Bea helped establish Schermerhorn Marina in Hammond, NY with her husband William Schermerhorn. Bea loved the St. Lawrence River and was a member the NYS Boating Council, the Great Lakes Basin Advisory Board, NY Eastern Marine Trade Association, the Empire State Marine Trade Association and she was a founding member of Save the River and the International Water Levels Coalition. Many years after she retired from running the marina, locals would still recognize Bea's voice from the marina's Cobia TV and radio commercials.

Unsurprisingly, Bea always had a passion for animals. Even at a young age, Bea wanted to have her own vet clinic at a time when the social norms for jobs for girls were limited to things like being a teacher, a secretary or a nurse.

Bea founded Spay Neuter Now as a prevention and education program to help deal with what she identified as one of the root causes of animal welfare issues: **Overpopulation of cats and dogs.**

Bea would answer the phone at any time of day for 17 years as the organization grew in size and scope. Eventually she turned over the operational end of SNN due to health issues for a much-needed and well-deserved break from the administrative work of managing SNN partner programs in addition to the mobile clinic program over an area the size of Connecticut. Until her passing, she was always involved as a member of Spay Neuter Now's board of directors.

We were so happy to see Bea enjoy all the 94th birthday cards in response to last year's newsletter and we thank all those who have already sent the many cards, letters and donations in Bea's memory over the past months.



Bea Schermerhorn was a lady who would always share with you what she thought on a topic and was willing to fight for a cause she believed in. She would often host traveling mobile clinic veterinarians at her house and provide meals at clinics for SNN staff and volunteers. When remembering Bea, many staff members recalled good memories and conversations over hamburgers and root beer floats between spaying and neutering cats on clinic days.

Bea Schermerhorn: Indeed a "Lady for Animals" who fought for her cause. She would want us to think about doing good for the animals first and foremost.

It rests upon us to continue Bea's legacy through SNN's mission to create and maintain a significant reduction in companion animal overpopulation in the North Country by providing help to animals, people and communities through education and prevention.

It has been my most sincere pleasure to have known Bea, and the animal welfare world has been diminished by her passing.

I encourage anyone who reads this to share a memory of an animal that Bea's program impacted and if possible, to donate to your local animal welfare organizations in her memory. Each organization has a different focus, but we all have the same goal to help the animals!

-Kevin Mace LVT, SNN General Manager

SNN's Work Continues Nearing 25,000 Lifetime Surgeries

As of the end of October 2022 Spay Neuter Now (SNN) has provided over **24,826** lifetime spays and neuters of North Country animals! This includes over 800 program surgeries provided so far in 2022.

We are excited to announce that we will reach a major milestone of 25,000 cats and dogs spayed and neutered by the end of the year!

Since retiring the mobile clinic program at the end of last year, we have been operating at reduced hours in our office to keep expenses down. Despite less time in the office, our partner programs with local veterinary clinics have been keeping busy, spaying and neutering more animals than any prior year.

Our most sincere thanks go to the staff and managers of Town & Country Vet Clinic in Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Massena, as well as Little Friends Vet Services in Lyons Falls for their continued support to the community through partnering with Spay Neuter Now to provide subsidized spays and neuters to in-need pet owners and caretakers of stray, feral and community cats.



Program Package & Fees

SNN Package: The spay/neuter surgery, a rabies & distemper vaccination (DA2PP/FVRCP) and a nail trim.

Cats (Male or Female) \$85.00

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

Dogs 25-50lbs Males \$155.00 Females \$175.00

Dogs 50-75lbs Males \$170.00 Females \$195.00

Dogs >75lbs Males \$185.00 Females \$215.00

Dogs Over 3 Years +\$25.00

Applications for assistance are available on our website for income-qualified households and for caretakers of stray, feral, barn and colony cats. We have income and situational eligibility guidelines.

SNN in 2023

2023 is Spay Neuter Now's 30th Anniversary.

Please watch our website for updates on events.

SNN is incredibly proud of the impact our program has had so far, but there is still a lot of work to do and we could not do it alone.

Spay Neuter Now programs depend on donations and fundraisers to cover program expenses and continue providing service to the community.

SNN will continue expanding networking efforts with other North Country animal organizations.

A severe lack of veterinarians nationally and regionally has a significant impact on SNN's ability to address pet overpopulation. While there are not enough vets in the North Country to meet the region's needs, it is hard to ask more vet clinics to reroute some of that bandwidth towards subsidized spay and neuter services.

For the past year SNN has been coordinating with some Massena area volunteers and Kitten Pause TNR to work on the Massena Community Cats Project (MCCP). This project is an effort to identify and manage stray, feral and other community cats in the area. SNN coordinates spay/neuter support with Town & Country while Kitten Pause TNR are the boots on the ground for the project. For more information, please contact us. You can also contact Toni at Kitten Pause TNR at 315-250-1202.

Some of you may have noticed some Spay Neuter Now donation jars appearing at St. Lawrence County shops over the past year. This is a wonderful fundraiser that was spearheaded by a single volunteer that found SNN when they were looking for helping some stray cats.

If you want to volunteer to run a fundraiser for SNN, please let us know how we can support and promote it!

Gift of Spay Fund for 2022-2023

SNN's Gift of Spay Fund is our ongoing program where donor funds further discount the subsidized spay and neuter package fees for in-need clients. These discounts can often make the difference between clients being able to afford to get their cats and dogs spayed when a surgery space is available for them. Each Gift of Spay discount is up to \$50 per animal.

We do apologize that it has proven difficult to obtain and send photos of pets helped by donors in the 2021-2022 season. We will continue to try our best to share with donors the photos and stories of the pets they have helped.



Please have my Gift of Spay donation help:

Cats [] Dogs [] Any Animals []

Donor Name & Address (Home or Email), Please Print Clearly.

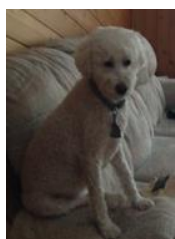


Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to SNN.

By Check: PO Box 802 Canton NY 13617

PayPal Link: www.spayneuternow.org/donations-and-volunteering/

Please make a note with your donation for it to go to a specific SNN program or fund: Rainey Fund (Animal Cruelty), Gift of Spay (Additional Discounts for SNN Clients), Massena Community Cat Project (Massena Area Cats).



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