



# Spay-Neuter-Now (SNN) 2019 Winter Newsletter

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## 2019 Beatrice Schermerhorn Community Service Award



This year's honoree is Town & Country Vet Clinic's Dr. Jack Zeh! Every year SNN recognizes a person who has demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding dedication and devotion to North Country animals, people and communities.

**From Dr. Zeh:** "Thank you for the honor of accepting this award. As the partner program with SNN has developed, Town & Country has been able to provide service to many animals in our community and their owners. Our philosophy at Town & Country has always been to try to provide affordable health care for animals. Veterinary medicine is about animals, but the owners are just as important. We understand that owners like to do the best for their animals and being able to provide affordable spays and neuters with the partnership of SNN has enabled us to help many more patients."

August 2019 marks the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of SNN's partner program with Town & Country Vet Clinic, having provided over 2,500 surgeries!

## 2019 Santa Paws Fundraiser Hosted at Potsdam Agway Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm, 12:30pm-2:30pm



Our long-time volunteer & professional photographer Genine Gehret [www.gqkphotography.com](http://www.gqkphotography.com) donates her time to take amazing photos of your pets! Photos are printed on site. \$10 donation for one photo; additional photos for \$5 each. Raffle drawing for a pet-themed Christmas wreath donated by Potsdam Agway!

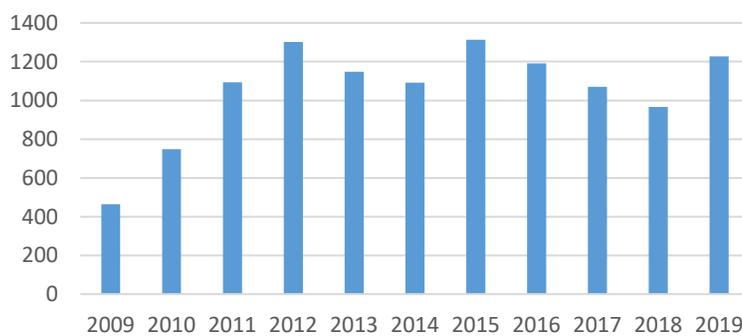
## Rainey Fund



The Rainey Fund was created by SNN's founder, Bea Schermerhorn, in memory of her dog Rainey, who was rescued from a terrible abuse situation inflicted by teenagers. This fund is dedicated to education and prevention of animal cruelty in the North Country.

Thanks to donations so far, the fund has raised over \$2000 that will fight against animal cruelty!

## SNN Program Spays/Neuters



## We Have Helped 21,244 Pets!

The 25<sup>th</sup> year of SNN is coming to a close and since 1994 our programs have provided 21,244 spay/neuter surgeries for cats and dogs from income-qualified households and for caretakers of free-roaming cats in the North Country.

## 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.



In the past decade, SNN programs have changed and grown, with each year providing its own differences and hurdles. Every time, we have been able to adapt and maintain high-quality services to our clients in need of help. With a month left in 2019, we are expecting to surpass our 2015 record year of 1,313 spays/neuters!

We are continuing to explore ways to further expand our capacity to provide assistance and improve our services in the North Country! Every animal we spay/neuter puts a larger dent into overpopulation of pets and that is only possible thanks to donations and fundraisers!

This past week we held our first MASH clinic, where the Neuter Commuter (our 27' RV surgical suite) goes into hibernation, we rent a cargo van and continue to run clinics at our winter host locations. In 2019, we have had wonderful clinic hosts including: Village of West Carthage, Glen Park Fire Dept., Three Mile Bay Fire Dept., Lewis County Humane Society and Indian River Ambulance Service.

## From Our Founder



Two of the most vulnerable members of our society are children & animals. It is so important to spay and neuter our pets to not only reduce the issues caused by overpopulation, but so they can live longer, healthier lives.

Over the years I've welcomed twenty pets to my family and my home. While some passed over the rainbow bridge from other causes, cancer has always been a looming shadow for many of my pets. One out of three dogs and one out of four cats will get some form of cancer in their lifetimes.

I would like it if you can take a moment to consider some of the potential warning signs of cancer in your own pets, and to be aware of a local nonprofit organization called Paws4Potter ([www.paws4potter.com](http://www.paws4potter.com)) that was created in response to the need for pet cancer awareness in our region.

**Paws 4 Potter**



### Warning Signs of Cancer

**Abnormal bleeding or discharges.  
Loss of weight, stamina, appetite.**

**Abnormal swellings or sores that  
grow, persist or don't heal.**

**Difficulty eating, drinking or defecating.**

## SNN MASH Clinics



Due to the harsh North Country winters SNN runs MASH clinics instead of inside our surgical RV. This unfortunately comes with the additional costs of renting a cargo van and the packing, unpacking, storage and setup required.

SNN is currently looking for a suitable building space in Jefferson County that may serve as a MASH location that we would be able to leave our supplies at between clinics. We would love to find a space we can use for hosting clinics and/or a business that might help us get a cargo van.

## Over \$5400 of SNN Gift of Spay Discounts Provided Since Winter 2018!

SNN's additional discount program for families having trouble affording even our subsidized spay/neuter fees has provided over \$5400 in direct program discounts for clients. The goal for donated funds is to help reduce the client's spay/neuter costs to \$20 per pet. For example a \$50 donation would provide the funds to discount SNN's clinic fees for a cat.

The funds donated since winter 2018 have almost all been distributed to SNN program clients. As funds allow, we can continue to provide discounts throughout the year to those in need of additional financial assistance. Every donation helps and smaller donations can be combined together with others to reach a full discount for someone's pet.



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

Name:

Address:



## Past Events: Spayghetti Wine & Cheese Cruise

"Thank You!" to everyone who came out to help bring in over \$4300 at our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spayghetti Fundraiser hosted by the Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay in June.



We also would like to thank Clayton Island Tours, Coyote Moon and the ship's crew for a wonderful wine & cheese cruise in early September.

It is events like these that help SNN have the funds to continue operating!

## SNN Spay/Neuter Package

All SNN packages include the spay/neuter surgery, pain management, rabies & distemper vaccinations and a check & treatment for fleas and ear mites.

\$70.00 per Cat

\$100.00 Dogs under 25lbs

\$120.00 Dogs 26-50lbs

\$140.00 Dogs 51-75lbs

\$160.00 Dogs over 75lbs

SNN fees cover roughly 40% of our actual costs to provide program services. The rest we try to cover with donations & fundraisers.

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