



Kumie Wise

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Kumie Wise, who dedicated many years of service to SNAP as our bookkeeper and most recently as a member of our Board of Directors. Her extensive knowledge of the organization's history has been invaluable, and she will be deeply missed.

Can Spaying and Neutering Reduce the Number of Dogs and Cats Euthanized?

In 2025, more than 9,700 dogs and cats in Dona Ana County entered the shelter (ASCMV). The majority of these animals were strays with some being owner-surrenders; very few had been spayed or neutered. Thirty percent (30%) of the dogs and cats that enter the shelter during any year are euthanized. That's over 2,900 dogs and cats last year alone.

We are lucky to have several rescue organizations in our county that take in hundreds of dogs and cats each year. Unfortunately, these organizations fill up quickly and must turn away animals because of lack of space/capacity. The animals that can't be accommodated by the rescue organizations end up at the shelter or on the streets.

Spaying/neutering is the only way that the number of dogs and cats that are dropped off at the shelter, or abandoned to the streets to die of starvation or disease can be reduced. It is up to all of us to make the difference for these animals.

Last year, SNAP facilitated almost 2,250 spay/neuter surgeries. Imagine the number of puppies and kittens that would have been born this year if these surgeries had not been performed....the number is huge....thousands in fact.

Yes, spaying and neutering can reduce the number of animals that enter the shelter and the number that are euthanized. You can be part of the solution to stopping the high number of animals that the shelter must euthanize each year.



SNAP 2026 Statistics (as of August 20, 2026)

Spay/Neuter Surgeries Completed	
Owned Pets	
Dog Spays	492
Dog Neuters	318
Cat Spays	177
Cat Neuters	313
Community Cats	
Total Spay/Neuter Surgeries	1,488
Microchips	945
Rabies Vaccinations	1,116
Vouchers Issued	1,648

Donations Needed

Gas prices are fluctuating—primarily trending upwards—grocery prices continue to increase. At SNAP, we recognize that these are challenging and uncertain times for many members of our community. Unfortunately, the demand for spaying and neutering services for dogs and cats continues to grow. This year, donations to SNAP have declined, which poses a significant challenge for us. We depend on these contributions to cover expenses not fully reimbursed by our contracts with the City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County and other grants. Please consider a donation to SNAP today; every dollar makes a difference for the dogs and cats in our community.

In January of 2026, SNAP started a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program to address the issue of community (feral) cats. To date, 188 community cats have been fixed. Unfortunately, the funding that we had for this program has run out. We don't want to stop...female cats can have up to four litters per year...getting them fixed means a lot less cats roaming around just trying to survive. **Please help us help them!!!**

Ways to Donate



- To make a secure online donation, go to www.snapnewmexico.org, click on the **Donate to SNAP** button, and enter the amount you wish to donate.
- Mail or deliver your donation to SNAP at 2405 W. Picacho, Suite 103, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Join SNAP—We Need YOU!!

SNAP is seeking individuals committed to addressing the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our community to serve as volunteer Board Members. Board members guide the organization as we move forward. The Board meets approximately four times a year; meetings are held in the SNAP office or via Zoom. Board members promote the work of SNAP within the community and assist with fundraising efforts.



Think SNAP Is Doing a Good Job

You can nominate SNAP for a grant at <https://www.unwantedanimals.org/>. Click on the **Nominate a Charity** link at the top of the website. This organization awards small grants to animal welfare nonprofits. Tell them what you think SNAP does well and provide them with our contact information:

Spay & Neuter Action Program
2405 W. Picacho, Suite 103
Las Cruces, NM 88007
www.snapnewmexico.org
575-524-9265

There is no cost to you and your nomination will put SNAP in the running for a grant.

Tips for Snips

Many businesses throughout Las Cruces have generously agreed to host a **Tips for Snips** donation box at their location. Thank you to all these businesses; we would like you to join them in supporting SNAP. We have donation boxes available and would be delighted to drop one off at your location. Give us a call and one of our board members will drop by with a cute donation box.

Thanks to generous donations by SNAP Board members, we now have a couple of promotional items available in our office. Please drop by and pick up a foldable fan, bumper stickers, and/or drawstring backpack. A small donation would be appreciated.



Doña Ana County Animal Control Mobile Spay/Neuter Program

Doña Ana County has started a mobile spay/neuter program and hosted three clinics in late July and early August. Additional dates are available in October and November. To participate, residents must be from the unincorporated areas of the county and must schedule an appointment online.



Program Requirements include:

- Limit of one pet per client, per day.
- Dogs and cats must be between 3 months and 2 years of age.
- They must weigh between 5 and 45 pounds.
- Cannot display aggressive or feral behavior.
- No fleas or ticks.
- They must be fully vaccinated at least two weeks before surgery.
- Not pregnant, nursing, in heat, sick/injured, or obese.

More information and a complete list of program requirements and restrictions can be found at https://www.donaana.gov/departments/community_services/animal_control/spay_neuter_schedule.php.

