



President's Report

As another year draws to a close, SNAP staff and board members are thankful for the donors who support us and the clientele we serve. But most of all, we are thankful for our founders, who saw the need in our community and the importance of spaying and neutering our domestic cats and dogs. We recently embarked on a SNAP history project. This history chronicle is a living document—it will continue to be updated as we get information from the community and will be posted on the SNAP website. An excerpt of that document is included in this Newsletter. We are requesting you, our supporters, to provide any snippets that you remember as we want to recognize the many who have contributed to today's success (snapnm@zianet.com). We look forward to hearing from you! Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

Sudha Murthy, President

NM Spay/Neuter Grant

SNAP is thrilled to report that we received a grant from the New Mexico Spay/Neuter Grant Program. This grant will enable us to begin a trap-neuter-release (TNR) program for community cats. The grant covers the costs of spay/neuter surgeries, rabies vaccinations, and FVRCP vaccinations for as many as 150 community cats. The grant also covers the costs for spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for up to 150 companion cats and dogs not covered under our current contracts.

Our grant was one of almost 30 distributed by the Board of Veterinarian Medicine to animal advocacy/rescue groups and shelters throughout New Mexico. The grants are funded through the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law passed by the New Mexico Legislature in 2020, which established a small fee paid by pet food manufacturers for products they register to sell in New Mexico. **Unfortunately, the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law will be repealed in 2026, unless the Legislature acts to renew this legislation.**

TAKE ACTION: Please urge your State Representative and State Senator to save the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law by removing the law's repeal date during the 2026 state legislative session. A website has been set up to make it easy for you to contact your Legislators and ask for their support: https://advocacy.charityengine.net/Default.aspx?isid=2682&sm_guid=OTA10TM1fDc5Njl1ODkxfC0xfHBkYW5zZXJAc3dubS5jb218ODMwNzY5NHx8MHwwfDI4NzE4NTM1MXwxMTczfDB8MHx8OTAyNTA4fDA1 or go to the SNAP website (www.snapnewmexico.org) and click on for **Save Affordable Spay/Neuter** button.

2025 Update

We have had a very busy and productive year with lots of dogs and cats being spayed/neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated. At this point, it is looking like we will be over 2,200 completed spay/neuter surgeries and over 2,700 vouchers issued. **WOW**, that's a lot of cats and dogs who will not be making more kittens and puppies.

January 1-October 31	Dogs	Cats	Total
Vouchers Issued	1,520	1,011	2,534
Surgeries Completed	1,191	827	2,021
Rabies Vaccinations	675	682	1,357
Microchips	495	287	782

SNAP History—1998-2025

In 1998, Alice Davenport and Joy Miller established the Pet Overpopulation Defense organization and their "office" was located in Alice's business, **Moonbow Alterations**. They facilitated the spay/neuter of local pets with local vets. In 1998, paperwork was filed to establish a nonprofit, 501(c)(3).

Over the years, the SNAP office was located at two Better Life Pet Food locations, first on Main Street and then on Avenida de Mesilla until we found our current location at 2405 W. Picacho. The name changed to Spay and Neuter Awareness Program and then to Spay Neuter Action Program. Despite the name changes, the countless volunteers and board members, and numerous organizations and individuals that helped SNAP over the years, the mission has never changed. Today, SNAP is serving more members of the community and is needed just as urgently as it was needed 28 years ago to reduce pet overpopulation in Doña Ana County.



Alice Davenport
co-Founder of SNAP

Website Update

When you visit our website, you will see that we are in the process of updating the site with a new look and additional information. Take a look and let us know what you think (www.snapnewmexico.org).



Spay Neuter Action Program
2405 W. Picacho, Suite 103
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Every Donation Counts!!!

Did you know that donations from individuals make up approximately 30% of SNAP's annual budget? Average costs for surgeries are rising; over \$225 for dogs (big dogs can cost over \$350) and \$135 for cats. Each donation makes it possible for us to continue serving all of Doña Ana County. An easy way to help SNAP is to make a monthly, recurring donation. Just go to www.snapnewmexico.org, click on the **Donate to SNAP** button, select the **Monthly** option, and enter the amount you wish to donate. That's it! Your monthly donation will occur securely and automatically, and you can cancel at any time. No amount is too small! Thank you for considering a recurring donation to SNAP.

WANT TO HELP REDUCE PET OVERPOPULATION?

Please help SNAP continue their work by sending your tax-deductible donation today!

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| ☐ \$100 | ☐ \$75 | ☐ \$50 | ☐ \$25 |
| ☐ \$15 | ☐ \$10 | ☐ \$5 | ☐ Other |

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Thank You!

We want to express our appreciation to the following businesses that have hosted our *Tips for Snips* donation boxes at their offices. Thanks go to **Better Life Pet Foods, Calista Animal Hospital, Doggy Shop Grooming, East Lohman Veterinary Clinic, Schumacher Veterinary Clinic, Studio One Six**, and **Wild Birds Unlimited**. Would you like one of our donation boxes at your location? Let us know; we'll be happy to get you one!

