



Spay/Neuter Awareness Month—2026

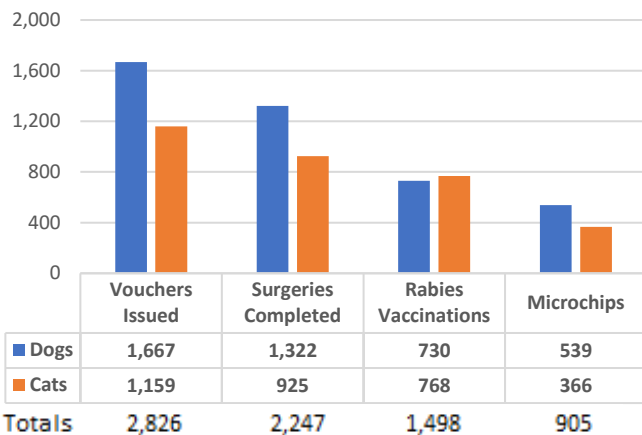
February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. This month-long campaign is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering pets with the aim of reducing the number of homeless animals by preventing overpopulation. Spaying and neutering not only benefit individual pets but also contribute to the overall well-being of communities and animal welfare.

Since 1998, SNAP has been facilitating the spay and neuter of the companion pets of low-income Doña Ana County residents. During that 26+ years, over 30,000 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered using SNAP vouchers. This year, we have set our goals high:

- Issue 3,000 vouchers
- Facilitate 2,500 spay/neuter surgeries
- Provided free rabies vaccinations and microchips with surgery as needed

To Reach These Goals, We Need Your Help!!!

2025 Final Numbers



NM Spay/Neuter Grant

As mentioned in our fall newsletter, SNAP received a grant that enables us to begin a trap-neuter-release program (TNR) for community cats this year as well as expand outreach to the south county area. The funding for this grant was made possible by the passage of the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law in 2020, which established a small fee paid by pet food manufacturers for products they register to sell in New Mexico. Across the state, 28 organizations (shelters, non-profit rescue groups, and animal welfare groups) were awarded \$1 million in total to provide spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats. ***The Affordable Spay/Neuter Law sunsets in June 2026 unless the Legislature acts this spring.***

GREAT NEWS: A new bill, SB 38, has been introduced in the legislature that will make the Affordable Spay/Neuter program permanent. This is critical legislation as the overpopulation of dogs and cats is a significant issue in our area and across the state. With the continuation of the Affordable Spay/Neuter program, shelters, rescue groups, and animal welfare groups throughout the State will be able to apply for funding to assist them in providing no-cost surgeries and vaccinations.

TAKE ACTION: Please urge your State Representative and State Senator to save the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law by voting for SB 38. For more information on the legislation: <https://apvnm.org/save-affordable-spay-neuter-for-new-mexico/>

A website has been set up to make it easy to contact your Legislators:

https://advocacy.charityengine.net/Default.aspx?isid=2682&sm_guid=OTA1OTM1fDc5Njl1ODkxfC0xfHBkYW5zZXJAc3dubS5jb218ODMwNzY5NHx8MHwwfDI4NzE4NTM1MXwxMTczfDB8MHx8OTAYNTA4fDA1

Ideas To Help SNAP

Looking for some ideas of how you can help SNAP meet our goals. Think about the following:

- **Sponsor a Spay/Neuter for your Valentine:** Sponsor a spay or neuter in the name of a loved one (or former loved one). We will happily send them an acknowledgement of your gift. Dog: \$180, Cat: \$140.
- Help SNAP purchase microchips. SNAP can buy microchips through a partnership with PetLink. We provide the microchips to the vets that are performing surgeries. \$70 for 10 microchips.
- Sponsor a Spay/Neuter Clinic. Spay/Neuter clinics are a great way to get 25-40 dogs/cats fixed in a single day. Become a **Clinic Sponsor** with a donation of \$1,000.



Valentine Spay/Neuter



Microchips



Sponsor a Clinic



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



Every Donation Counts!!!

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. Thank you for considering a recurring donation to SNAP.

Think SNAP Is Doing a Good Job

You can nominate SNAP for a grant at 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:

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www.snapnewmexico.org
575-524-9265

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

WANT TO HELP SAVE MORE LIVES?			
Please help SNAP continue their work by sending your tax-deductible donation today!			
☐ \$100	☐ \$75	☐ \$50	☐ \$25
☐ \$15	☐ \$10	☐ \$5	☐ Other
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Your SNAP Donations at Work

Say Hello to Roxy and Willow, two little girls who found themselves lost and in need of help. Their new parents took them in and discovered that they needed to be spayed immediately. These sweet girls were quickly off to the vet with SNAP vouchers in hand and are now happy, playful girls without a care in the world. Your donations make these happy stories possible.

