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Happy New Year and welcome to the first 2015 edition of the newsletter!

Great News

The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust, has approved a one-year grant of \$5,000 to SNACK for its spay/neuter clinics for cats during 2015. The grant will allow the group to subsidize spay/neuters for owned cats during monthly clinics at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic.

Spay/Neuter Stats

The First Chance Fix-it Day on January 6, 2015 brought in 19 cats—13 females and six males. The Mid-Winter Fix-it Day on January 27 netted 20 cats—13 females and seven males. A healthy start to the year!

Behind the Scenes

We rely on local media, the website, e-newsletter, Facebook and supporters to get the word out about SNACK. Amazingly, we are usually able to fill Fix-it Days with enough cats for surgery. A big THANK YOU to those who help get the word out:

Ann, Toni, Jena and Gail—the website, Facebook and e-newsletter editors.

Kaitlyn—the talent behind SNACK flyers.

Jennifer—of the Humane Society of Morrow County who promotes our events in Morrow County.

Allison, WMVO Tradio and the WMVO Community Calendar.

Bethany, the *Mount Vernon News*.

Penny and Diana of the *Knox County Citizen* and *Bellville Star*.

Rita, Sue, Greg, Debi, Laurie, Linda, Sharon, Robb, Bill, Susan, Toni K, and Gabby for their professionalism in working fix-it day events.

The staff at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic, clients, and donors—THANK YOU!

Update on Roadie

Roadie, the cat featured in the fourth quarter newsletter, was adopted in mid-December and moved to a horse farm. She is doing well—she gets along with the other cat and dogs and has found a forever home!

The Purrrr-fect Job

Spring is right around the corner and that means trapping season will soon begin. If anyone is interested in learning to trap/neuter/return (TNR), step up. Individuals work with a team of trappers and the colony caregiver to set traps, transport cats to surgery and return cats to their original location. We are also looking to fill the position of trapping coordinator. The job entails speaking with the client after an application for assistance is received, reviewing the information, contacting the volunteer trappers, contacting the clinic and arranging a time for the project. One would not have to be a trapper or leave the house to do the job.

World Spay Day

World Spay Day, sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International, is an annual campaign that spotlights spay/neuter as a way to save the lives of companion animals, feral cats, and street dogs. This year World Spay Day was February 24, 2015 and marked the 21st anniversary of the event! Our third Fix-it Day for the year was held that day at the Fredericktown Vet Clinic. We had 24 cats for surgery—14 females and 10 males.

Meet Danville Spot

Danville Spot is an orange tiger with a white spot on his back. In December, he was an eight-week old kitten who found his way to a former trapping client's home. Danville is rather shy, but does warm up gradually to people. He is neutered and has his vaccinations. If you are interested in meeting Danville and giving him a forever home, contact info@snackohio.org.

Upcoming Dates

World Spay Day Fix-it Overflow Day, March 3, Fredericktown Vet Clinic

TGIS (Thank Goodness It's Spring) Fix-it Day, March 24, Fredericktown Vet Clinic

Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 12-18, TBD

Apple Valley Community Yard Sale Fundraiser, May 22

Fundraising

Shop AmazonSmile and 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchase will go to SNACK if you identify it as your charitable organization. It's that easy! Log onto smile.amazon.com to begin.

Website

Remember to check our website frequently where you'll find updates, upcoming events, forms, and more! 