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Welcome to the Spring newsletter! We'll start this issue with an update followed by truly exciting news!

World Spay Day Update

What a huge success—two low-cost clinics were held with the result being 45 cats from five counties were spayed/neutered!

Globally there were over 500 events held in 41 countries. Organizers reported that 68,239 animals were spayed or neutered under the banner of World Spay Day—an increase of 15% over 2013—mostly dogs and cats were neutered or spayed but the total also included 103 rabbits and one rat!

Doris Day, who founded Spay Day USA in 1995, recently turned 90 years old. Congratulations to this amazing, forward-thinking woman!

Exciting News!

SNACK received a grant from the Ohio Pet Fund to help fund 2014 Trap, Neuter and Return program. The goal for this year's TNR program is to spay/neuter 75 cats—grant funds will spay/neuter about 50 cats and kittens.

The Ohio Pet Fund is supported by the sale of Ohio pet friendly license plates. The more pet plates they sell, the more funds they have to donate!

And more exciting news...

April 15 marked a milestone for SNACK when the 500th cat was spayed by the staff at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic!! SNACK has supported low-cost spay/neuter days and trap/neuter/return projects since 2011.

Why is this milestone important? According to a consensus of five University of Washington professors, one female cat and her offspring can produce between 100-400 cats after seven years. These 500 cats could produce anywhere from 50,000-200,000 more cats and kittens in Delaware, Knox, Morrow and Richland Counties by 2018!

“Dive into Summer” is the next Fix-it day scheduled for June 24. See the web site at www.snackohio.org for additional dates and times.

Special thanks to Dr. Harmon, the staff of Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic, Toni, Sharon, Rob, Jena, Laurie, Debi, Hallie, Bill, Susan, Sue, Rita and Greg for helping at one or both of the Tax Day clinics. The 2014 spay/neuters climbs to 90 cats or kittens! Congrats to everyone!

This and That

Summaries of 2013 activities and finances are now posted on the SNACK web site so you can read about the year: <http://www.snackohio.org/annreport2014.pdf>; financial reports are at: <http://www.snackohio.org/finreport2014.pdf>.

Fundraising

The beautiful “Cats in the Cabin” quilt is finished and tickets—only 200 will be sold—are now available. The drawing for this masterpiece will be held in October. Check out the web site or email info@snackohio.org for more information.

SNACK is registered in the Kroger Community Rewards program so if you shop at Kroger and use a plus card, it's easy to designate SNACK as a beneficiary every time you shop—it costs nothing and does not affect your fuel points! To participate, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards.



A note from Greg

Recently Rita, Jena and I visited a prior TNR client to trap two new unaltered cats that have been visiting for free meals. These cats are feral and run to an industrial site when strangers

drive up—a very challenging situation!

We worked on additional plans to trap these cats and placed a dummy trap there to serve as a feeding station for two weeks. Subsequently, we trapped one female and there is one left.

On a personal note, I have been feeling much better! It is wonderful to be trapping again and our current project has my juices flowing on improving SNACK's trapping techniques to outsmart those very intelligent feral cats!

Did you know?

SNACK has a Facebook page and Instagram page—even if you aren't into social media, you can see the pages and what's going on: <http://instagram.com/snackohio#> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/SNACK-Ohio/323591097751864>.

Enjoy the summer—look for the next newsletter sometime in August! Happy summer!