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Welcome to SNACK's first e-newsletter!

Did you know that February 26 was *World Spay Day*? Created by the Humane Society of the United States, this annual event is sponsored by local agencies to help control the overpopulation of cats and dogs in their communities. According to the HSUS, about four million cats and dogs are euthanized in U.S. shelters each year, most of them simply because they have no home—that's about one every eight seconds, every day. It's time for a change and *World Spay Day* is a paw step in the right direction.

"The main reason for neutering is to stop suffering," says Vicki Stevens, the HSUS's World Spay Day coordinator. "Euthanasia is horrible for everyone: for the people who work at the shelter and for the animal who dies prematurely in a shelter. Much of it is so avoidable by neutering."

SNACK was excited to be involved in this vital event! SNACK's spay day was offered to rural Knox and Morrow County barn, stray and feral cats—and this is success: For SNACK's Spay Day and its overflow day on 3/5, it spayed 33 females and neutered 14 males—wow! This is fabulous and truly a success to be proud of! This event was made possible by a grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust Grant, a KeyBank Trust.



Heartfelt thanks to the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic and the numerous volunteers (it takes many!) who helped make this day work!

No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens.

~Abraham Lincoln



*Special thanks* to the anonymous supporter who generously donated T-shirts with the SNACK logo for our great volunteers. Thank you to Ben for modeling the T-shirt!

### Updates

On our last community spay/neuter day (held in late January), SNACK spayed 14 females and six males. This is outstanding! On March 26 we held another mini-fix-it day to take care of the cats that didn't get into the *World Spay Day*. Five females were spayed.

### A Snip in Time

Another fix-it day is scheduled for April 16 at the Fredericktown Vet Clinic. Registration forms are on the Snack Ohio web site. This is open to anyone and people will be limited to two cats per household. There is a \$25 co-pay per cat.

### Facebook

Here is a comment that was posted on SNACK's Facebook after SNACK's stats were entered for the *World Spay Day* event:

"So if the average female cat and her offspring can produce 42,000 cats in a 7 year span (fact), and only 1 in 12 cats actually find a home (fact), then SNACK spared 1,270,500 cats from being unwanted, abandoned or hungry on the street in the next 7 years. Now, that's a good day's work!!"

What do you think about the first newsletter? Send comments, suggestions, etc. to: [editor@snackohio.org](mailto:editor@snackohio.org)