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Happy Holidays and welcome to the fourth quarter edition of the SNACK newsletter!

Activity Update

“Tis the season” for reviewing the past year and thinking about next year. 2015 will mark SNACK’s fifth year in operation! When the group started in 2011, SNACK helped with the spaying/neutering of five cats. This past year, the group held 13 community fix-it days where 267 cats/kittens were spayed or neutered. The trap/neuter/return volunteers worked on 16 projects in three counties and 63 cats were spayed or neutered.

As the New Year approaches, we are making plans for monthly community fix-it days in 2015 including another fix-it day express for male cats in May. We also want to expand our community outreach and host a “Give Me Shelter” feral cat shelter building workshop sometime in late summer/early fall.

We are looking for more ideas and suggestions to further our mission and/or for fundraising. If you have an idea you would like to share and/or work on, please send your suggestion to SNACK’s email address: info@snackohio.org or mail to SNACK at P.O. Box 121, Sunbury, OH 43074. Our success would be impossible without the support, ideas, and hard work of all involved.



Meet Roadie

Roadie was seen for about 10 days along a busy highway before volunteers realized she was probably abandoned. They trapped her easily and she is now residing in a foster home. She is a healthy, mature adult, is negative for feline leukemia, and has started on her vaccinations. She gets along well

with other cats and would love to be in a home where she could bask in the sunshine and be appreciated for her unique purrsonality. If you are interested in meeting and adopting Roadie, contact info@snackohio.org.

Follow-Up

As reported in the last newsletter, SNACK was working on a TNR project at a nursing facility. The kitten that was trapped found a forever home and was doing great! The adult cats were spayed and returned to the facility where both were doing well and are no longer procreating! Although dedicated volunteers went out two more times,

trapping of additional feral cats was unsuccessful. With the close of the TNR season for this year, SNACK will again put this project on its list of things to do for spring!

Winter Hazards Are Here Now!

Stray and feral cats are at home in the outdoors, but in winter and extreme weather, they can use some extra help.

Shelter: it’s best if the shelter has straw which wicks away moisture and keeps cats dry.

Food and water: in winter, cats, like people, need more calories to stay warm. If you care for outdoor cats, be sure to feed extra dry food. Water should be changed a couple of times each day. Wet cat food, if available, can help with making sure cats are getting enough water.

Safety: Be aware of **chemical poisons** such as antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, and sidewalk salt. Antifreeze can quickly kill a cat or dog after ingestion.

Warmth: if your car sits outside, bang on the hood before you start it. Outdoor cats will sometimes climb into an engine compartment for warmth and can be critically hurt or killed when the vehicle is started.

Fund Raising Updates

Wine for Whiskers –The Kenyon Inn in Gambier was the setting for SNACK’s wine tasting and silent auction event fund raiser on October 11. Over 30 supporters enjoyed wine and pairings. SNACK made over \$800 at the event.

Cats in a Cabin quilt winner was Suzan of Boulder, CO.

Cans for Cats metal recycling has reached over 750 pounds for the year—and raised over \$400.

Kroger Community Rewards—SNACK recently received notice that the group will receive over \$130 for the second quarter of 2014. The program requires a brief registration but after that, it’s easy! To participate in this fund raiser, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and have your Kroger Plus card handy.

Upcoming Events

Next fix-it day: First Chance 2015, Tuesday, January 6 at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic.

World Spay Day, February 24, 2015. Fix-it Day TBA.

It’s not too late...

...to make a tax deductible donation to SNACK—it’s a win-win for everyone!

Best wishes for a happy, peaceful holiday season!

