



## MOUNTAINEER SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Dear Members and Friends,

M-SNAP will soon finish its second year and we have far exceeded even our own high expectations, issuing over 900 vouchers in a little more than one year.

January means preparing our annual report, filing our tax return, and gearing up for a new year. Every December, we will hold a Membership Drive that serves two purposes – to renew **Memberships** and confirm our **Friends**, and to recruit new members and friends. The Membership Form is included in this letter for your convenience and the new period is effective January 1 through December 31, 2010.

**FRIENDS** - If you want to continue receiving announcements by email, please complete the form and return it to the address listed. Donations are not a requirement to be a Friend, but please consider showing your support for M-SNAP at this time with a tax deductible donation. Friends are always welcome to volunteer at any M-SNAP event.

**MEMBERS** – If you want to make the commitment to be a voting member in 2010, please complete the form, indicate a committee preference, and send the form and your check to the address listed. Dues ARE NOT tax-deductible.

I would like to share with you a recap of M-SNAP achievements during 2009:

- 🐾 Held Spay Day USA activities, including an Open House at the MCCAC, street publicity, cookie trays for the eight vet clinics working with us, posters displayed at county schools, an article in the newsletter Inside the System (accompanies paychecks for all county school employees), a city proclamation, and a national photo contest (a promotion of the Humane Society of the US).
- 🐾 Held a puppet show, story-time, and craft project for Early Childhood students at the public library, participated in Morgantown Kids Day and Krepps Kritters with youth-oriented games and activities, and did an in-class presentation at South Middle School that was covered in Quarter's Worth, which is sent to every student in the county.
- 🐾 Had information tables at DogFest, the Senior Expo, and the WVU Mountaineer Week Craft Fair, also selling handmade and homemade pet-related merchandise.
- 🐾 Hosted a Candlelight Vigil in August, in concert with the International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR) addressing the plight of homeless pets. Held at the Morgantown Courthouse Square, the event included an impressive line-up of speakers, including two WVU faculty members, and representatives from The Federation of Humane Organizations in WV (FOHO)/Spay Neuter Assistance Program of WV (SNAP/WV), Preston County's Friends of the Four-Legged and Furry, and Bless the Pets from Clarksburg. Received prominent mention in the newsletter published online by ISAR recapping vigil activities in 24 states and six countries.
- 🐾 Supported the Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers' fund raiser, "Readin and Wrestlin" event with a paid Spay/Neuter ad in their program.
- 🐾 By invitation, had an information table at MDOG's Grand Opening of the Krepps Park Dog Park, as well as during the Greenmont Neighborhood Association's Block Party.

- 🐾 Partnered with WVU Center for Civic Engagement, providing WVU students with community service opportunities, and worked with several WVU students on their Capstone projects.
- 🐾 Supported students at the WVU College of Law who were petitioning the college to offer an animal rights class. The first seminar course is being taught this fall.
- 🐾 Invited to participate on the WVU Panel on Community Wellness, spoke to WVU English classes, and did the kick-off presentation for a unit on responsible pet ownership for the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade population of South Middle School.
- 🐾 Spoke at the Morgantown Fiber Art Guild, the Board of Realtors', the Suncrest Kiwanis, and the Greenmont Neighborhood Association.
- 🐾 Entered a float in the WVU Homecoming Parade.
- 🐾 Fund-raisers included "Mingle with the Stars" during Coach Huggins' Dream Camp, the Triathlon Pasta Dinner held during the Spirit of Morgantown, and the first annual M-SNAP "Fore the Animals" golf tournament at Meadow Ponds; we also sold Enjoy Entertainment Coupon Books, sold tickets to the Player's Tour golf tournament in Clarksburg, and are participating in The Greenbrier Classic's Badge for Charities.
- 🐾 Operated the Krepp's Park Little League Concession Stand, sold homemade dog bones and catnip mice at the Spruce Street Farmers' Market, and served dinner at the South Morgantown Farmers' Market throughout the summer.
- 🐾 Received grants and recognition from Cesar Milan, Greg Biffle, Greater Morgantown Community Trust, the Weldon Family Trust (BB&T), Petco, and the DJ&T Foundation.
- 🐾 Managed a website and a Facebook page, published an annual report, a brochure, posters, and three issues of our public newsletter (to see the latest issue, go to [www.m-snap.org](http://www.m-snap.org) and click on "December Newsletter", located in the green box directly under the dog and cat pictures).
- 🐾 Worked closely with eight veterinary clinics and the MCCAC to target owners in need.
- 🐾 Were supported by local businesses, which held Dog Days at Damon's Grill, Dining for Dollars at Applebee's and Rounding Up at PETCO.
- 🐾 Spent 100% of funds raised by M-SNAP in Monongalia County, 92% on our service programs.
- 🐾 Organized the first annual dog-related event in this area, called Woofstock, where all animal-related groups, services, and businesses were invited to participate. M-SNAP partnered with Mylan Park. The event, attended by local residents and 230 pets, was featured by the Dominion Post, WBOY, WDTV, WAJR, WCLG, and The State Journal.
- 🐾 Created a "Full Circle" program that encourages voucher recipients to contribute back to M-SNAP, allowing them to help us help the next pet owner in need.
- 🐾 Received the Guidestar Exchange seal from Guidestar, an organization that gathers and publicizes information about fully-disclosed, non-profit organizations.
- 🐾 Recognized as 75<sup>th</sup> Most Influential in 2008 by the Dominion Post (published in 2009).

As the Chair of the Membership Committee, I would like to challenge each of you to recruit one new member or friend in 2010.

*Thanks for a great 2009, Pat Frisby*