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Welcome to the first quarter 2019 SNACK newsletter!

The new year is now well underway and we are happy to report that we have hosted three fix-it day clinics at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic already this year. We have supported the spay or neuter of nearly 100 cats!

SNACK Plans in 2019

In January, the Board of Directors held their annual meeting and approved a budget that proposes to support the spay or neuter of 640 cats. The budget entails monthly fix-it days at the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic throughout the year, three Rascal Days with the Dublin-based Rascal Unit, and spay or neuter of 50 cats in the trap/neuter/return program.

Did You Know?

During 2018, SNACK spent over 90 percent of our expenditures on surgery expenses and medicine. We also had nearly \$650 in income from recycled can and metals. Our participation in Kroger Community Rewards netted us over \$800! You can read more about our income and expenses and review a list of our 2018 activities on our website, <https://snackohio.org/about-us>.

Changes to the Trap/Neuter/Return Program

It's too cold to begin our 2019 Trap/Neuter/Return program but we have made major changes to the application for assistance and added FAQs to the website. The efforts are meant to clarify what TNR clients can expect from the organization, improve client education and participation, and ultimately improve the effectiveness of our program.

Rascal Is Coming

We are pleased to report that for 2019, SNACK has scheduled three Rascal Days with the Dublin-based Rascal Unit. The first will be held in Bellville on Tuesday, March 26. More good news is Rascal will make three visits in Marengo (working with the Humane Society of Morrow County) and several visits with the Humane Society of Richland County in Mansfield. It's all good news for the cats and the community.

How we behave toward cats here below determines our status in heaven. - Robert A. Heinlein



From Feral to Family

A cat hoarding situation had tragic consequences when the couple who were hoarding the cats moved and abandoned 20 feral and semi-feral cats. Eight died shortly thereafter which left 12 cats. With the generous and kind support of SNACK,

12 cats were spayed or neutered; however, over the course of two years, six cats died of various causes (farm accident, raccoons, freezing temps and the inability to achieve health after they had been starving for weeks before we could intervene). Of the remaining six, five live at the farm (and are cared for twice daily), and one of the semi-feral cats—we named him Obi—decided he'd rather live with us!

He came to us at 3-1/2 pounds with patchy, missing fur; was flea, lice and parasite-infected and very skittish. Now he has had his shots, is 12 pounds, *healthy and loving*, and living with us! He is precious and a joy—all this was possible through the expertise and generosity of SNACK and we are *very grateful* to have its support!

Way down deep, we're all motivated by the same urges.
Cats have the courage to live by them.~Jim Davis

Spring Quilt Drawing

We received a beautiful, lap-size spring quilt recently. It was donated anonymously to SNACK with a directive to use it to help fund our programs. Attached is a flyer for the drawing. Consider taking a chance and brightening your environment!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 12-Daylight Savings Time Fix-it Day, Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic (FVC) (FULL)
Tuesday, March 26-Rascal Day, Bellville, Old Firestation
Sunday, April 7-Board of Directors' Meeting and Spring Quilt Drawing, Donato's, Sunbury, 1 pm
Tuesday, April 9-Volunteer Appreciation Week Fix-it Day, FVC
Tuesday, May 14, 2019-May Fix-it Day, FVC