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Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SNACK newsletter!

### Program Update

We continued a hectic pace of fix-it days and trap/neuter/return (TNR) projects through July. Our program totals include spay/neuter surgeries at nine fix-it days at the Fredericktown Vet Clinic, a Rascal Day, and 13 TNR projects. For this year, we have now supported sterilization of 373 cats. (204 females, 169 males).

Since the group was organized in 2011, we have supported the spay/neuter of over 3,700 cats. We are looking forward to 4K—we are projecting this accomplishment in early 2020!

### Gas Grill Drawing

Ben S of Westerville was our gas grill winner on June 9. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our fundraiser.

### Group Quilt

The group quilt made its debut on Daytime Columbus (WCMH, Channel 4) on July 31, when Treasurer Toni and Robyn Haines discussed our group's mission, our adoptable kittens, and the quilt. The quilt drawing will be held on November 26 at our Rascal Day in Gambier. Tickets are \$1/each or 6/\$5.00. To purchase, you can send a check to SNACK, Inc., P.O. Box 121, Sunbury, OH 43074 or you can purchase tickets on our website, [www.snackohio.org](http://www.snackohio.org) through PayPal.

Many thanks to the SNACK volunteers, the nice folks at Channel 4, and to Dr. G and the Rascal staff who helped us highlight our organization and its work.



### Adoptable Kittens

We currently have four beautiful kittens, two female brown tigers and two orange male tigers. They are fully vetted and ready for a forever home. New this year, we are micro-chipping our kittens. If you are interested in a new four-legged friend or two, please see our

website, [www.snackohio.org](http://www.snackohio.org) for our adoption guidelines and application.

### Rascal Days Set!

SNACK is working with the mobile Rascal unit for two more Rascal Days this year. We will return to the Jefferson Township Hall in Bellville on Tuesday, September 24. We will be in Gambier at the College Township Fire Department on Tuesday, November 26. We are very grateful to Mark Gatton and the Jefferson Township Trustees and Barry Bowden and Chief Bill Smith in Gambier for their support. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to get pet, stray, or feral cats spayed or neutered. More details are on our website.

### Crafting Continues

After a short break this summer, we are resuming our crafting. We'll meet on Wednesday, August 21 at the St. Paul Parish House, 100 E. High Street, Mount Vernon. We will be working on our holiday ornaments and catnip mice. Bring a needle, thread, and scissors.



### Upcoming Events

September 10—Late Summer Fix-it Day, Fredericktown Vet Clinic (FVC) FULL  
September 24—Rascal Day, Jefferson Township FD, Bellville  
October 8—Autumn Fix-it Day (FVC)  
November 12—Gearing

Up for the Holidays Fix-it Day (FVC)  
November 26—Rascal Day, College Township FC, Gambier

There is something about the presence of a cat...  
that seems to take the bite out of being alone.  
Louis J. Camutt

### Why SNACK Does Not Support Relocation of Cats?

Simply, it rarely works because community cats are very connected with their territory: they are familiar with its food sources and shelter, they know the resident wildlife, other cats in the area, and potential threats to their safety.

Relocation is something to consider only when the cats are threatened because their territory is being demolished and there is no adjacent space for them, or if the cats' lives are at extreme risk. Other than that, it is best to leave them where they are. 