



P.O. Box 121
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
www.snackohio.org
info@snackohio.org



April-June 2020

Welcome to the second quarter SNACK newsletter.

It is change, continuing change, inevitable change that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be. Isaac Asimov, 1978

In the last four months, we have seen many changes in how we live as individuals and in how organizations operate. We've learned new terms, like "CDC guidelines," "flattening the curve," Governor's orders," "pop-up testing sites," and "vulnerable populations." Add in recent protests about police brutality and racial injustice, the potential changes in our society, workplaces, and lives are upsetting and can seem almost overwhelming.

SNACK is a very small organization but we were affected by the coronavirus pandemic. When the State Health Department ordered veterinarians to delay nonessential surgery in mid-March, the directive temporarily ended our group's activity. When the stay-at-home order was issued later in the month, volunteers stayed home. Our March date with the Rascal Unit was postponed to June. Our April Fix-it Day at the Fredericktown Vet Clinic was delayed until May.

As Ohio re-opens and veterinarians can resume spay and neuter surgeries, we are moving cautiously forward. The cats and kittens are not waiting for us. At the same time, we recognize our responsibility to ensure we are operating in a way that protects our health and safety, clinic staffs, and clients. We thank the donors and volunteers who have continued to support the group's mission. We are grateful, too, to clients who have been patient and understanding.

Spay/Neuter Numbers

Fix-it Days (year-to-date): 136 cats—82 females, 54 males

Trap/Neuter/Return (year-to-date): 1 project, 3 cats—2 females, 1 male

Happy News!

We received a \$5,000 grant from the Ohio Pet Fund (www.petsohio.com) for our trap/neuter/return program. Many thanks to them and to individuals who buy "pet plates" for their vehicles.

Best wishes to Dr. Scott and Dr. Ann!

When SNACK first started in 2011, Drs. Scott Harmon and Ann DiFrancesco took a chance with our group and with working with feral cats—something many veterinarians were unwilling to do. As the group evolved, we relied on their professional judgments, expertise, hard work, and good advice. Even when things got a little shaky on our end, they had faith and we got through. We enjoyed a 10-year association with them.

Dr. Scott and Dr. Ann sold the clinic and retired recently. We will always be thankful for their support and wish them much happiness in this next chapter of their lives.

We also wish the new clinic owners, Libby J, Dr. Cat, and Dr. Monica all the best! We look forward to many more community fix-it days and many more cats trapped and neutered in our trapping projects.



New Fundraiser Quilt

Take a look at our new group quilt, called "Pins and Paws." Our crafty sewers were busy early in the year and nearly completed a group quilt before the stay-at-home order.

When it's completed, we'll hold an opportunity drawing in the fall.

Upcoming Events

June 23-Rascal Day, Fredericktown Vet Clinic (FVC) parking lot

July 14-Fix-it Day, FVC

Check out this little cutie from one of the TNR projects.

"What greater gift than the love of a cat?"

Charles Dickens

