

# Spay and Neuter Intermountain Pets and Pet Placement

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As SNIPPP approaches our 18th year, we have seen lots of changes in our huge service area, which covers approximately 1600 square miles. SNIPPP has provided thousands of spays and neuters over the years, and rehomed hundreds of dogs and cats. While we have made a huge impact, the poor economy and loss of jobs in our rural area has decimated not only humans but companion animals as well. People have all too often resorted to substance abuse to quell their own misery, and in turn taken out their despair on the innocent animals in their care.

As a completely volunteer organization, SNIPPP provides inexpensive and sometimes free spays and neuters to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens. And, we find homes for those cats and dogs who are in need of immediate placement.

The key to our successes are our amazing VOLUNTEERS who foster, transport, staff the hotline, run the mobile adoptions, and so much more. Coupled with the generosity of our DONORS, we have shown that volunteers and donors CAN and DO make a difference in isolated rural areas such as ours.

Roy's Story: People get themselves into truly dire straights and often the innocent animals suffer because of it. Roy's story sadly is typical. His owner has drug, anger, and mental health issues, and he took them out on his girlfriend and his dog. He tried to kill the girlfriend by beating her severely and his dog by slitting his throat. Yet amazingly, he seemed to also love his dog. SNIPPP was able to step up and rescue Roy when his owner was sentenced to a long term in







prison and he released him to us, knowing that was the kindest act. This special beautiful boy has nothing but love to give and so wants to bond with his very own person. Just a little over a year old, Roy loves people and other dogs.



**Update:** Roy had been tied to a tree on a 5 foot chain. His new forever owner promised him he would never be chained again. Roy is running free and untethered on 10 acres with his sister Akyoka.







Our local animal control officer called us a number of weeks back. She had been directed to an isolated home near the town of Cassel with a complaint of too many dogs that were in poor condition. Upon arriving she found seven adult dogs and five German shepherd puppies confined in small containers. She asked if SNIPPP could help with the puppies, as

their chances at the shelter were minimal. One of our wonderful volunteers, who lived nearby, jumped into her car and picked up the pups. Our volunteer cleaned them and cared for them for weeks. The people who had them were cited and SNIPPP spayed/neutered all of the adult dogs that were left with them. Now each of these puppies have a new home and will be living the lives they were meant to live.











A woman in Burney died suddenly. The suddenly homeless five small old dogs we discovered needed immediate veterinary care because of her limited resources. One little one had to be euthanized because it could not be saved. But luckily they had been dearly loved and well socialized. Thanks to our wonderful fosters, Facebook, SNIPPP's website, and the new Petco adoption program, all of the others have been rehomed.

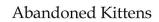






### Thank you Petco!

A few months ago SNIPPP was completely swamped with dogs and puppies and more were coming in. Foster homes were full and there seemed to be no end in sight. This has been a problem nationwide with the shelters (both kill and no kill) being completely overwhelmed. WHAT TO DO???? SNIPPP hadn't done mobile adoptions in Redding (70 miles away) for many years, but our volunteers decided to give it a try and Petco offered their store to us to use every other Saturday. The results have been amazing. We have had one or two adoptions to great homes each adoption day. And, thanks to our volunteers who bring the dogs down the mountain, staff the area, interview potential adopters, and do the home checks, we have been tremendously successful.







Imagine a beautiful day on the Pacific Crest Trail. Amazing vistas surround you and suddenly you hear a meow and cry coming from the trail in front of you....Stunned, you find a small cardboard box taped shut and upon opening the box you find two tiny three-week old kittens. Rushing to the nearest town, Burney, you get these precious babies to the local vet. Thanks to our volunteers a kitten foster was found.









Successful Petco Adoptions





Duke is a three year old Cataloula and Queensland mix, who was left abandoned and frightened in a con-



struction yard two months ago. The owner of the business spent time and treats convincing him to come to her. He had a collar and tag with the name "Duke" and it had a phone number on it. She called the number and the man who answered acknowledged

that Duke was his dog. He came down, gave Duke some treats he'd brought with him and removed the collar, saying I only want the collar and then he quickly drove away leaving Duke there. (This lack of compassion is so hard to believe.)

Duke's foster mom tells us that he would love room to run and have a dog or two to play with. He's a sweet boy who loves being in the house, is housebroken, smart, knows how to sit, speak, shake and loves to play fetch. He's a very loyal fellow and is also an excellent watchdog. He needs an owner who is as loyal and loving as he is. Call us today if you would like to meet him.



#### A Hounds Tail

We received a call from a woman who had been kindly going over to feed a neighbor's two dogs. The young owner was in the hospital at UCSF and not expected to recover. The dogs needed homes ASAP. Both are purebred Treeing Walker Coonhounds but with very different backstories.



**Copper** is a 9.5 year old, sweet, big, neutered boy whose original owner had died suddenly. The current owner was a friend of the original owner so she took Copper in, not knowing she too would be facing the same fate as her friend.



Rosie on the other hand spent her first four years in a cramped kennel where she was neglected and abused. Her original owner decided she didn't want her anymore and was prepared to shoot her. This frightened but sweet loving girl was then rescued by Copper's rescuer. But as fate would have it, these sweet hounds were both facing an uncertain future.







We reached out to our friends at Golden Gate Basset Rescue to ask if they could list these dogs for us. And it worked!!! Copper is now happily in a home in Santa Rosa with a couple of other canine companions. He rides everywhere with his new owner in her ranch truck and sleeps on the couch after a hard day playing.

Rosie will soon be going to her new home in Napa. A family stepped up ready to work with Rosie's fears. Her foster mother reports Rosie loves to give kisses! She loves to cuddle and is as sweet as they come. Although shy, she's coming around quickly learning how to be a happy girl at last.

Hounds are the comedians of the dog world and can fill your home with laughter, love, and a bit of chaos all at the same time













**Nova** and her five puppies were found freezing to death in a field where they had been abandoned this past winter. Sadly, two of the puppies did not survive. We found homes for the three remaining pups and Nova was placed in a loving, patient foster home. But because of her obvious past abuse and neglect she needed time and compassion to teach her to trust people. She's come a long way and is now ready for her own forever

home. Nova is a gentle soul, though cautious with new things. She walks well on leash, knows sit, stay, off, and wait. She plays well with other dogs and children. Nova loves to play fetch and is smart and quick to

learn. She is curious about cats but her chase drive is strong if they run. Nova would be best served in a home where she can be Queen of her own Castle. And where she can live with someone who is at home or can take her with them most of the time. Call SNIPPP today if you'd like to meet this sweet soul.



#### CAN YOU HELP?

#### FOSTER HOMES

If you live locally and have time and space, we need more foster homes. We provide the veterinary support and food—you provide the love.

#### HOTLINE SUPPORT

Our phones are staffed completely by volunteers. No matter where you live this can easily be handled remotely. We provide training and support. The phones are the key to our moving quickly on a rescue situation and following through with the spay/neuter voucher requests.

#### ANIMAL TRANSPORT

If you enjoy driving we often need drivers to take pets to the vet for appointments, doing home checks, and also transporting to new approved homes.



Powered by the Community Foundation of the North State

SNIPPP, along with other local nonprofits, participates in the Community Foundation Northstate Giving Tuesday. This year it is on December 3rd.

Giving Tuesday is a movement that began in 2012 to promote charitable giving during the Thanksgiving holiday season. It has become an international phenomenon for online donations to nonprofit organizations on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving Day.

Using the <u>NorthStateGives.org</u> website you can search for SNIPPP on <u>Dec 3rd</u> to donate. Share our information with your friends who might be interested as well. Please consider donating to SNIPPP on this amazing day of giving!



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