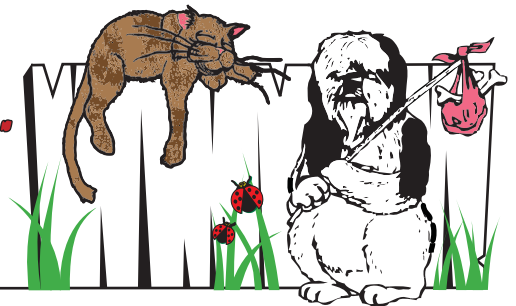


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Dear Stray No More Supporter, Volunteer, Veterinarian and Adoptive parent

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Thanks to your support either financially or by volunteering throughout the year, YOU have helped make the life of a stray animal better or helped provide financial aid to our Reduced Cost Spay/Neuter Program thus making it a **WONDERFUL year for countless dogs and cats in South Florida.**

Stray No More has been extremely busy with the Spay/Neuter program, in fact over 600 people have applied for certificates in 2009 to have their pets "fixed" by one of the participating veterinarians. Just think of all the needless births prevented "A comparison of human and pet population growth rates in the U.S. results in sobering statistics. The human birth rate is 10,000 per day; however, 2,917 puppies and kittens are born every hour. Thus, for there to be no homeless pets, every person in the country would have to adopt at least seven puppies or kittens," says Workman Publishing Company. For this reason, Stray No More volunteers will continue EDUCATING every pet parent, student or person considering adopting an animal about getting their pet sterilized because this is a matter of life and death.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge the generosity of the veterinarians, in the South Florida area, that have reduced their fee for spay/neuter surgeries and participated in our low cost spay/neuter program. Without the help of these amazing vets, many people could not afford to have their pet sterilized. BLESS YOU and your staff who care enough to help reduce the pet over population problem: Animal Medical Clinic, Animal Care Clinic, St. Francis Animal Clinic, Lake Osborne Animal Clinic, Lake Worth Animal Hospital, Clint Moore Animal Hospital, Animal Hospital at the Marketplace, Village Royale Animal Clinic, Okeechobee Veterinarian Hospital, Animal Medical Clinic of Belle Glade, Harmony Animal Clinic, Cypress Animal Hospital and in Indian River County, Florida Veterinary League and Crossroads Animal Hospital.

Over the last few years the focus of Stray No More has shifted from rescuing to reducing the pet over-population problem. That isn't to say that we don't rescue strays, we do, but we have a very limited foster care program that consists of the 3 board of directors and our volunteer coordinator. Here is a list of the lucky ones that are now in their forever homes after being rescued, provided with medical treatment and matched up with perfect pet parents! Autumn (kitten), Danielle and Streaky (kittens), Ping and Pong (kittens), Amber (kitten), Serenity (kitten), Rowdy (kitten), Henry (cat), Ellie (kitten), Logan (cat), Foster and Piglet (kittens) and Oreo (dog).

This is also the season of miracles. The volunteers of Stray No More are thankful for the miracle of our savior's birth, Jesus Christ. We thank God for answering our prayers and the opportunity to help the people and animals of South Florida everyday. He has taught us to be patient and to trust in Him, please enjoy the stories of just two of these miracles.....

HENRY AND OREO - THEIR STORIES



HENRY: "While hiding in the woods on a HOT July day in Vero Beach, Fl., I saw this tall lady walking her 3 dogs. I began to meow for help and she stopped to talk to me, others had just ignored me. She told me to wait, that she would be back but had to take her dogs home first and get a cat carrier, whatever that is! I didn't believe her since I had already been abandoned once, I was starving, thirsty and felt like I was dying, so with the last bit of energy I had, I slowly followed her. That was the longest mile of my life." **Now from the tall lady AKA Sandy:** "I heard the cries of what I thought was a kitten, but was surprised to find an emaciated adult cat, he was weak, but alive. I told him to stay in the woods and I would be back. Once I took the dogs home, I went

back to get him, but he was gone. I called and searched the area, but no cat. I said a prayer for God to keep the cat safe and drove back home. An hour later something told me to get on my bike and look one more time. *So I jumped on my bike, and flew like a flash, looking for the cat, hoping he would last. And what to my wondering eyes should appear, but that boney ole cat, sitting on his rear!" He was just 3 houses from my house!* Henry: "YAHOO! I got food, water, and a cool safe place to sleep...I'd been saved". The moral to the story, have FAITH and God will allow miracles to happen! Four weeks later, after going to the vet and gaining weight, I was adopted by the most loving mom, Lisa. Thank you God for answering our prayers, Love Henry & Sandy.



OREO: Oreo entered the SNM program in September 2008 when her owner surrendered her at PetSmart. Oreo was starving, dehydrated and suffering from infected mammary glands. With no foster home available, volunteer Bev Wolfe brought her to PBC Animal Care and Control. ACC planned to return Oreo to the same owner who surrendered her because of a microchip implanted when Oreo was previously impounded there. Knowing that Oreo would suffer further at the hands of the owner if returned to her, Bev brought Oreo home, where Oreo began the long process of rehabilitation and evaluation of her temperament.



Her medical recovery was slow, but she responded positively to the TLC offered by her foster parents, Bev and Charles Weinblatt-Wolfe. Even more miraculous, Oreo turned out to be one of the best ambassadors SNM could have asked for, not to mention a walking advertisement for a "good" pit bull. She loves cats, dogs, babies, and even the UPS delivery man. She was fostered by Bev for 9 months until Ed Dyer volunteered to temporarily foster Oreo. He had been looking to adopt a "small dog" but Oreo had other plans! When he came to meet her, she characteristically jumped into his lap and planted herself directly into Ed's heart. Oreo is happy now with Ed and his other two dogs, Foster and Annie, and gets to sit in Santa's lap at Christmas, as Ed plays Santa at Paws on the Avenue, in Lake Worth. She visits local PETS Clubs in various schools where she is a loving guest. What a happy ending for such a wonderful dog!

We need special prayers for three cats to be adopted. They were once feral, but now are tame for the people that provide daily care to them. The original colony consisted of 10, all have been given vet care and 7 have been adopted. Mama, Tom Tom and Eden need to go to a special, quiet home where patience is a virtue. This needs to happen soon as their "home" a small patch of woods is going to be destroyed. Please call for more information and if you are willing to open your heart and home to 3 special cats.

In closing, Stray No More is extremely thankful for the successful golf tournament hosted by the Indian River Club (organized by Joe and Kim Kerns) which raised \$5,800 for the spay/neuter program; Sam Johnston, our CPA, and his wife, Lynn, for donations of cat supplies; veterinary clinics who help our rescued pets, Lake Osborne, Animal Medical Clinic, St. Francis and Healing Hearts; volunteers Linda Kasper, Susan Sems, Lisa Pepe, Bev Pepe; Caroline Clore, owner of Paws on the Avenue for food donations & pet supplies and David Werling for creating and maintaining the website.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy 2010,

Sandy, Sue, Sue and Bev

Sandy Hightower, Co-founder, BOD, Volunteer

Sue Shearouse, BOD, Volunteer

Sue Werling, BOD, Volunteer

Bev Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator



JUST ARRIVED! Available for Adoption

Stray No More just turned 15 in July 2009. Founded in July 1994, over 1,150 have been rescued and 6,000 animals have been spayed/neutered through it's special assistance program.

In honor of this special birthday, YOU are invited to a Celebration! Actually, you are cordially invited NOT to attend a 15th birthday party for SNM. There is really no party at all. By not attending, you will help us save on the cost of such an event in many ways. **If Stray No More has influenced your life, either personally or by helping your pet, we ask you to please consider a tax deductible gift of \$15 IN HONOR of the 15th anniversary.**

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated!

Hopefully we will be able to keep helping the animals with your support!