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Dear Supporter,

We'd like to update you on our progress this year. So far this year we have provided spay/neuter services for 170 cats and dogs, for a total of over 950 cats and dogs spayed/neutered since our inception. And we expect to exceed 1000 spay/neuter surgeries for cats and dogs by the end of 2007.

We have had two very successful "cats only" spay/neuter events. In March 2007, we spayed/neutered 76 cats belonging either to low-income residents or being fostered by rescue groups.



**Mom recovering after surgery
with Kittens in adjoining cages**

In June 2007, we led a remarkable, combined effort to rescue and spay/neuter 54 cats from extremely hazardous living conditions where there was no access to shelter and they were at great risk from road traffic. The Minnesota Spay/Neuter Project and Feline Rescue provided the funding for the spay/neuter surgeries. All the cats were spayed or neutered through the veterinary, staff, and volunteer services of Animal Ark's Neuter Commuter except for five kittens that weighed less than 2 lbs. each. Kim Culbertson, DVM, on temporary leave from AHS's Mobile Services Unit also donated her services. The kittens are being fostered by survivorsRus and Pet Haven and will receive their spay/neuter surgeries through these groups when they are old enough.

Some North Branch cats had serious injuries and were rescued in the nick of time. They needed immediate treatment and care. Since the cats could not be returned to the location from which they were rescued, a survivorsRus volunteer provided a temporary home for them. Pet Haven donated Revolution flea and tick to treat the cats for parasites. They are also caring for a very sick kitten, who they named Mercy. When Mercy was first rescued, an ultrasound revealed that she had a hole in her heart. Fortunately for Mercy, through Pet Haven's care, the hole in her heart has completely healed. In addition, Compassionate Care Animal Hospital, Feline Rescue, Pet Haven, and Second Chance Animal Rescue provided food, carriers, traps and other supplies. All the cats have now been either safely relocated to farms providing good shelter and care, adopted, or are being fostered while waiting for adoption.



The Critical Cat Overpopulation Problem

We are focusing our efforts on cats more than ever because of the critical cat overpopulation problem in Minnesota. We receive at least 5 to 6 calls about cats for every one call we receive about dogs, and we already have an ongoing spay/neuter program for dogs through a grant from the DJ&T Foundation.

The long-term solution is spay/neuter and keeping cats indoors.

We have a long waiting list for cats needing spay/neuter surgery and our goal is to have another “cats only” event this fall. Since funding for spay/neuter surgeries for cats is not as readily available from grantors as that for dogs, we need to raise \$5000 to continue funding these surgeries. We hope you will contribute as much as you are able to the financial support needed to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,.

Minnesota Spay/Neuter Project Volunteers.

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