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Dear Supporter,

There's couple of things we want to share with you. First, Minnesota Spay/Neuter Project (MSNP) organized another successful one-day spay/neuter event on April 6th at which 92 cats were sterilized. This is the largest one-day event we have had to date. It was a success because of the excellent skills of the surgeons who performed the surgeries, and the tremendous support of funding and volunteers from MSNP, survivorsRus and Cans for Sam.

Dr. Arlo Frost of Silver Lake Animal Hospital, Dr. Dan Cederstrom of Park Grove Pet Hospital, and Dr. Kim Culbertson of Animal Humane Society's Mobile Services Unit performed the surgeries hosted at Silver Lake Animal Hospital. Drs. Frost and Cederstrom performed surgeries for 53 cats on MSNP's list of owners receiving public financial assistance. Dr. Culbertson provided services for 39 cats being fostered by 2 small rescue groups: survivorsRus and Cans for Sam. MSNP provided our online database for use by all the groups to enroll the cats and provide info to the veterinarians for each cat. In addition to knowing we contributed toward reducing the cat overpopulation, we know we have increased the quality of life for these cats and their owners. Here are just a couple of the cats we helped.



Each cat was sterilized, provided rabies and distemper vaccines (if needed) and a microchip implant. MSNP microchips each dog and cat because we know microchipping plays an important part to assure that pets are returned home. Identifying collars are an important addition to microchipping but microchipping identifies your pet for life. So far in 2008, 4 dogs and 5 cats were picked up in Anoka, Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove and Isanti with a microchip implanted through MSNP. MSNP keeps an online database of every animal we have sterilized with his or her microchip. When we receive calls from veterinarians, animal shelters or animal control facilities, we can easily look up the microchip number –no matter where we are-- and provide the information on the spay/neuter date, age, breed and identifying characteristics, health and vaccination history and the primary and alternate contact for the owner. .

We are also continuing to spay/neuter dogs through a DJ & T Foundation grant. The funds for spay/neuter for dogs are easier to manage since the number of calls we receive for dogs is small compared to the number of calls we receive for cats. There are fewer than 50 dogs on our list whereas there are over 250 cats. Funding is our number one challenge and why we wanted to share with you an exciting opportunity.....

Minnesota Spay/Neuter Project is fortunate enough to be invited by Chuck & Don's to participate in a fundraiser called [Pins for Pets...bowl for the fix](#) to be held on August 3rd. Chuck and Don's are very committed to spay/neuter and they are devoting a large amount of their resources and operations and marketing budget to organizing and promoting this event. All donations will go to spay/neuter and to several groups including MSNP. Pet Haven is the lead non-profit group and will be tracking, reporting and distributing all donations to the individual groups. We hope you can support MSNP and spay/neuter by registering for the bowling or donating to Pins for Pets fundraiser. Thank you for supporting us. Here are more details on how to register and donate. This info is also available at www.pinsforpets.org with links to register and donate or to <https://www.firstgiving.com/pinsforpets>



The beauty of bowling is that it's a sport anyone can participate in because you don't have to be good at it. Luck helps those of us who lack the skills good serious bowlers possess. Which means every bowler and non-bowler animal lover should plan to bowl, or sponsor someone in the Pins For Pets fundraiser on Sunday, August 3rd at Flaherty's Arden Bowl in Arden Hills. The festivities start with a 2:30 pm check-in and bowling from 4 to 6pm. [See a map and directions](#) to Flaherty's Arden Bowl.

The Pins For Pets...bowl for the fix event will help raise money for the Homes For All Pets Coalition's Pet Fix spay and neuter programs ([see a list of Coalition members](#)). By supporting programs such as Pet Fix, all of us can help reduce the number of animals entering shelters, and that is essential to ending pet overpopulation.

Bowl with Katie K9 and Ian Punnet from FM107.

The Katie K9 show on August 3rd will be a live broadcast from the Pins For Pets bowl for the fix event at Flaherty's Arden Bowl. Later in the day, Katie will be bowling against Chuck & Don's own Dana Andresen, so you can sponsor Katie, also. See [Katie's](#) and [Ian's](#) websites. Jerry the Dog from the Ronald McDonald House of the Twin Cities will also be on-hand as the official greeter.

Prizes & more!

There are even prizes! Who knows, you could end up winning one of the first, second or third place prizes for Highest Individual Fundraisers. Or maybe you'll qualify for the first, second or third prize for Bowling the Highest Score. Plus, there'll also be other giveaways and door prizes!

Register online now.

Use our secure [online registration form](#), (we are only accepting online registrations and fee processing). To keep it simple, we are not registering teams for the event or for fundraising - we will attempt to pair up individuals who request lane assignments with other bowlers. There is a \$15 registration fee for each person who is participating, which covers the cost of bowling and shoe rental (the registration fee does not apply towards pledges). The fee also covers lunch and beverages.

If you are not a bowler or you are not available to bowl on August 3rd and would like to help with this event, [set up your personal fundraising page](#).