

# Free SNAP mobile clinic coming

SNAP (Spray & Neuter Assistance Program) is coming to Pleasanton on Friday, September 24, said Vickie Eckert, of the locally operated Tri-City Animal Sanctuary.

The sanctuary paid for the grant to have the San Antonio based mobile SNAP unit to provide the service FREE of charge to Atascosa County residents. During this one-day event, approximately 22 to 25 dogs and cats will be spayed and neutered free of charge for residents.

Rabies vaccinations are also included. The FREE Spray & Neuter Clinic will be held at H-E-B's parking lot, 219 West Oaklawn, Pleasanton.

The service provided by SNAP is not being held by first-come; first served. Instead, the order of those being served will be by lottery.

## Guidelines & Rules

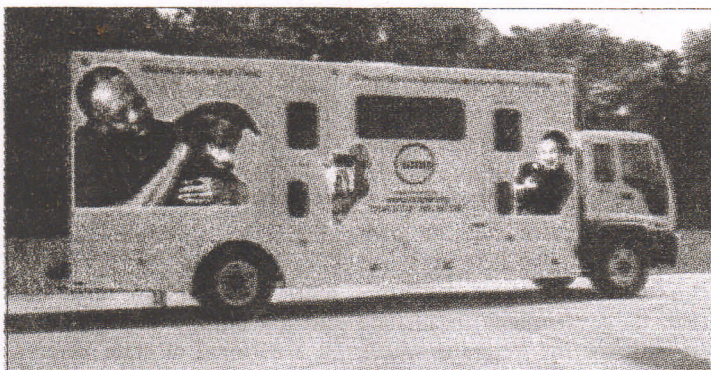
- NO appointments – SNAP is as space allows each day. Client selection is now based on a lottery system. SNAP is no longer selecting clients based on a first come first serve list.

- SNAP distributes lottery tickets between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. SNAP begins selection for the lottery for check-in at 7:30 a.m. CLIENTS AND PETS MUST BE PRESENT AT 7:30 a.m. for a chance to be selected for surgery that day.

- No food for adult pets after 10:00 p.m. the night before surgery.

- For safety, please restrain your pet: dogs on leashes and cats in a carrier

- Pick-up is same day at the



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same location. A pick-up time will be given to you during the check-in procedure.

- If pet has current rabies vaccination, you must bring a current rabies certificate or rabies vaccination will be given again at the owners expense.

- Only one pet, per family, per day.

- Dogs and cats must be at least 3 months of age.

Vickie Eckert says she has written County Judge Diana Bautista about the overpopulation of dogs and cats in the county and hopes county officials will help with this program. The Sanctuary currently has 91 dogs and Eckert says she can not take any more.

She concluded, "Until people take Spray and Neutering more seriously we will continue to have an overpopulation problem."



Stop The Cycle.

## Spay-Neuter clinic was a 'SNAP'

Tri-city Animal Sanctuary paid for and sponsored the county's first Spay-Neuter Animals Program (SNAP) clinic on September 24. Eighty-one people showed up to take advantage of getting their dogs or cats spayed or neutered for free.

Normally limited to 25 animals, SNAP did allow 35 people to get their pets spayed/neutered. The animal sanctuary is hoping to bring SNAP back to Atascosa county.

The public and local businesses are asked to please donate to bring SNAP to Atascosa county.

Tri-city Animal Sanctuary is a non-profit organization. The sanctuary has written a letter to County Judge Diana Bautista requesting help in bringing SNAP to Atascosa County.

The sanctuary owner wants county citizens to write Judge Bautista or their county commissioner expressing the need for such a service and remind them of the problem the county has with stray animals. The first step in saving a life is to spay/neuter.



Eighty-one residents showed up with their pets to get them spayed or neutered for free on September 24. Only 43 percent of the animals could get the free treatment.