***MISSION STATEMENT***

**NO MORE EUTHANIZED OR HOMELESS ANIMALS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY!**

**THE TRUE ANSWER TO DECREASING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS IN SHELTERS AND RESCUES, IS TO REDUCE THE PET POPULATION THROUGH SPAYING AND NEUTERING SERVICES. THIS IS VITAL TO AVOID ABANDONED, ABUSED, AND NEGLECTED ANIMALS.**

Siskiyou Spay and Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)'s purpose is to eliminate the suffering of unwanted animals by reducing their numbers, while relieving financial stress and the burden of accidental pet pregnancies on low-income families

Our goal is to alter at least 3000 pets during 2019. Reducing the number of animals born to be placed in shelters, abandoned, abused or neglected.  This will be done through our partnership with Companion Animal Mobile Veterinary Services – CAM- Dr. Dakota Woodard.

***ABOUT SISKIYOU COUNTY***

Siskiyou County is the size of Connecticut, with huge areas of remote hills. There are communities that are 2-3-hour drive from the nearest town. There are no vets in or that visit any of the outlying areas. From our research over the last year and especially as a result of working face to face with the homeless and their pets, we have accepted that one of the main reasons that coupons are not used is the cost of vet care and the lack of transport. The unemployment for Siskiyou County is 8.5%, the poverty level is 20.7% and Siskiyou County is the 45th most populated County in California.

Because we are so rural and the pet population is higher than people population and it is very difficult for small organizations like us to obtain grants.

***AND WHAT WE DO & WHAT WE HAVE DONE***

• **We provided spay and neuter services, for any pet caretaker living in or temporarily residing in Siskiyou County.** The owners are given a voucher or attends a low cost spay/neuter clinic. We will pay for the spay/neuter costs, if the family cannot afford it. These services are funded solely by grants and donations. There is no contribution by Federal, State or County agency. **Spayed/Neutered over 2000 cat and dogs in 2018.**

• **CAM and SNIP** provided spay and neuter assistance with hoarding situations to residents of Siskiyou County.

• **Partnered with SISKIYOU DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CRISIS CENTER to form PACC (pets and crisis center)**. This project is currently under construction and funding is still needed to complete the building. The housing will house pets of domestic violence victims. SNIP will house these pets for free. This will provide their owners peace of mind while they get the help they need. We intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available

assistance for victims of domestic violence as it relates to housing the victim’s pets. There are many reasons victims of domestic violence do not leave their abusers. Not wishing to leave their pets is one such reason. Often the abuser threatens to harm the pet as a control mechanism to keep the victim from leaving.

• **Provide emergency assistance** with veterinary care other than spay and neuter, and fostering and re-homing services.

• **Assist the homeless people who are struggling to care for their pets** while living on the streets or camping. These animals often suffer from malnutrition, untreated medical conditions, and regular exposure to extreme heat or cold, rain and snow. Their whole existence is often very unstable as a consequence of their owners' lifestyle. Many homeless/low-income owners are good parents to their animals but need help with the practical basics.

• **Temporary safe haven for pets of emergency situations** such as: evacuations, death of their owners, abandoned pets, loss of housing, etc.

• **Provide low cost microchips** for any pet in Siskiyou County.

• **Personal visits are made by volunteers to areas with known concentrations of non-neutered animals**, for example, low-income housing developments and apartment complexes, mobile home parks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and known transient enclaves. There is an offer of a coupon (and transport, if needed, by a volunteer). Often, especially in the case of dogs, the animal has never seen a veterinarian and our volunteers will pay out of their own pocket, for Rabies and all other shots, worming, pain medication after the spay/ neuter and needed medical care. These wonderful people also pay for microchipping and licenses, foster dogs when their owners are taken to hospital, jail or are not able to care for their pets.

• **Rehoming program** which has seen 49 dogs and 201 cats helped to not spend another winter surviving on the streets of Siskiyou County in 2018.

• **Free Clinic Days** which we offered a free Pit Bull month, before the end of the month we had spent over $11,000 in vet bills. We were surprised at the calls that we received for this program, with great sadness, we couldn’t offer this again due to funds, this left many unaltered. We have seen a rise in pits and chihuahua in the last year.

• **Animal Control** we offer free spay and neuter to animals taken in by Yreka Animal Control and Montague Animal Control. Currently, they will adopt out their strays unaltered.

• **We have assisted in three fire evacuations** **– Klamathon Fire** - Snip was in charge of the small animal evacuation sites. **Carr fire –** We assisted in moving over 700 animals from Haven Humane to their evacuation site in Anderson. We also assisted in getting supplies to Trinity County Fire. **Camp Fire –** volunteers went behind the fire lines to save animals left behind or injured.

***Snip consists of 6 board member / volunteers, no paid staff. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO END OVER POPULATION OF CATS AND DOGS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY***

Sincerely,

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