



Compassion & Collaboration:

A Powerful Combination

HAPPY PAWLIDAYS!

WeSNiP sees **compassion** in every step of the work we do. Whether with the caretaker feeding several feral cats on their back porch, the person who took in a friend's unaltered dog due to extenuating circumstances or the client whose momma cat is on her second litter; they all have **compassion** for the animals they care for and they need help to get their animals fixed.

WeSNiP strives to be **compassionate** in the ways we assist our clients. As part of WeSNiP's mission, our goal is to help eliminate barriers (financial, access to transportation or pet carriers, feral/free-roaming cats, education, etc.) that prevent cats & dogs in our area from getting fixed. We also work to make the people who love those animals feel safe and secure by meeting them "where they are at", with **compassion** and without judgment. We know that due to different variables and barriers, each situation is unique. Those factors do not define the **compassion** our clients have for their animals or the **compassion** we can relay to the client and their animals to help facilitate getting them spayed or neutered.

*In 2017, WeSNiP has seen that **compassion** paired with **collaboration** can be a powerful combination.*

Collaboration not only occurs between WeSNiP staff & our clients to be successful, but also occurs between animal welfare organizations to have a greater impact together!

In October of this year, WeSNiP was fortunate to participate in a mentorship spay & neuter clinic. The clinic (the first of four quarterly clinics) was led by *Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project*, with several local animal welfare organizations participating. Spaying & neutering is not the "cute & cuddly" part of animal welfare, and it can be a challenge to get people passionate about the process. To be surrounded by other like-minded, dedicated, and **compassionate** people was inspiring and powerful to be a part of! We were able to spay & neuter 112 cats during the two-day clinic (including 66 females!), proving that **compassion & collaboration truly make a difference in saving more lives!**

WeSNiP encompasses the phrase, "It takes a village". Between our clients bringing in their animals, **collaboration** between organizations & supporters like you, everyone significantly contributes towards WeSNiP's mission. Together, we will continue to make spay & neuter services accessible & affordable, reducing pet overpopulation, euthanasia & abandonment rates in our community.

Thank you for being a part of our village! Your donation to WeSNiP will continue to make an impact & save more lives through **compassion & collaboration** in 2018!

With appreciation,

Audrey Seaholm, Executive Director

