



WHATCOM EDUCATION, SPAY & NEUTER IMPACT PROGRAM

*YOU helped save the lives of thousands of cats and dogs!*



**THANK YOU!** The difference you have made for the cats and dogs in our community is astonishing.

#### **Our mission**

WeSNiP is a small non-profit with a grand vision – to eliminate the euthanasia of healthy cats and dogs in Whatcom County. Our mission is to make spay and neuter accessible and affordable for cats and dogs and as a **by-donation** program, WeSNiP is reaching the animals who need the help the most in the under-served areas of Whatcom County.

#### **What you have accomplished**

Since WeSNiP's inception in 2008 we have facilitated the spay/neuter surgery of 16,510 cats and dogs. Statistics provided from the Whatcom Humane Society reflect that 1,818 (38%) fewer dogs and cats were admitted to the shelter in 2015 than in the year before WeSNiP was founded. In addition to the intake figures the **reduction in euthanasia** is even more impressive at 78%!

#### **The community appreciates your help (Buddy's story)**

There are too many examples to list here, but one client comes to mind as he arrived at our meeting location on Northwest Avenue by bus with his cat in a crate. Check-in time is 7:00 a.m. therefore for him and Buddy to be on time, they had to catch a very early bus from his home in mid-county off the Guide Meridian. I learned more of his story at discharge that evening when he returned, again by bus, to pick up his cat. He was so incredibly grateful that WeSNiP helped his pet that he continued to thank everyone long after the last client had left. YOU are the reason that WeSNiP could provide Buddy's neuter surgery free of charge.

#### **The next step**

There is more work to be accomplished and in 2017 WeSNiP will be focused on increasing communication and collaboration with animal welfare organizations, developing a pattern of key program elements that can be shared and duplicated in other communities and planning more community education outreach opportunities with a compassionate centered curriculum.

The younger citizens of Whatcom County are our target audience in the coming year to give them the tools to continue the trend of reduced shelter intake and realize our vision of a community where euthanasia has been eliminated as a method to control pet overpopulation. Please share the enclosed activity and coloring page with a younger person in your circle.

Saving lives is the best return you could ever make on your money. Help continue saving dogs and cats in our community by making a tax-deductible donation to WeSNiP. **Your donation is greatly appreciated by all of us at WeSNiP, and throughout the community.** Together, we will make 2017 a great year for Whatcom county pets!

With gratitude on behalf of the cats and dogs,

Audrey Seaholm  
Executive Director