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Greetings from Board President Kate Holmes

Spring is here and so is another season of hard work for CACF and the Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic. We're dedicated to making spay/neuter services more affordable, because reducing pet overpopulation saves lives! We are proud to provide you with some of the highlights of our work in 2024. Although much has been accomplished, North Carolina continues to euthanize more dogs and cats than any other states except Texas and California. So, the work we do—and the support you give—is as important as ever! ***Thank you for being a part of our mission.*** 🐾



Celebrating 20 Years of Service

CACF is celebrating our 20th anniversary this year! The foundation's creation as a tax-exempt organization paved the way for fundraising opportunities that helped bring the vision of Dr. Joe Curry, Dr. Tom Daniel, and Deborah Wilson to life: affordable spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats in central North Carolina. After two years of strategic



planning and fundraising, the Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic opened its doors in 2007 and began addressing the region's pet overpopulation crisis.

The journey has not been without challenges in recent years. We've faced a national shortage of veterinarians and vet technicians, a global pandemic, and soaring inflation, which doubled the cost of surgical supplies and medications. However, through diligent financial management, tireless fundraising, grant writing, and the unwavering support of our Board and donors, we've been able to overcome these obstacles.

Today, the clinic is staffed by three surgeons and an incredible team of vet techs, bilingual schedulers, and senior administrators. Their seamless orchestration ensures that as many as 30 to 50 animals are sterilized daily, making a real impact in our community. 🐾

2005

501(c)3 status was granted to the CACF by the Internal Revenue Service to function as an organization that supports the provision of low cost spays, neuters and ancillary activities.

2006

We held our first fundraising event at the Pinehurst Fair Barn.

SCAN to learn more about our history



2017

The Clinic's first full-time surgeon was hired, speeding up response times and reducing wait periods. Surgery suites, social media, and the website were also enhanced for better service and communication.

2019

A reassessment of the Clinic's operational model suggested that the assets and goals of CACF would be better served if the SNVC returned to its original model of having the owners be non-salaried.

Clinic Expansion

We are proud to announce the 500 square foot addition of new facilities at the clinic, thanks in large part to a generous grant from the Buchanan Family Foundation. These improvements include:

- ▶ A staff training and conference room
- ▶ A wellness exam room
- ▶ A new autoclave room

The wellness exam room—a remodel of existing space—allows the clinic to offer additional services for low-income families and rescue groups. These services include basic vaccinations, fecal exams, deworming, heartworm testing, and feline leukemia testing and treatment. This expansion meets an essential need in our community and enhances our ability to provide holistic care to the animals we serve. 🐾



The new wellness exam room at the Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic

2007

The Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills (SNVC) grand opening in Vass. In its first year of operation, the SNVC performed over 4,200 spay or neuter surgeries.

2008

By the end of 2008, the SNVC was performing at the rate of over 40 surgeries a day for individuals and groups from all nine counties.

2012

By December 2012, 30,000 spay/neuter surgeries had been completed at the SNVC and the coverage area expanded from nine counties to eleven counties in Central NC.

2016

The Clinic building mortgage was paid in full. Capital improvements included a third surgery room, more equipment, new roof, HVAC improvements, and remodeling enhancements.

2020

CACF took on a major renovation of the clinic building, enhancing the safety of both animals and people by creating a cleaner building, a better air exchange system, and more distancing of animals and clients.

2021

The Clinic building reopened on January 19, 2021. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the clinic continued to increase the number of animals "fixed."

2024

The Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic performed its 100,000th spay/neuter surgery! This long-time goal was performed on a feral cat who was then ready for adoption.

2025

107,789

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES
COMPLETED SINCE DOORS OPENED

3 VETERINARY
SURGEONS

10 CLINIC
EMPLOYEES



Welcome Dr. David DiPiero!

We are excited to welcome Dr. David DiPiero as the newest member of our surgical team. Dr. DiPiero joined Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic in January 2025 as our third surgeon. A 2020 graduate of the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. DiPiero brings a wealth of experience, having worked with a nonprofit clinic that provides discounted care to rescue groups and animal shelters. His professional interests include soft tissue surgery, high-quality high-volume spay/neuter, and shelter medicine—making him a perfect fit for our mission. We are so glad to have him on board! 🐾



Grants & Community Impact

Thanks to the generous support of organizations like the George D. Patterson Foundation, the Margaret T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation, and the Moore County Community Foundation, we were able to provide significant support to the community in 2024, including:

- ▶ 7,342 surgeries performed
- ▶ 874 feral cat sterilizations
- ▶ 39 animal rescues received subsidized or free surgeries
- ▶ 13 counties served

Through these grants, the clinic was also able to offer FREE sterilization surgeries to over 350 low-income families and feral cat organizations, helping to reduce the overpopulation of pets in our region. 🐾



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