

The Community Spay Neuter Initiative Partnership (C-SNIP) was established in 2001 by a group of founders that saw the need for low cost spay/neuter services in the Grand Rapids area as a resource to help reduce the shelter intake of dogs and cats. The initial setup was a mobile unit that traveled to various sites in Kent and neighboring counties and performed 15-20 surgeries a day. In 2006 it became apparent that the demand for spay/neuter services was large enough that the time had come to establish a clinic that was capable of doing a larger number of surgeries. With the assistance of Humane Alliance, a mentoring group that had established the National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT) which helps groups start S/N clinics by creating a model for them to follow, a stationary clinic was created. We now perform between 70 and 80 surgeries a day resulting in 12,000 spays and neuters a year. We have performed over 70,000 surgeries since inception. Our goal is to provide this service while maintaining protocols and standards that meet or exceed those of private veterinary clinics. By being diligent we have reduced our mortality rate to one animal in the past two years and our complication rate drastically. We also assist other clinics in achieving these goals leading to affiliations with All About Animals Rescue in Warren, MI, and West Michigan Spay Neuter Clinic in Muskegon, MI. As a central resource for providing high quality high volume spay/neuter services we rely on transport as a way of providing these services to people in need in outlying areas.

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