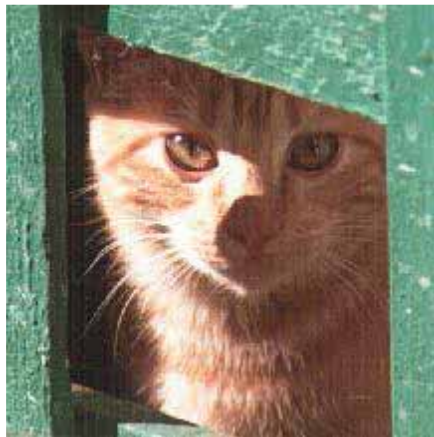




**Protecting stray and feral cats and dogs
Promoting neutering programmes overseas**



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19th August 2016: 20th Anniversary

SNIP International was launched on 1 September 1996 at Fern House, Braceborough, Lincolnshire, at the home of Linda and Peter Brookes, founder members, in the presence of dozens of supporters including the late Princess Elizabeth de Croy and the late Baroness Miranda von Kirchberg. The name of the new organisation was emblazoned in fireworks in the evening sky, marking its high hopes for the future.



On the left: Stamford Mercury reporting the launch of SNIP International on its front page. On the right: Toasts for the success of SNIP International ; from left: Linda Brookes, Peter Brookes, Dr. Kate Horne, Princess Elizabeth de Croy and Joy Leney.

Since then SNIP International, a registered charity and limited company, has established its reputation as the only animal welfare organisation in the UK focused specifically on the promotion of neutering programmes for stray and feral cats and dogs outside the United Kingdom. In recent years we have concentrated on donating specialist equipment to assist in overseas trap/ catch-neuter-return programmes. The donation of a basic combination of a trap and a trap-transfer-restrainer for cats and equivalent equipment for dog handling can be sufficient to equip a group of motivated individuals concerned about the proliferation of stray and feral animals with the means to start making immediate, humane changes to the quality of the animals' lives.

To date SNIP International has donated or organised the donation of over 1350 items of specialist trapping/ catching/ holding equipment to animal welfare groups working in 75 countries across the world including Argentina, Hong Kong, Morocco, Tunisia and Venezuela.

We take this opportunity to thank all our supporters, who include the Alice Noakes Memorial Charitable Trust, the Ann Daubeny Charitable Trust, the Ian and Sylvia Keith Charitable Trust MDC Exports Ltd and the SNIP International Friends. A special thank you to Petplan Charitable Trust which is donating matching funding for Project Croatia, run in conjunction with the 18th International Companion Animal Welfare Conference in Dubrovnik in October 2016.

We would also like to thank those who have given service as Trustees over the years and those who continue to serve as members of the team. Our thanks also go to those who give generously of their time to advise in specialist areas like finance, company law, publications, the website and the database. All those who work for SNIP International do so voluntarily; we have no office and no paid staff.

We thought that the best written way of celebrating our achievement would be to ask some of the groups which have received equipment to speak for themselves about the difference our donations have made to the lives of the animals with which they are concerned. We hope you enjoy the following selection.

Kate Horne
Chairman on behalf of the Board

Animais de Barcelos, Portugal 2014

Dear all at SNIP International.

After ITP at Dogs Trust and ICAWC2013 we've decided to start an organized TNR program for dealing with cat colonies widespread in our city. We have already done TNR with borrowed equipment or not adequate equipment but it was on punctual situations.

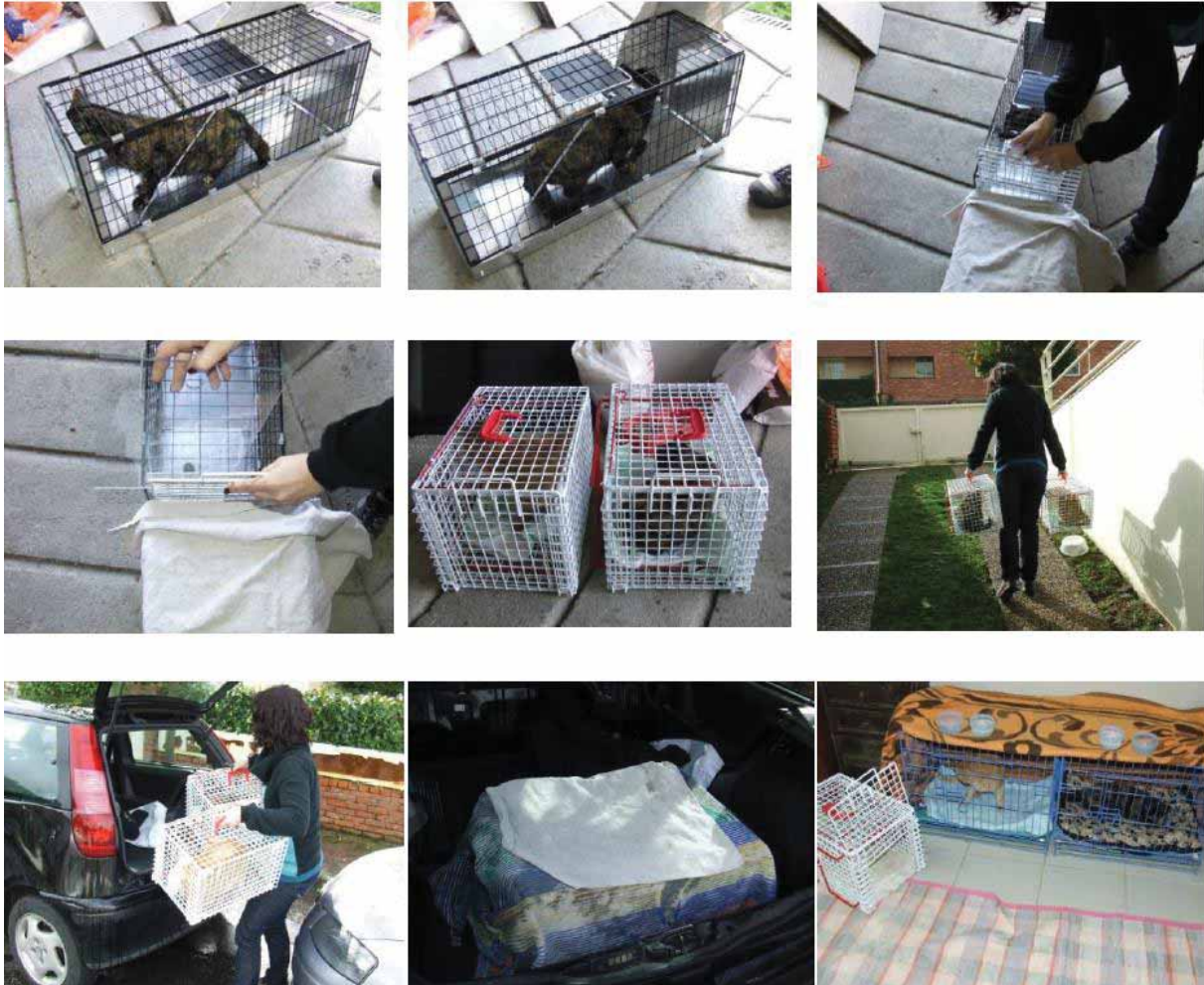
In October and November we've started collecting data on 4 colonies to start our TNR program. Also we had to found vets that would be able to deal with this type of program, not only in terms of prices but also in logistics for neutering several animals in one day. During December and January we've done volunteer training, fundraising and planning to release the campaign in the 1st of February. Our goal was to neuter 100% of chosen 4 colonies but due to lack of resources (money and volunteers) we only managed to neuter 24 animal (12 males and 12 females).



The difference that the equipment donated has made to our group:

- Autonomy;
- Do not spend money to go fetch and returning the borrowed traps;
- More efficiency in catches;
- We can intervene in more complicated situations;
- Safety for volunteers, veterinarians and animals;
- We were able to start the TNR program earlier because we did not have to spend money on buying material.

We're very grateful for your kind donation. It allowed us to neuter 24 street cats, **preventing the birth in the next 5 years of 152.160 new cats** (considering that a couple would give birth in 5 years to 12.680 new cats) that would live on the street, would suffer from hunger, pain, mistreatment, violence, car accidents and so on. We'll go on with this project that we called "Project Colonies" and hope to be able to neuter much more animals. We also invested resources to achieve these results: 2 volunteers gave approximately 80h each, we made more than 800 km by car to transport the animals and we've raised 180€ for the surgeries (not all raised yet).



This 1st phase of the project was to neuter this first 4 colonies. As soon as all 4 are 100% neutered, we'll open the project to particular people that feeds colonies, helping them control their colonies. We hope that you consider your money and effort well spent with us. Please send our thanks and love to all that contributed to this kind donation.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of Associação Projecto Animais de Barcelos,

Patrícia

Together for Animals in China 2016

Dear SNIP International,

Thank you for providing TACN with the equipment – a pair of Rabies Gloves, during the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference in Porto in 2015.

The Rabies Gloves were received during International Companion Animal Welfare Conference in Porto, October 2015. In December 2015, the gloves were taken to Beijing, China. On 26th of December 2015 and 3rd January 2016, TACN held animal welfare training event in two cities in Northern China, Beijing and Tianjin. During these training events, the Rabies Gloves were a great help when demonstrating animal capturing equipment and techniques.



Later on in January in Beijing, volunteers that received training have made use of the gloves during a rescue of several stray dogs, among which was one pregnant female who showed aggression towards people. The volunteer managed to capture this aggressive female with the protection from the gloves and successfully admitted her into our partner clinic for further checkup.

Many local shelter owners, rescuers and volunteers attended our training event and have shown great interest in the equipment we demonstrated. These people are in desperate need for such equipment that would not only help them capture, rescue dogs and cats but also safe to use and provide welfare for the animals being captured.

We hope to continue work with SNIP and provide these local rescuers, groups and shelter with the support and equipment they desperately need, and help them improve the work that they do for the animals in China.

Kindest regards,

Grace Han

Tierhilfe K.O.S., Austria 2015

We had a neutering campaign in March in Turkey, in Mordogan! We neutered about a 110 cats and 15 dogs. The animals were treated against parasites, teeth and surgical treatments were done and also they had medical treatments if it was needed. Thank you so much. Hopefully you will support us again. Thank you.

Regards
Maria
Tierhilfe K.O.S.



9liv Östergötland, Sweden 2015

I would like to send a report to you now that it has been a couple of months after your gracious donation to us :-)

We are extremely happy with the new trap you donated to us. Especially now in the summertime we receive calls daily from people who need our help with trapping feral mother cats and their kittens. The new trap is much easier and definitely much safer when it comes to catching kittens. Thanks to the new trap we have been able to help much more people than usual; we currently have over 40 kittens with their mothers that are being socialized, then vaccinated and get an id-chip before they are ready for adoption. The mothers all get neutered, vaccinated and get an ID-chip before they are re-homed as well.

And thanks to the gloves we so far haven't had any staff member in hospital this year ! Yay !

Thank you once again so very much for your donation ! It really meant the world to us. Thanks to you we now can help so many more cats here in Sweden !



In the picture: Memlan, the cat, on her way into the trap.

Memlan has since been adopted by a loving family and is now their cherished pet.

Best regards from all of us,

Jennifer Luetz
Vice-chairman
Föreningen 9Liv Östergötland

Animal Welfare League Queensland, Australia 2014



Thank you for the anti-bite gloves which you gave to Animal Welfare League of Queensland, Australia at the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference 2014. We do a lot of early age desexing of dogs and cats and handling of feral and semi-feral animals as well as wildlife. These gloves are extremely useful to the veterinarians and nurses. Thank you so much.

Dr Catherine Tiplady
Veterinarian

In movido a 4 patas, Portugal 2014



We haven't had the best opportunity until now to thank you and to SNIP International the material you have given us!

I am happy to inform you that it has been a powerful artifact in our struggle to help abandoned cats and to neuter feral cats.

It is work like yours that makes our work possible! So it is not only in our association name that we really want to thank but in name of all cats that we have been helping!

Thank you for your kindness and solidarity!

A huge hug,

Mafalda Campos & Carla Ribeiro

Asociatia Prietenii Pisicilor, Romania 2014

I'm writing to you regarding the equipment SNIP International generously sent to us earlier this year - one Eeziset trap and two TTR's. I must say it has made a tremendous difference when it came to catching not so friendly stray cats (not to say wild, but they would have gladly torn us to pieces if they could :)). As we have been awarded a grant for a neutering campaign for cats, the equipment has been even more intensively used. And it works great! It is really easy to carry and place and it functions smoothly. And the TTR is just perfect for transfer and giving injections to cats who wouldn't accept it otherwise.



As there are some more cat lovers in Oradea beside us who are involved in TNR, the trap and one TTR are "traveling" as much as needed so cats in more neighborhoods can be easily captured and neutered. The equipment always returns to us in good condition, as all of us understood how useful it is and therefore it is well taken care of.

Our vet was also enthusiastic about the equipment, especially the TTR, as it was so much easier to inject the cats - whether it was a wilder cat in our care or a stray darling.

I hope that I have succeeded in explaining just how useful the trap and the TTR's are to us and how much they actually helped. On behalf of all our volunteers and all the people whose activity you made easier, and on behalf of all the cats who are under less stress thanks to the equipment, I would like to express our gratitude and send our warmest wishes to all of you!

Thank you for your help and for everything that you do for animals!

Linda Cuban

Big Fix Uganda

2014 Greetings to you from everyone at The Big Fix Uganda!

We are very proud to let you know that we have officially launched Uganda's first TNR program this month, in honor of World Spay Day. We spent January and early February doing mass public sensitization about feral cats and educating about TNR. We have met with local and district leaders and owners of restaurants and hotels (where Gulu town's feral cats congregate at night). I am happy to report that we have full support of the community in initiating TNR - which will result in a long term plan for living in harmony with feral cats. We know we will slowly-by-slowly reach a sustainable population and our goal is to trap-vaccinate-treat-sterilize and return every cat in the area.

Obviously, this work would not be possible without the traps and holding cage donated by SNIP International. Therefore, you are always with us in spirit as our partners as we trap and help each cat.

With Kind Regards,

Sarah Schmidt
On behalf of The Big Fix Uganda team



2015 TNR update

From April to June, our TNR work resulted in the trapping of 37 cats (21 males and 16 females). All cats were spayed/neutered, ear-tipped, vaccinated, de-wormed, treated for fleas/ticks and wounds/injuries, and monitored for a good recovery before their release. Our team now has the benefit of two new large drop traps, donated to us by SNIP International.

Animal Refuge Kansai, Japan 2015



Dear Friends at SNIPI,

Here are some photos of squeeze cages we have received as generous donations from SNIPI, over the years, at the annual ICAWC conference. This case was rescue of 19 cats from a hoarding situation in Osaka, where the owner had died and there was no one to take care of the cats. Thank you for these, they are being put to good use.

Elizabeth Oliver

VOCAL, Greece 2014

Thank you so much SNIP International for the donation of a cage like this one in the picture.



VOCAL does not have a shelter, we work from our homes so sometimes cages are needed to keep our cats and kittens safe, or for when they are sick and injured. This cage in use right now also becomes an open door haven for kits to go and rest and to eat their special foods – oh and a nice elevated place for a bed for the older members of the VOCAL foster home too!

Thank you again.

Virginia Swain Nixon

Kath's Kitty Corner, Ireland 2015



Thank you so much for the TTRs that make TNR so much better. Our vet says he could not neuter all then feral cats without the TTRs. We have neutered 150 cats this year so far thank you so much for your help. Thank you.

Kathleen, Petra and Maureen

PS We also used it to rescue a chicken loose in a housing estate



SOS animal, Portugal 2015



On behalf of SOS animal, in Portugal, I'd like to thank you for the generous donation at ICAWC. The veterinary stretcher has been immensely useful and I'm attaching some pictures of it in use, in our hospital.

With kind regards

Renata Morgado

Omani paws, Oman 2015

Thank you so much for donating the Mac Cat Trap to myself on behalf of Omani Paws at last year's ICAWC. The trap has proved very useful in the continued efforts to trap and neuter as many of Muscat's stray cat population as possible. Attached is a photo of one of many success stories. Guinness (the vets always require a name which becomes a little challenging after a while) is a typical example of a feral male that I trapped and neutered and released back into the area he was found. As he was pretty hungry at the time I trapped him, he had no hesitation in walking into the Mac Trap. Unfortunately once the door was shut, he was not willing to pose for the camera being slightly stressed no doubt at the prospect of his imminent visit to the vets.



Guinness is just one of many, I have also used the trap to catch kittens from a large colony of mostly already neutered cats. In cases such as this, the trap is ideal in allowing us to determine who goes into the trap rather than setting the automatic trap which often traps cats that are already neutered.

Oman has a dire problem with stray cats and dogs and there are so many of us who daily feed, trap, release and rehome where possible. So thank you for your generous donation to a very worthwhile cause. It is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards

Beverly Moss
Member of Omani Paws

Limerick Feral Cats, Ireland 2014

The three extra traps have been a godsend for us, bringing our equipment up to 12 traps and 3 transfer cages. Last year we TNR'd over 400 cats and since the 20th January this year we have TNR'd a further 135.



The extra traps help us in two ways. Firstly, because we are a small group of just three full-time and two part-time volunteers, it helps us to maximise the free time we have available between us to trap the cats. For instance, on Saturday 22nd February, Mary, Emma and I divided ourselves across three locations and trapped ten cats between us. With fewer traps, we could not have been at each location simultaneously to trap early in the morning when the cats were most likely to be around. The extra traps has made our time management more efficient.

Secondly, the extra traps helped us to do bigger TNRs. Just this last Saturday 15th March we undertook a very large scale TNR in a low-income housing estate in Limerick city numbering 540 houses. This was the biggest and most logistically complicated TNR we have done to date. We canvassed the estate twice beforehand so we knew the cats were clustered across a variety of different locations within the estate.

With the extra traps - and extra volunteers - we were able to trap 30 cats in a day and will be returning there to finish the TNR next week. For us, going from nine traps to twelve has made an enormous difference to our work.

Sincere thanks again to Snip International for their help.

Kindest regards,

Aisling O' Donoghue

O Catinho da Milu, Portugal 2015



O Cantinho da Milu received a dog trap, sponsored by SNIP INTERNATIONAL, at the end of November, 2014. We have already used it twice. The first time it was put to use (January 2015) we didn't have a camera, so we have no pictures or videos of that capture.

Last Saturday we tried to capture 2 dogs close to the shelter. They were seen trying to get closer to the gate several times. They were skinny and very afraid. We tried to call them but the noise from all the dogs on the other side of the gate scared them. So we fed them for a few days, as close as possible of the shelter. They would wait for us to leave and then come to eat. We could see that one of them was a female with skin issues. We didn't feed the dogs that morning to attract them with the food, and it worked. They were starving!

One of the dogs was so light that the crate didn't close the first time she entered! She could go in and out once without trouble but the second dog followed her and then the trap closed! It worked out perfect; two dogs at once! They were so scared, poor things. It was not easy to carry this heavy trap to release the 2 dogs inside the shelter with no risk of escaping but we were successful.

They are now with us for nearly one week. They are eating well. They are both females and quite young. Still shy but a lot more trustful. They already have been vaccinated and dewormed. Very soon, when they will gain weight and when they will be more confident, we will advertise them for adoption.

The crate was very useful. It was a very great gift from SNIP. We really appreciate it. We will surely use it several times in the future. There are so many stray dogs in our area.

Thanks again for your support.

O CANTINHO DA MILU

Skiathos Cat Welfare Association, Greece 2014

Skiathos Cat Welfare Association is a registered Greek Charity but relies solely on donations. Our number 1 priority is neutering and since 2005 the charity has neutered in the region of 4000 cats. Although Skiathos is a relatively small Island the lack of suitable cages has always proved difficult and time consuming with transferring cats to holding boxes to allow the few cages we had to be collected and utilised in another part of the Island to maximise the number of cats neutered. Thanks to Snip International we received 4 cages which allowed us to increase the number of cats caught in a day by at least 30%. This increased the number of cats caught which in turn will prevent fewer kittens been born into a life of hardship. These cages will be used on every subsequent neuter event and will help us to continue to maximise the number of number of cats neutered Thank you Snip International for supporting the work of Skiathos Cat Welfare Associaton.



Kyrenia Animal Rescue, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus 2014

Hello

Thank you very much for the Cat Trap, Cat Restrainer Basket and the Cat Trap Comb that you donated at the ICAWC in Istanbul last month. My colleague Gwen and I very much enjoyed the conference and came away with lots of useful information and many ideas to put into use in our work for animal welfare in North Cyprus.

Cat neutering is one of our main projects and every year we neuter around 700 - 800 feral street cats. This project has been running now for 13 years and so a lot of changes and improvements has been seen in the numbers and health of the cats on the streets. Our Cat Catching teams are made up of volunteers who go out twice a week throughout the year except for the three hottest months. There is still a long way to go but we all believe that neutering is the only way to control the population of unwanted cats and dogs. We rely entirely on donations from the general public to finance these very important projects.

We have nearly fifty cats and kittens in our care at our Rescue Centre. These are cats/kittens that for one reason or another could not be released back onto the streets. We continually try to find new forever homes for those animals in our care both in the TRNC and worldwide.

The cat trap, cat restrainer basket and comb have become part of the cat catchers' team equipment and is now being used on a weekly basis. A big thank you to SNIP for this wonderful donation.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Margaret Ray

Kyrenia Animal Rescue



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