

## **Letters to the Editor**

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### **Be part of solution**

To the editor:

Finding solutions to some problems can be a daunting task. But the worldwide problem of homeless pets has one foolproof solution. Have your pet(s) altered (fixed). Indiana killed over 110,000 homeless pets in 2000; Monroe County over 3,000 last year. This is appalling and heartbreaking. This community must take responsibility and take action. There is no excuse not to have a pet spayed or neutered. If you think you can't afford it the Monroe County Humane Association has a spay/neuter fund that will help. Call SNAP at 333-MCHA extension 1 for an application.

You don't have to be a pet owner to be a part of the solution. The spay/neuter fund counts on contributions. Can you help? If you know of someone who continues to allow their pets to give birth to litter after litter or has an unaltered male they allow to roam give them a copy of this letter, let them know there is financial help available. If there is a stray animal in your neighborhood take it upon yourself to get it to a vet for a physical exam, shots and spaying or neutering. If you absolutely can't welcome it into your family then do your best to find it a good, lifelong home.

Our present shelter is sorely inadequate so as we anxiously await our new, long overdue shelter we must all pitch in and do what we can to reach the goal of no more homeless pets. Adopt a stray or shelter animal and spay or neuter all pets.

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