

Dear Mr. Thomas and Anoth group:

Our Spay Panama family does not know how to begin to thank you for such a thoughtful and generous donation. We are overwhelmed with gratitude, but also with excitement of how this donation will impact the people and pets of not just Panama, but of the world!

This will change lives. We can imagine how this will definitely help to eliminate animal suffering and benefit the young people and their families. Allow us to further explain our many activities and mission.

We have come a long way since our humble beginnings in 2001. To date we have spayed and neutered over 300,000 animals. The Panamanian government donated an old American school bus that we refurbished and use as a transportation means to take our services throughout Panama, including to offshore islands. Our bus was once a diablo rojo - a red devil used in public transportation but retired by the government with the onset of the newer and safer Metrobus. We cover Panama from the border with Costa Rica to the Darien jungle, from the Azuero peninsula in the Pacific to the islands in the Caribbean.

Local Panamanians work alongside us at our events working as 'taxis' transporting animals between surgery and recovery, helping to wash surgery instruments and watching over their animal friends during recovery. It is heartwarming to watch them as they keep a careful eye and follow their beloved 4 legged family members through anesthesia, pre-op, surgery and post-op. These locals who participate in spay events in the interior of the country, enjoy and appreciate doing what they can to help out. It teaches the young people about the importance of caring for animals and contributing to an important cause. Even the local police enjoy working with

us at our spay events rounding up stray animals from the beaches and streets for sterilization.

Spay Panama's goal is to provide affordable spay/neuter services to low-income pet guardians and feeders of homeless animals, to ensure the prevention of unwanted litters and helping to eliminate animal suffering. We achieve this goal through massive sterilization programs throughout Panama and at weekly events at our clinic in Panama City. Though we try to cover our expenses for spay-neuter with a nominal fee of \$15 (cats) and \$30 (dogs) - NO ONE is ever turned away.

But, spay and neuter services are not all we do! The animals we see at our clinic or at mass sterilization events, this will probably be the only time they will be seen by a veterinarian. We have fixed broken bones and treated other situations during routine mass spay events, and at our clinic in Panama City we are able to treat transmissible venereal cancer in dogs (TVT). We also work through the Humane Society International to train veterinarians in the Quick Spay method so more animals can be sterilized throughout the world in a more efficient manner, and we have even sent out lead vet to far lands such as off the coast of Africa to teach our spay method.

Though we are not a shelter, we often will bring a litter of kittens or a mama for two, maybe some puppies back to the city to find forever, loving homes. We house them in a small supply room which our volunteers visit many times a day cleaning cages and socializing the animals. We once brought an injured pup back whose leg needed to be amputated who became our clinic mascot - Pinky!

The possibilities of what can be accomplished for the people of Panama, the animals of Panama and beyond our borders are endless. With your input

*and approval, we could possibly recognize your generous gift by naming a recurring spay event something like Tommy's Dream Spay Blitz. We simply think it would be an honor to recognize and create a positive remembrance of Tommy that would be long lived.*

*ANOTH's "GOOD WORKS" will not end with this donation to Spay Panama. Tommy's love and caring about animals well-being and helping those less fortunate than many of us will continue in perpetuity. The impact of this very generous donation will have a lasting impact on not only the humble people of Panama, but will benefit the people and pets of the world.*

*"Together we can make a difference"*

*With our most sincere gratitude,*

*The Spay Panama family*