



## Calling All Creative & Artistic People!

Do you love animals, particularly cats and dogs? Are you looking for a fun arts and crafts project to make for fall? We have a great project for you that will benefit many companion animals in need. The Spay Neuter Project is asking for your help with a very special fundraising event.

### Announcing the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Pawlooza Online Auction 🍂 Benefitting The Spay Neuter Project

Here's your chance to dream a little, then create a whimsical pumpkin work of art or fall season décor for our upcoming online auction. We will showcase a wide variety of handmade pumpkin themed fall decorations, highlighting each participating artist with a brief bio, all while raising money for The Spay Neuter Project. The funds raised from this auction will help keep spay and neuter surgical procedures, vaccinations, and microchipping costs at affordable rates for Mid-Missourians and their pets. **Pumpkin Pawlooza** will be shared with over 5000 SNP newsletter recipients, and as many as 6000 Facebook followers will see it! **Pumpkin Pawlooza** will also be promoted on a variety of media outlets. What better way to get your name and artistic talents out there for all the world to see!

#### Event Details 🍂

The Auction opens with a **LIVE Facebook Event** on **Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm**. During the event, entries will be displayed and described in detail by our moderator, along with information about you, the artist. After the live event, shoppers will have **three days** to bid on their favorite entries. The auction will close on **Friday, October 1st, at 7pm**.

#### How To Be a Pawlooza Participant 🍂

- 1. Let us know you are interested!** All we need is a quick email telling us **"I'm In!"** Just email our director, Janeene Johnston, at [jjohnston@spayneuterprojectmo.org](mailto:jjohnston@spayneuterprojectmo.org) your name, contact info, and what you might be creating. *(Don't worry if you change your mind!)*
- 2. When your work of art is completed, print and fill out the Artist Entry Form, which can be found on the SNP website: [spayneuterprojectmo.org/](http://spayneuterprojectmo.org/).** (If you don't have access to a printer, you can fill a form out at the clinic when you drop off your piece.)
- 3. Deliver your artwork & entry form between Tuesday, Sept. 21st – Friday, Sept. 24th** to the SNP Clinic at 206 Austin Ave., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Clinic is closed on Mondays.) *Late entries risk not being included in the event.*

#### Pawlooza Pointers & Protocol 🍂

1. Decide if you want to go 'natural' with a real pumpkin, a faux pumpkin (available at local craft stores), or something of your own making. Keep in mind: real pumpkins may not last through the fall holidays, no matter how hard you worked on it! To make them last as long as possible, **real pumpkins should be painted and decorated ONLY, and not carved.**
2. You can also make a pumpkin-free autumn decoration if you prefer, such as a wreath, a quilt, or a painting. *(Whatever you can dream up!)* Don't be afraid to dive deep into a theme that you are passionate about - last year we even had a Shakespeare themed pumpkin!
3. There's no need to spend a lot on supplies; just look through your craft drawers and scout around your house for interesting baubles to bring your pumpkin or fall décor to life. Here is a link to some examples to help get the creative juices flowing... <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/halloween-ideas/g1714/no-carve-pumpkin-decorating/>
4. All ages and artistic abilities are welcomed and encouraged to participate. This is not a juried show.
5. Limit 2 entries per artist please. Each creation needs it's own entry form, available on the SNP website.
6. Real pumpkins exhibiting signs of rot, poor construction, or inappropriate language, may be declined.

Follow the Pumpkin Pawlooza Buzz on [facebook.com/SpayNeuterProject](https://www.facebook.com/SpayNeuterProject)

**Thank you from the bottom of our animal-loving hearts!**

🍂 The Spay Neuter Clinic Team 🍂

