

The HSVMA-RAVS is a non-profit veterinary outreach program that combines community service and veterinary education, bringing free vet services to underserved rural communities where poverty and geographic isolation make regular veterinary care inaccessible.

In 2015, RAVS launched an intensive community outreach project with the San Carlos Apache tribe in Arizona. Each month, a veterinarian from Ohio arrives for a 5-day clinic, assisted by numerous volunteers. During this time, they've provided more than 8200 free vets exams, as well as spay/neuter surgeries, life-threatening emergency surgeries, free vaccines, dewormer and tick medication.

The St. Mark's Animal Ministry Team is sponsoring an opportunity for our congregation to support this important work by donating pet supplies that will be distributed during these clinics. We all know pet owners and animal lovers, so be sure to spread the word and collect items from neighbors and friends, too!

> Bring your donations and add them to the Animal Ministry table in the courtyard on **Sunday**, **Aug. 20 or 27**. (Can also be dropped in the church office during the week.)

## **Needed Supplies**

## Please note: These items can be new OR used!

- Wire kennels
- Potty pads
- Collars and/or leashes
- Dog beds

- Canned ground dog and cat food
- Dry dog and cat food
- Dry puppy and kitten food
- Puppy and kitten milk
- Dog houses (esp. igloo style)

\*HSVMA—RAVS is the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association — Rural Area Veterinary Services program. Learn more by visiting http://www.ruralareavet.org/