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KITSAP SPAY DAY 2010

Have a heart, spay or neuter your pets in February!

Bremerton, WA. February 17, 2010 –

February is a time for love, and nothing says “I love you” more than saving the lives of homeless pets!

The Kitsap Spay & Neuter Council and local veterinarians are inviting everyone to participate in a peninsula-wide event to alter cats and dogs, and to promote spay/neuter as an effective and humane means of decreasing the euthanasia of homeless animals in shelters. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) estimates that 3-4 million animals are euthanized in U.S. shelters each year! Spay Day USA is an annual campaign of the HSUS, created to inspire people to save and better the lives of cats and dogs through spaying and neutering. This will be the 16th year of Spay Day USA nation-wide, and the second event on the Kitsap Peninsula. In 2009, 574 pets were altered for Kitsap Spay Day and the response from pet owners and the community was remarkable!

Spay Day is the last Tuesday of every February,

This year is February 23rd, 2010. Currently, there are 6 local veterinarians who are offering discounted surgery rates in honor of Spay Day, to cut down on the pet overpopulation here at home. In addition to lessening the burden on animal shelters and taxpayers, spay and neuter surgeries protect pet health and improve pet behavior. Benefits for your pets include decreased risk of reproductive cancers (uterine, ovarian, breast, testicular, and prostate), reduced roaming and fighting, and a healthier, longer life expectancy. Altered pets are generally calmer, gentler and more affectionate as well.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the veterinarians directly.

List of Participating Veterinarians-

Belfair- Belfair Animal Hospital: (360) 275-6008

Bremerton- Bremerton Animal Hospital: (360) 373-7333

Gig Harbor- Evergreen Animal Hospital: (253) 851-9195

Port Orchard- Kitsap Veterinary Hospital: (360) 876-2021

Port Orchard- Woodside Animal Hospital: (360) 871-3335

Poulsbo- Poulsbo Animal Clinic: (360)779-4640

There are also year round resources and low income programs for spay and neuter assistance, offered by the Kitsap Humane Society (360)692-6977, Paws of Bainbridge Island (888) 558-7297, Coalition Humane (253)627-SPAY, and Paws of Bremerton (360)373-7043.

This is our chance to come together as a community and make a huge difference!

“If your pets are already fixed, sponsor a surgery for your neighbor or someone in need at your vet office,” says Linda Dennis, who is a long time supporter of TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) of feral cats. Linda is known as the Kitsap Cat Lady and has been working to alter tame and feral cats locally for 15 years. She has recently moved out of the area, but will continue to be an advocate for cats and spay/neuter.

SPAY AND NEUTER is the only humane answer to a problem that affects us all.

Kitsap Spay Day 2010 is endorsed by the Kitsap Humane Society, the Humane Society of Mason County, Paws of Bremerton, Rescue Every Dog, and Paws of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap.

For additional information on Kitsap Spay Day 2010, visit www.kitsapspayneuter.org. To find out about the national campaign, visit www.hsus.org/spayday.

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