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**Celebrating 10,000 Spay & Neuter Surgeries!**

*Local non-profit performs 10,000<sup>th</sup> spay/neuter surgery, helping local shelters reduce unnecessary killing of companion animals due to pet overpopulation*

Tacoma, WA – April 29, 2010- Animal shelters across the country are overrun with millions of unwanted and homeless pets every year. Over 4 million will wait in cages only to be euthanized. This sad truth is one that Coalition: HUMAnE is on a mission to change.

On **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010** Coalition: HUMAnE will celebrate performing its **10,000<sup>th</sup> spay/neuter surgery** with gifts for its animal and human clients and a free surgery for number 10,000. Coalition: HUMAnE opened its doors on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 and has averaged over 4,000 alterations a year.

As one of the top providers of spay/neuter services in Washington, Coalition: HUMAnE has been credited by The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County as helping them reach zero euthanasia of adoptable dogs for the past several years. Despite ongoing efforts of special spay/neuter programs, increased adoptions and events over 1,700 healthy, adoptable cats were still euthanized in 2009.

“There is no disease or condition of companion animals that takes more of their lives than euthanasia.”  
-Janet M. Scarlett, DVM, MPH, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology at Cornell University

For more information about the upcoming celebration and our low cost spay/neuter programs, call (253) 627-7729 or visit the website at [www.coalitionhumane.org](http://www.coalitionhumane.org).

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