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Celebrating 20,000 Spay & Neuter Surgeries!

Local non-profit performs 20,000th spay/neuter surgery, helping local shelters reduce unnecessary killing of companion animals due to pet overpopulation

Tacoma, WA – July 5, 2011- 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 the nonprofit organization Coalition: HUMANe Spay & Neuter Clinic is on a mission to change.

On Wednesday, July 6th 2011 Coalition: HUMANe will celebrate performing its 20,000th spay/neuter surgery with a free surgery and goody basket for number 20,000. Coalition: HUMANe (Humans United to Minimize Animal Euthanasia) opened its doors on March 3rd, 2008 and has averaged over 5,000 alterations a year. In that time, they have built a superb reputation for providing professional and compassionate care, and are becoming the top affordable spay and neuter clinic in the entire Puget Sound region for both individual pet owners and rescue organizations.

Lorrie Kalmbach-Ehlers, Executive Director for Coalition: HUMANe, says, “We are very excited to reach this amazing milestone. Working together with our community towards eliminating homeless dog and cat overpopulation is something that local residents and their pets need and deserve.”

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. Coalition: HUMANe’s efforts have helped reduce the killing rates of animals in Pierce County by a remarkable 40 percent. For every pet sterilized the births of ten unwanted kittens and puppies are prevented. Despite ongoing efforts of special spay/neuter programs, increased adoptions, and events over 1,200 healthy, adoptable cats were still euthanized in 2010. To address this continued rate of killing, Coalition: HUMANe and The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County are currently partnering to offer the Independence Spay Special for the month of July. Any low-income resident of Pierce County of Federal Way can have their female cat spayed for only \$10! Reduced fee specials like this are offered throughout the year to address the more at-risk animal populations.

“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.

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About Coalition: HUMANe Spay/Neuter Clinic

Coalition: HUMANe promotes and provides affordable, high-quality spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in an effort to stop the killing of animals due to overpopulation. Coalition: HUMANe is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Please visit www.coalitionhumane.org for more information.

