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***LOCAL NON-PROFIT EXPANDS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES THROUGH MOVE TO LARGER FACILITY***

**Leading Spay/Neuter Clinic in Washington Opens in New Location**

TACOMA, WA – January 7, 2013 – Northwest Spay & Neuter Center, formerly known as Coalition: HUMAnE Spay & Neuter Clinic, is moving to a greatly expanded building at Pacific Avenue and 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma. The new clinic site will triple the non-profit's space and allow the staff to perform up to 30,000 surgeries annually. With over 11,000 surgeries completed in 2012 alone, Northwest Spay & Neuter Center has quickly become recognized as the leading high-volume, high-quality spay and neuter provider in the region, and a powerful force working to end pet overpopulation in Washington State.

Animals altered at Northwest Spay & Neuter Center can receive vaccines, microchips, and parasite treatment at the time of surgery- all at costs well below standard veterinary prices. Individuals with limited income can also take advantage of further subsidized surgery specials run throughout the year and assistance programs run through partner organizations. Recently, a special was offered to low-income Pierce County and Federal Way residents, providing discounted neuter surgeries of \$10 for male cats and \$25 for male dogs and rabbits.

Dawnee M. has had three of her animals fixed here. "The prices are awesome," she says. "They treat the animals with love and care."

The clinic estimates that as a result of the services they offer, the births of over 365,000 animals have been prevented since they opened their doors in 2008. Northwest Spay & Neuter Center is credited with reducing the killing rates of healthy, adoptable animals in Pierce County by a remarkable 40 percent in that time.

While many of the organization's clients are local, they have altered animals from 24 counties in Washington, and even had clients bring their pets from out of state. "Approximately 98% of our clients are low-income," explains Northwest Spay & Neuter Center's Executive Director, Lorrie Kalmbach-Ehlers, "and can simply not afford to spay or neuter their pets without our services. The other 2% are animal rescue and shelter organizations that maximize their non-profit funds by utilizing our affordable services, therefore allowing them to help a greater number of animals."

The new building will accommodate plans to expand services to even more pet owners. The clinic plans to start a transportation program in 2013, reaching out to individuals in rural Pierce County and surrounding counties who need assistance bringing their animals to the clinic. They also plan to continue

educating pet owners about the benefits of spay/neuter. The area surrounding the new clinic site shows a high percentage of unaltered animals; a statistic Northwest Spay & Neuter Center hopes to change.

Northwest Spay & Neuter Center will open in their new location at 6401 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Individuals interested in spaying or neutering their pet(s) are encouraged to contact Northwest Spay & Neuter Center at (253) 627-SPAY to schedule an appointment. The clinic performs surgery on companion cats, dogs, and rabbits, as well as feral/free-roaming cats. More information is available on the organization's website: [www.nwspayneuter.org](http://www.nwspayneuter.org)

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Northwest Spay & Neuter Center Spay & Neuter Clinic promotes and provides affordable spay and neuter services for cats, dogs, and rabbits in an effort to stop the killing of animals due to overpopulation. It is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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