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Whiskers Wine & Dine Set for March 2011

Annual auction benefits local pets

TACOMA -- January 24, 2011 – “It’s hip to snip” is the rallying cry for local cats and dogs that will benefit from the seventh annual “Whiskers Wine & Dine” fundraiser, an auction and dinner that raises funds to help end pet overpopulation.

The fundraiser, which will be held Saturday, March 12 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sharon McGavick Center in Lakewood, provides funding for Coalition: HUMANE, a local nonprofit that provides affordable spaying and neutering of cats and dogs at its Tacoma clinic.

“In 2010, we spayed or neutered almost 6,500 pets through a combination of our reduced-fee services, free and further reduced-price programs,” said Lorrie Kalmbach-Ehlers, Coalition: HUMANE executive director.

“These programs are funded through generous donors who understand the need for affordable spaying and neutering in our community.”

Beginning in February 2011, Coalition: HUMANE will provide all spaying and neutering services for the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, almost doubling the number of surgeries provided each year.

“Our partnership with the Humane Society is very exciting and a testament to the outstanding service provided

by our veterinarians and staff. Together, we are doing what we can to prevent pet overpopulation,” Kalmbach-Ehlers said.

Reservations for the “Whiskers Wine & Dine” auction, which includes a dinner as well as silent, live and dessert auctions, are \$50 per person. To purchase a ticket, please call (253) 265.2290 or visit www.coalitionhumane.org.

Coalition: HUMANE promotes and provides affordable, high-quality spay and neuter services for pet cats and dogs, as well as for feral cats, in an effort to stop the killing of companion animals because of overpopulation. Since 2008, it has spayed or neutered more than 15,000 animals. A 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, its services are available to all residents of Western Washington and beyond.

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