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Whiskers Wine & Dine Set for March 2012

Annual auction benefits local pets and celebrates “A Decade of Prevention”

TACOMA – March 8, 2012 – “It’s hip to snip” is the rallying cry for local cats and dogs that will benefit from the eighth annual “Whiskers Wine & Dine” fundraiser, an auction and dinner that raises funds to help end pet overpopulation.

The auction, which will be held Saturday, March 24 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sharon McGavick Center in Lakewood, provides funding for Coalition: HUMANE Spay & Neuter Clinic, a local nonprofit that provides affordable spaying and neutering of cats and dogs at its Tacoma clinic. This year the organization celebrates “A Decade of Prevention” - its tenth anniversary, including the last four years operating as the only freestanding nonprofit spay and neuter clinic providing service for both dogs and cats in the Puget Sound region. In the past decade, the organization has made a significant impact on the tragedy of pet overpopulation, sterilizing over 37,000 dogs and cats.

“In 2011 alone, we spayed or neutered 10,910 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 and through collaborative efforts with partners such as the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County.”

Reservations for the “Whiskers Wine & Dine” auction, which includes a dinner as well as silent, live and dessert auctions are \$60 per person. To purchase a ticket, please call (253)509-3155 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 27,000 animals. A 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, its services are available to all residents of Western Washington, and beyond.

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