

* OHS prepares to spay and neuter a record number of cats this Wednesday, Nov. 10. Media invited to observe surgeries. *

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Medical Team Set for Record Number of Cat Surgeries



The Oregon Humane Society will be spearheading efforts this Wednesday to spay and neuter a record number of cats in the Portland metro area -- all at no charge to cat owners.

The medical team at OHS has scheduled 200 cat surgeries this Wednesday as part of the Elect to Spay event offered to low-income cat owners. Medical teams at five other animal organizations across the region will perform an additional 200 alters, bringing to 400 the number of cats to be spayed and neutered this week. "With the elections over, it's time for everyone to vote for improving animal welfare by spaying and neutering their cats," said Dr. Kris Otteman, OHS Director of Shelter Medicine.

Dr. Otteman will be leading a 40-person team at OHS that will welcome their first patient to the operating table at 8:00 am. The 200 cat alters will be about four times the number of surgeries (of all types) performed during the average day at the OHS Holman Medical Center.

The offer of a free cat spay or neuter has proved popular with the public, as all 400 slots for the Elect to Spay event filled up rapidly. But low-income cat owners can still take advantage of \$10 cat alters the rest of the year through the Spay & Save program sponsored by the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland. The Spay & Save program seeks to alter 10,000 cats every year for five years in an attempt to significantly reduce cat overpopulation in the Portland area.

For more information about Spay & Save, including information on qualifying income levels, visit www.spaysave.org <<http://www.spaysave.org/>> or call (503) 802-6755.

The groups participating in this week's Elect To Spay event are: Cat Adoption Team, Feral Cat Coalition, Humane Society of SW Washington, Multnomah County Animal Services, Oregon Humane Society and Washington County Animal Services.

Note: The media is invited to observe the record number of surgeries at OHS, located at 1067 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR; the first cat will be operated on at 8 am and about 50 people will be in line at that time with cats waiting to be processed. OHS will have video and still images available.

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The Oregon Humane Society is the Northwest's oldest and largest humane society. OHS receives little or no funding from national humane groups (such as the ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States), and relies entirely on private donations to support its adoption, education, and animal cruelty investigation programs. Visit [oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org) <<http://www.oregonhumane.org/>> for more information.