

Spay Day USA Special for the Week of February 21st

Get your cat 'fixed' for just \$10 - one lucky 'cat' will also win a \$500 gift card!

January 20, 2011: In honor of Spay Day USA on February 22, and to prevent unwanted litters of kittens from being born this spring, the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) is offering an additional 500 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries the week of February 21st in five locations around the Portland/Vancouver metro area. Spay Day USA is an annual observance on the last Tuesday of February that was created by the Doris Day Animal League in 1995 to bring attention to the nationwide pet overpopulation problem. Caretakers of stray or feral cats can take advantage of this offer as well.

Qualified cat owners can have their unsterilized cats or kittens spayed or neutered for only \$10. And to help drive participation, the first 500 cats sterilized that week will get their caretakers entered into the drawing for a \$500 gift card of the person's choice. Surgeries are performed by licensed veterinarians and subsidized through charitable donations.

"In an average week our program helps 200 cats, adding 500 more cats this one week is an ambitious endeavor", says Joyce Briggs, President of the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs, and a volunteer with the ASAP Spay & Save Program. "In wintertime cats go into season, and many are pregnant by March. Preventing those kittens is the reason for this event. With nearly 25,000 cats entering our area shelters annually, we need to focus on finding good homes for them, without a flood of kittens this Spring. There are not enough homes for all of them."

How to Qualify: For a cat owner to qualify, they must receive government assistance (such as Medicaid, WIC, food stamps, SSI, Section 8 public housing, AFDC, or TANF) and live in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, or Clark County. Those feeding unowned feral/stray cats need not meet income requirements.

Where: Services are being provided at the following locations by licensed veterinarians and caring surgical teams. Transportation may be available for those unable to take advantage of this offer due to travel issues.

Cat Adoption Team – Sherwood
Oregon Humane Society – NE Portland
Multnomah County Animal Services – Troutdale
Humane Society of SW Washington – Vancouver
Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon – for strays or feral cats

How: Call: 503-802-6755 for a cat you own; or 503-797-2606 for feral cats to

schedule an appointment for \$10.

Low cost surgeries are being offered through the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland's Spay & Save program thanks to generous donations. This vital program is funded through private donations as well as grant monies. Special thanks to PetSmart Charities® www.petsmartcharities.org for their grant support. See www.spaysave.org for details on qualifying, addresses of surgery locations and more.

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The Spay & Save program is organized and managed by the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP). ASAP is a coalition of the greater Portland area's leading animal welfare organizations and the veterinary community. The Spay & Save program is working to reduce the number of cats and kittens that are coming into our shelters every year – nearly 25,000 in 2009 alone. This vital program is funded through private donations as well as grant monies.