

\*After your family vacation, take your cats and kittens on a SPAYcation! With over 22,000 cats brought to local shelters annually, this is a life-saving summer adventure.

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# **Get Your Kittens 'Fixed' for Free**

## **Take a Life Saving SPAYcation This July**



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vacations are a family tradition. This July you can take your cats and kittens on a vaCATion! To prevent unwanted litters of kittens from being born, the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP) is offering free spay/neuter surgeries for kittens this July in five locations around the Portland/Vancouver metro area. Caretakers of stray or feral cats can take advantage of this offer as well.

Qualified cat owners can have their fertile kittens six months and under spayed or neutered for free July 18 through July 22. Kittens need to be at least eight-weeks old and weigh 2.25 pounds. Mom and Dad cats are also included in this summertime adventure and can be spayed/neutered for only \$10. Surgeries are performed by licensed veterinarians and subsidized through charitable donations. Over 500 free kitten spay/neuter surgery spots will be available the week of July 18 - 22.

“As the days gets longer the cats start to reproduce at a much higher rate, two cats can become a 100 cats in a matter of months”, said Dr. Kris Otteman, OHS Director of Shelter Medicine and ASAP Spay & Save volunteer. “With 22,000 cats entering our area shelters annually, we need to focus on finding good homes for them, without a flood of kittens adding to the overpopulation. 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. Individuals feeding unowned feral/stray cats need not meet income requirements.

**Where:** Services provided by licensed veterinarian sand caring surgical teams at the locations below. Transportation may be available for those unable to take advantage of this

offer because of 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 – for strays or feral cats**

**How:** Call 1-800-345-SPAY for a cat you own; or 503-797-2606 for feral cats. Free spay/neuter appointments will be scheduled for July 18 through 22 only.

The free spay/neuter surgeries are being offered through the ASAP Spay & Save program. This vital program is funded through private donations as well as grant monies. Special thanks to PetSmart Charities® <http://www.petsmartcharities.org> for their grant support. See [www.spaysave.org](http://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 – over 22,000 in 2010 alone. This vital program is funded through private donations as well as grant monies.