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Get the whole KITTY & KABOODLE FIXED!
$10 to spay/neuter every kitty in your household
From September 26 - 30

(September 2, 2011) – Portland-area animal shelters want you to get your whole KITTY & KABOODLE fixed. A total of 500 cats and kittens can be spayed/neutered the last week of September for just $10 per household. That's right, **$10 PER HOUSEHOLD**! If you have one cat, $10; if you have one cat and two kittens, $10; if you have five cats, $10. You get the idea.

Most cat loving families have, on average, two or more pet cats. If they are fertile (not spayed/neutered), it won't take long before two cats can become eight cats. Prevention is the key to reducing the number of unwanted cats brought to local animal shelters or free-roaming in your neighborhood.

"Every year, Portland-area animal shelters receive calls for assistance with abandoned or unwanted cats and kittens. This flood of cats causes shelters to simply run out of space and resources to help find every cat or kitten that loving home they deserve," said Aaron Asmus, Executive Director of the Cat Adoption Team, one of the founding partners of the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland. "That is why we are offering this special fall feline spay/neuter price for qualified cat owners. We want to get in front of the spring surge of unwanted kittens now." And ASAP's spay/neuter program for cats is working. Area animal shelters saw a 14 percent drop in feline intake and a 21 percent reduction in feline euthanasia (per data collected from the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland).

KITTY & KABOODLE DETAILS

What: All you can fix for $10. First cat $10, all others (cat or kitten) free (**from the same household**)

Spay/neuter surgeries for cats and kittens (8 weeks or older; 2½ pounds; and healthy)

For: **Qualified cat owners must live in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, or Clark Counties**
AND receive government assistance, such as Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8/Public housing, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Oregon Health plan and Subsidized Lunch Program funding.

When: Appointments available between **Monday, September 26, and Friday, September 30**

500 feline spay/neuter appointments available at locations in Sherwood, NE Portland, Vancouver, and Troutdale

Residents in or near Hillsboro may be able to schedule a convenient transport pick up from Washington County Animal Services to the Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood for surgery. Ask about this free service when you call to make your cat's appointment.

How: Call **(503) 802-6755** or 1-800-345-SPAY now to schedule an appointment

Why: Stop your cat from getting pregnant
No more litters of kittens
Lower the risk of feline mammary cancer and other serious health problems
Reduce roaming and spraying in your male cat
Decrease the number of feral or stray cats in your neighborhood
Help eliminate feline euthanasia in area animal shelters.

Feline Fertility Facts:

- Fertile female cats can have up to **three litters of eight kittens annually**.
- Female cats will go into "heat" all their life unless they are spayed. There is no feline menopause.
- Kittens in a litter can be sired by more than one fertile male.
- Siblings will mate if they are not spayed/neutered.
- Female kittens can go into "heat" as young as five months old.

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MEDIA: You are invited to capture footage and photos during the spay/neuter clinics. Or video b-roll of surgeries (non graphic) and photos are available.

The low-cost surgeries are offered through Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland's Spay & Save program, courtesy of private donations and a grant from PetSmart Charities. Spay & Save is intended to reduce the number of cats and kittens coming into area shelters. In four years, this program has reduced feline euthanasia in area shelters by 39 percent. See www.spaysave.org for details on qualifying, addresses of surgery location and more.