

Press Release



February is National Pet Spay & Neuter Awareness Month

Apache Junction, Arizona, January 26, 2015 – February is National Pet Spay and Neuter Awareness month. Not only does spaying and neutering decrease the overpopulation of cats and dogs in animal control facilities, there are direct benefits to the pet and owner. According to the Humane Society of the United States, “getting your pet spayed or neutered can improve your pet’s health, reduce unruly behavior and save on the cost of pet care.” Additionally, having a pet spayed or neutered tends to extend their lifespan between 18%-23%.

The Apache Junction Police Department’s Animal Control Paws & Claws Care Center (PCCC) would like to encourage all pet owners to take this opportunity to have their pet spayed or neutered. Maricopa County shelters had over 90,000 animals enter their facilities in 2014, Pinal County Animal Control received 5897 animals and Apache Junction Paws and Claws Care Center received 1364. Add those to the shelters across the nation and you recognize why there are more than 4 times as many cats and dogs as there are humans in America. These high numbers are the result of unwanted and unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

Below is information about events being held across the valley during the month of February to celebrate National Pet Spay and Neuter Awareness month.

Spay Up All Night – Arizona Humane Society February 24

In our commitment to combating pet overpopulation, AHS will be performing 80 free spay/neuter surgeries at our public clinics no matter how long it takes. Check-in for free surgeries will begin at 6 a.m. for morning surgeries at our Marge Wright Veterinary Clinic at our Sunnyslope Campus and 6 p.m. for evening surgeries at our Margaret McAllister Brock Veterinary Clinic at our Campus for Compassion. Arrive early; space is limited and surgeries are performed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

6 a.m. at Marge Wright Veterinary Clinic at Sunnyslope Campus
9226 N. 13th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
602.997.7585 Ext. 4001

6 p.m. at Margaret McAllister Brock Veterinary Clinic at Nina Mason Pulliam Campus for Compassion
1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix, AZ 85041
602.997.7585 Ext. 4000

Beat the Heat Campaign

Throughout February

Thanks to PetSmart Charities®, Valley residents can get their female cats spayed for just \$20 throughout the month of February. Mention “Beat the Heat” when booking your appointment. 602.997.7585 option 5.

Free Mobile Clinics - The Arizona Humane Society's mobile clinic will be at the following locations performing free spay/neuter surgeries:

March 3-5, 2015

PETCO

Free Surgery Event

Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m.

First-come, first-served. Please arrive early.

1415 E. Warner Road

Gilbert, AZ 85296

You can also visit the following sites for more information about spay and neuter events:

<http://www.alteredtails.org/latest-news/>

<http://www.azhumane.org/spayneuter/>

PCCC is located at 725 E. Baseline Road and can be reached at 480.983.4405. The facility is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday. You can also view available cats and dogs online at www.aicity.net/PCCC, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AJPCCC>, on Instagram @ajpawsnclaws or on Twitter @AJ_Paws_N_Claws.

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