

SNAPSHOTS OF SPAY DAY USA 2003 ACROSS THE COUNTRY



The Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC) of Sacramento, CA, organized 65 vets and more than 350 volunteers at seven locations to alter nearly 600 animals on one day at no charge for low income residents. Pictured above are County of Sacramento Supervisor Illa Collin and SAAC President Jennifer Fearing.

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Sacramento Animal Control Officer Seabrooks and Mayor Fargo comfort Costello after his surgery.

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This dalmatian was spayed at the Florin Center Pet Hospital during SAAC's event.

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Purse pooches getting ready for their "fix" at the Sacramento SPCA.



Nearly every vet in Bellingham, WA, joined the Bellingham Veterinarians for Spay Day to offer discounted spay/neuter services. An animal advocate donated this large banner to hang over Main Street.



Chief Bellingham Spay Day USA event organizer Dr. Karen Mueller (center) of The Cat Clinic, and her assistants, holding cats to be altered. The Petstop pet supply store provided free cat toys for each patient.



Volunteers Sue Atcheson, Judy Cobb, and Kathy Page prepare sandwiches for Bellingham vets. In addition to spearheading a media blitz recognizing Spay Day USA, the Alternative Humane Society of Whatcom County provided free lunch to all the participating veterinary hospitals.



This 8-week-old puppy was one of 151 animals altered during Bellingham's Spay Day USA event.



In one day, the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) altered 151 stray or feral cats during its fifth annual Spay Day USA Spay-a-Thon. The Cat Adoption Team allowed FCCO to use its warehouse facility in Sherwood, OR. FCCO executive director Karen Kraus said, "We were able to drive the mobile clinic inside the warehouse and have all the staging, post-op, cage cleaning and recovery areas in one large space. It was helpful and key to the efficiency of the clinic." Above, a volunteer waits outside the anesthesia room of FCCO's mobile hospital to transport cats (in covered cages) awaiting spay/neuter surgery.

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An FCCO vet tech hands a newly-altered cat to a transporter who will take the cat to post-op.

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The Greater Oneonta Fund for Animal Responsibility joined forces with the Susquehanna SPCA, the Crescent Pet Lodge and Veterinary Hospital, and Otsego County Public Health Nursing to alter and vaccinate 18 cats on Spay Day USA. Individuals feeding strays were particularly welcomed at this low-cost event. Above, AmeriCorps volunteer Sarah Bennway clips newly-spayed Midnight's nails while Dr. Joan Puritz checks her ears for mites.

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The Pet Connection in Overland, KS, displayed a "Have a Heart—Spay/Neuter Tree" at a spay/neuter education table in their adoption facility during February. People who sponsored the spay or neuter of an animal had their names written on a heart and hung on the tree. At the end of the month, all the names were entered in a drawing to win prizes.



Carla Cappalli, president of the SPCA of Puerto Rico, spearheaded DDAF's outreach effort to Latin communities, translating Spay Day material into Spanish and conducting interviews with Spanish language press in the U.S. She also organized Spay Day in Puerto Rico, during which 14 vets and all six of Puerto Rico's shelters altered more than 700 animals. Pictured with Carla, above, is Motita, who was rescued and adopted out by the Humane Society of Puerto Rico.



The Nashville Humane Association (NHA) in Tennessee altered 8 dogs and 15 cats at no charge in ROVER, its mobile spay/neuter clinic, for Spay Day USA. NHA also distributed 16 Friends of Animals low-cost spay/neuter certificates, for a total of 39 animals.



In Augusta, WV, animal guardians brave the cold to participate in the Humane Society of Hampshire County's Spay Day USA Tom-a-Thon. Dr. Lowell Hott donated his services to neuter 148 cats at no charge.



The staff of the New Hope Animal Clinic in Rogers, AR, donated their time to alter 39 animals at no charge for Spay Day USA. Pictured above are Dr. Kyle Shaw and Nurse Danielle Phelps in action!



Dr. Marcus from the Methuen Veterinary Hospital in Massachusetts donated his time to alter nine cats in the MSPCA's mobile spay/neuter clinic on Spay Day USA.



Citizens for Humane Animal Treatment (CHAT) of Wakulla from Crawfordville, FL, marched in their local Valentine's Day parade, during which they handed out hearts with the message, "Have a Heart—Spay or Neuter Your Pet." On the back of the heart was notification of 30 free spay/neuters, available on a first come, first serve basis.



Friends of the San Marcos Animals in San Marcos, TX, sponsored Kids Care for Pets on Spay Day USA. Children learned the importance of spay/neuter and watched presentations on proper pet care. Above, Kids Care for Pets participant Alyssa Long holds a puppy available for adoption from Arrival Ranch Rescue.



Neuter or Spay — It's a First Class Act!

Hundreds of organizations and veterinary clinics across the country joined forces for the Doris Day Animal Foundation's ninth annual Spay Day USA, co-sponsored by PETSMART Charities and held on February 25, 2003. Thousands of Spay Day USA volunteers helped promote the American Partnership for Pets' message that spay/neuter "benefits you, your pet, and your community." Here are photos from just a few of these events. Please visit DDAF's Web site at www.ddaf.org for more information. 🐾



Tri-Lakes Humane Society in Saranac Lake, NY, sponsored a Mardi Gras float in the town's annual Winter Carnival parade. The sign above reads, "Pet Overpopulation: It's Nothing to Joke About. Have your pet spayed or neutered!"

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