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Great Plains SPCA Offers Affordable Spay/Neuter Services to Promote Responsible Pet Ownership

Merriam, KS – March 10, 2025 – The Kansas City metro area is facing a severe pet overpopulation crisis, with more than 30,000 pets entering the shelter system each year. Across the nation and in our own community, overcrowded shelters are struggling with limited resources, forcing many to make heartbreaking decisions—including euthanizing animals simply due to lack of space.

To address this crisis, **Great Plains SPCA is launching a new Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Initiative**, making these essential services more accessible to pet owners. Spaying and neutering are among the most effective ways to reduce pet overpopulation, prevent future generations of homeless animals, and ease the burden on shelters.

Why Spaying and Neutering Matter

Every year, millions of unwanted animals end up in shelters, and far too many never find homes. The consequences of pet overpopulation extend beyond shelters—stray animals face starvation, disease, attacks from other animals, and extreme weather conditions. Uncontrolled pet populations also create public safety risks, increasing the chances of car accidents, animal bites, and the spread of diseases like rabies.

Spaying and neutering are not only life-saving measures but also contribute to healthier, betterbehaved pets. Altered pets are less likely to roam, display aggressive behaviors, or mark their territory. By choosing to spay or neuter your pet, you're making a responsible decision that benefits your pet, your community, and future generations of animals. Great Plains SPCA is committed to being part of the solution—and we invite you to join us.

Great Plains SPCA is proud to offer low-cost spay and neuter services, ensuring that pet owners can provide essential medical care for their furry companions. For a nominal \$20 reservation fee (non-refundable and deducted from the total cost), pet parents can secure an appointment to help keep their pets healthy while also playing a crucial role in reducing pet overpopulation.

Comprehensive, Low-Cost Care for Your Pet

In addition to spay/neuter services, Great Plains SPCA offers essential vaccinations to further protect pets:

- DA2PP (Distemper/Parvo for dogs)
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough for dogs)
- FVRCP (Distemper/Respiratory for cats)

Affordable Pricing:

Dogs:

- Small Dog (under 25 lbs): \$60
- Medium Dog (25-49 lbs): \$80
- Large Dog (over 50 lbs): \$110
- X-Large Dog (over 100 lbs): \$155

Vaccine Add-Ons:

- FVRCP (Cats): \$10 (plus tax)
- DA2PP (Dogs): \$10 (plus tax)
- Bordetella (Dogs): \$10 (plus tax)

Appointments are in high demand, so act fast! Once signed up, a member of our team will reach out to confirm your surgery date and provide detailed instructions for drop-off and pickup. On the day of your appointment, please bring your pet to the **Admissions & Lost Pet** building located at **5428 Antioch Drive, Merriam, KS 66202**. If your pet has current rabies vaccination records, please bring them along.

Cats:

- Female Cat: \$40
- Male Cat: \$10

By taking this important step, you are ensuring a healthier, happier future for your pet and helping combat the growing issue of pet homelessness in our community. Don't wait—schedule your appointment today and be a part of the solution!

For more information and to book your appointment, visit <u>https://www.greatplainsspca.org/low-cost-public-spay-neuter-services/</u>

About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA is one of the largest animal shelters in the Kansas City area serving 6,800 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior training. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.