

## **Athens Area Humane Society to offer Discounted Veterinary Services In Recognition of Georgia Spay and Neuter Awareness Month**

ATHENS, GA. In recognition of Governor Brian Kemp's proclamation that February is Spay and Neuter Awareness Month, the Athens Area Humane Society is offering discounts on its affordable veterinary services, which includes spay and neuter procedures for dogs and cats. Every year, millions of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters across the nation, costing taxpayers more than \$1 billion annually. Pet owners can end the needless suffering of pets in overcrowded shelters by having their dog or cat spayed or neutered.

"Studies show that life expectancy of spayed and neutered dogs and cats is significantly higher than for those that are not. Spaying and neutering also helps reduce many health problems that can be difficult or expensive to treat. Spayed and neutered pets are also less likely to roam and fight with other animals, keeping them safe and healthy," says AAHS Program Director Jed Kaylor.



In recognition of Spay and Neuter Awareness Month, AAHS is offering a 25% discount on spay procedures for pets and community cats from February 1st through March 31st in an effort to reduce the number of unwanted pets that enter northeast Georgia's shelters each year.

"Governor Kemp's Proclamation is an exciting opportunity for the citizens of Georgia to assess the health and well-being of some of their most treasured family members," says AAHS Veterinarian Dr. Cook English. "We at the AAHS — as a single institution and participant in the larger network of humane alliances globally —

look forward to a chance for greater community involvement over the coming months."

AAHS's donor-supported clinic performs low-cost spay and neuter surgeries on all shelter pets, community cats, and for the public and their animals. The clinic also provides affordable pet vaccinations, wellness visits, and diagnostic services. To schedule an appointment for your pet or community cat at the AAHS Spay/Neuter/Wellness Clinic, call (706) 769-9155.

### About the Athens Area Humane Society

The Athens Area Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) animal welfare organization founded in 1899 dedicated to rescuing and protecting companion animals by providing for their wellbeing, uniting them with loving homes, and advocating for a compassionate society. To donate, volunteer, and learn about AAHS's veterinary services, visit [www.athenshumanesociety.org](http://www.athenshumanesociety.org).

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