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FEBRUARY IS SPAY/NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that one unaltered female cat and her offspring could produce more than 2,000 cats in four years? February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month and the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA’s spay/neuter program is an important initiative to decrease pet overpopulation, ultimately resulting in less homeless animals. Each year, the CASPCA takes in several thousand dogs and cats in need of rehoming. Spaying and neutering your pet help prevent additional unwanted litters in our community.

In addition to helping fight pet overpopulation in our community, there are many benefits for you and your pet:

- It prevents costly and life-threatening ailments such as testicular cancer, mammary cancer and pyometra (infected uterus).
- It saves money on future vet bills. Complications of pregnancy, pyometra, cancer or traumas from roaming can cost anywhere from hundreds to thousands of dollars.
- It eliminates the risks associated with pregnancy and birth, which are greater than the risks of the spay/neuter procedure.
- It discourages spraying in cats, as well as mounting and marking in dogs.
- It reduces your pet’s urge to roam in search of a mate and therefore reduces the risk of your pet becoming lost, injured or hit by a car.
- It reduces your pet’s urge to fight over territory.

The CASPCA is proud to offer-high quality, low-cost spay/neuter services to the community.

For City and County Residents			
Cats	\$75		
Dogs*	\$120	+\$20 50-75 lbs	+\$40 76-90 lbs
Low Income Residents (must show proof of public assistance at drop-off)			
Cats	\$37.50		
Dogs*	\$60	+\$20 50-75 lbs	+\$40 76-90 lbs

If you would like to make an appointment, please fill out our spay/neuter application online by visiting: <http://caspca.org/spayneuter-application/>.

Someone will call you to confirm your appointment date. Spay/neuter appointments are made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Pets must be brought to the CASPCA between 8:15AM – 8:30AM and picked up the same day at 5PM. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must arrive in carriers. Please clearly label the carrier with your pet's name and your last name.

About the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA: The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is proud to have maintained the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County as a No Kill community, providing life-saving care to thousands of animals in the region. The mission of the CASPCA is to advance the compassionate treatment of animals by providing sheltering, medical care and behavioral services for dogs and cats; promoting permanent, caring homes; and furthering education and outreach to place healthy animals in caring homes.

For more information about the CASPCA, call 434-973-5959, or visit our website at caspca.org. The CASPCA's main adoption center is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive in Charlottesville and is open seven days a week from 12PM– 6PM.

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