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San Diego Welfare Organizations Increase Free and Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Appointments During National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

SAN DIEGO — In recognition of **Spay/Neuter Awareness Month** in February, organizations in the San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition (SDAWC) will significantly increase access to free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to address community need and prevent unwanted litters.

In addition to increased appointments in February, **San Diego Humane Society (SDHS) and the San Diego County Department of Animal Services (DAS) are joining forces for a special day on Feb. 25, 2026; to offer high-volume, high-quality spay neuter services to the community.** Appointments are open at sdhumane.org/spaymonth.



Thanks to a generous \$10,000 donation to SDHS, 50 appointments will be provided free for pet families earning under 100,000/year. Additional services may have separate costs. Dog licensing and rabies vaccination are required for dogs in participating jurisdictions.

Organizations in SDAWC marking Spay Neuter Awareness Month with free or low cost-surgeries for community members include: [Chula Vista Animal Services](#), [Frosted Faces Foundation](#), [PAWS of Coronado](#), [Riverside County Department of Animal Services](#), [San Diego County Department of Animal Services](#) and [San Diego Humane Society](#). Please visit each organization's website to learn more.

****MEDIA ARE INVITED****

Media are invited to cover the high-volume, high-quality, spay-neuter surgery day on Feb. 25, 2026, featuring pet surgeries and mobile unit operations.

WHO: SDHS and DAS veterinarians, performing spay/neuter surgeries on community-owned pets.

WHAT: National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month expanded surgery initiative with mobile units: free and low-cost spay/neuter services for pets.

WHEN: Feb. 25, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

WHERE: San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, CA 92110

WHY: Spaying and neutering saves lives. It is the most critical way to prevent unplanned litters and reduce the number of animals entering shelters.

Photos/b-roll of spay/neuter surgeries at SDHS for media use can be downloaded here:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/C2kqS8BrOW>

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About San Diego Humane Society:

San Diego Humane Society goes beyond adopting animals, offering programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community, and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona, and San Diego. For more information, please visit sdhumane.org.

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