



## Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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### **SPCA OF NORTHERN NEVADA ANNOUNCES SPAY NEVADA**

(Reno, NV) – SPCA of Northern Nevada is excited to announce their newest program SPAY NEVADA and the SPAY NEVADA Hotline.

SPAY NEVADA has been developed to educate Nevada families on the importance of Spay/Neuter(S/N) as well as direct them to the appropriate program. We have made every effort to build a comprehensive database of all Spay/Neuter programs in Nevada. The public can visit our website, select their county and see the resources available.

One unspayed male and female cat (assuming 3 surviving/unaltered offspring) can result in over 370,092 offspring cats in 7 years and 11,606,077 offspring in 9 years. That assumes **only** 3 unaltered cats per litter. Spaying that 1 female cat... would have saved a countless number of animals suffering and decreased the animal population in the community.

“The average Spay/Neuter procedure at a local veterinarian costs between \$120 to \$600. Roughly 25% of the state’s population live below the nations poverty line (\$21,000 per household). The high price tag on S/N procedures means that many families opt not to have the procedure. This leads to overbreeding. Shelters and animal controls become overcrowded and many animals are killed every year because there are no homes for them. The light at the end of the tunnel is that there are several assistance programs throughout the state that can assist low income families with spay and neuter procedures.” Says Jolene Hayes, Operations Coordinator.

The SPCA of Northern Nevada does not Spay/Neuter animals from the public. However, there are two assistance programs the SPCA manages one is the **SNIPs Program** which provides any Washoe County resident on public assistance a voucher for a low cost surgery at a local clinic. These \$10 vouchers are distributed quickly and often take 3+ months to acquire. The other program is the **Fix-It Clinic**. This partnership provides low income households (people with an income below \$25,000 per year) in Nevada the ability to have their dog or cat fixed for a flat rate of \$55. Other services can also be ordered at the time of service.

“We have found that many people do not know where to go to get their animal fixed. We see this as an imperative resource for Nevada and are proud to offer this service. “ says Tom Jacobs, Executive Director.

SPAY NEVADA Hotline: (855) 722-9638

Website: [www.spaynevada.com](http://www.spaynevada.com)

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The mission of the SPCA of Northern Nevada is to end euthanasia as a means of pet overpopulation control in Washoe County. Our adoption center philosophy is that once an animal is accepted at the shelter, he or she is cared for until a new loving home is found. The SPCA of Northern Nevada receives no tax dollars or funding from any national organization. We rely totally on our local community to support our ongoing programs. Please visit us at [www.spcanevada.org](http://www.spcanevada.org)