



# Proclamation

## Recognizing Spay Day USA

**WHEREAS**, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of more than 63 million individuals in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years and two unaltered dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 more dogs in six years; and

**WHEREAS**, humane societies and shelters are forced to kill approximately five million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes an additional number of animals die each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse, starvation or cruelty because they are unwanted; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2007, 4,759 dogs and 5,357 cats entered the City of Sacramento Animal Care Services Shelter and only 48 percent of dogs and 29 percent of cats were redeemed by owners, adopted to new homes or rescued by individuals and agencies doing rehabilitation and adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of an estimated 800 dogs and cats through "Spay Day USA 2007" in the Sacramento area; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, through funds and efforts provided by the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition, the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, the City of Sacramento Animal Care Services, TEAM (Teaching Everyone Animals Matter), United Animal Nations, Yolo SPCA, Sacramento SPCA, Placer SPCA, Animal Protection Institute, the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medical Association and Yolo County Animal Services, more than 300 volunteer veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary students and lay volunteers will work in 22 Sacramento area veterinary clinic locations on Sunday, February 24, 2008 to provide low-income families with approximately 800 low-cost spay and neuter surgeries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2008 as **Spay Day USA** in the City of Sacramento and do hereby urge the citizens of this city to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered, sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog, or by contributing to those organizations that sponsor or advocate spay and neuter services.

**ISSUED:** This 12<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2008.

*Heather Fargo*  
**HEATHER FARGO**  
**MAYOR**