

Spay Day Attracts 150 Volunteers Helping Pets

Vets and shelters partnered to sterilize 1,000 dogs and cats in Sacramento.

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The Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC), 14 veterinary clinics, four animal shelters, and the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine donated more than \$200,000 in services to families in need as part of the 10th annual Spay Day Sacramento.

One thousand dogs and cats belonging to area families each received about \$250 worth in services – including spay-neuter surgery, identifying microchips, flea preventive, and any necessary vaccinations – for \$15 per cat and \$20 per dog. More than 300 volunteer veterinarians, shelter employees, and animal advocates took part in the Spay Day USA campaign in February.

More than 5,000 Sacramento-area pets have been spayed or neutered on Spay Day since SAAC launched the local event in 2000. The community-wide effort aims to manage the pet population and protect the health of dogs and cats.

In addition, this event helps low-income pet owners in an area where demand for low-income spaying and neutering is high, according to SAAC. Households earning \$35,000 per year or less are eligible to have up to two pets altered on Spay Day.