

L.A. Spay/Neuter Clinic Reaches Milestone

Nonprofit organization FixNation notes its 25,000th cat sterilization.

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From left, FixNation co-founders Mark Dodge and Karn Myers, L.A. City Councilman Richard Alarcon with daughter Camilla, and organization supporters Jody Slater and Liz Cava at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Photo credit: Roberto Valenzuela. FixNation, a nonprofit organization that spays and neuters cats, recently celebrated its 25,000th fix at its clinic in Los Angeles.

As part of the celebration, 70 feral cats received spay/neuter procedures at the clinic's surgical facility. The clinic averages about 65 such procedures a day.

Mark Dodge, FixNation president, said that while the clinic has reached a milestone in its two years of existence, much work remains to be done. He said the organization plans to push for high-volume spay-neuter programs, public education and community outreach programs.

"FixNation services are free — and they must remain free in order for the program to work," Dodge said.

Two Los Angeles City Council members — Richard Alarcon and Tony Cardenas — congratulated Dodge and his wife, clinic co-founder Karn Myers, for their services to animals in the community. Alarcon and Cardenas worked to get the city's spay/neuter voucher program for low-income residents reinstated after a recent move by L.A. Department of Animal Services to suspend the program in order to cut costs.

During an event to note FixNation's accomplishment, a ceremonial snip of the scissors on an orange ribbon signified the 25,000th spay/neuter surgery.