

## Free Spay/Neuter Surgeries Offered

**For one day, service is free for Calaveras County, Calif., pet owners who need financial aid.**

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On Tues., Feb. 27, veterinarians in Calaveras County, Calif., will provide a limited number of free spay and neuter surgeries to cats and dogs as a part of Spay Day USA 2007, a national campaign to promote spay and neuter surgeries as a simple and effective way to end euthanasia among homeless pets.

An estimated three to four million homeless cats and dogs are euthanized each year in the United States. Each year an unspayed cat can give birth to 18 kittens, according to the Calaveras Humane Society.

According to animal health professionals, altered animals tend to be healthier and have fewer behavioral problems. Also, they don't contribute to the overpopulation problem, so fewer animals become homeless, enter shelters or live on the streets.

The free spay and neuter surgeries on Feb. 27 are available only to Calaveras County residents who can show they need financial assistance.

Appointments are limited. Participating veterinarians can be contacted directly:

Angels Camp Veterinary Hospital, (209) 736-0488

Arnold Pet Clinic, (209) 795-4471

Calaveras Veterinary Hospital, (209) 754-5123

Mother Lode Veterinary Hospital, (209) 728-3423

Valley Springs Pet Hospital, (209) 772-9525

Valley Springs Veterinary Clinic, (209) 772-1283