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Spay Neuter Assistance Program is Revived

Donations still needed, but applications are available again

(Phoenix, July 7, 2011) – Maricopa County’s largest, no-cost spay/neuter program for dogs and cats is back on track. Beginning July 13, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) will once more be giving out the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) applications at Uno por Uno events. Friends of Animal Care & Control has provided the majority of the funding this fiscal year and is providing half of the funding for next fiscal year, allowing thousands of dogs and cats in the community to get sterilized. MCACC has been able to match the funds for next year, thanks to donations from the community.

Last fiscal year, SNAP provided more than 11,300 free spay/neuter surgeries to pets of Maricopa County residents who were experiencing financial hardship. MCACC is on track to provide just over 10,000 redeemed SNAP Vouchers for fiscal year 2010-11. Tough economic times have contributed to the program’s popularity as Valley pet owners find ways to get their companion animals altered. Friends of Animal Care & Control and MCACC would like to thank the public for their patience during the temporary hold on the program over the past couple of months.

Surgeries provided through the Spay Neuter Assistance Program are funded by donations to the Phoenix non-profit organization. The cost per surgery averages \$61. Unfortunately, Friends of Animal Care & Control is also feeling the effects of a strained economy, and the organization has seen a decrease in financial support. “We certainly understand the need for people to cut back on their charitable giving,” said ‘Friends’ Executive Director, Tina Eacret. “However, animals are still being euthanized every day. This is a community problem that needs a community solution and every donation helps.”

Friends of Animal Care & Control has been applying for grants and developing new fundraising concepts, but public donations are still crucial. They encourage donors to consider their monthly giving program where one can gift as little as \$5 a month to help the SNAP program. Donations for the Spay Neuter Assistance Program can be made online at www.azfaccs.org, or mailed directly to Friends of Animal Care and Control, P.O. Box 80739, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control is a full service animal welfare agency with shelter, adoptions, field services, licensing and education programs. Their mission is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of people and pets in Maricopa County.