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### ***Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care & Adoption Center Supports “Spay Day USA” by Offering Residents Double Discounts on Spay/Neuter Procedures from February 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 23<sup>rd</sup>***

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**February 17, 2010**

**Rancho Cucamonga, California** — The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care & Adoption Center will be joining animal centers across the nation in celebrating “Spay Day USA,” an annual event sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States. This localized observance of Spay Day USA will highlight the benefits of spaying and neutering animals while offering Rancho Cucamonga residents double discounts on the Center’s popular spay/neuter voucher program. These vouchers reduce the cost of this life-saving surgery at participating veterinarians. Beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup> and extending through the end of business day March 23, 2010, the usual \$50 voucher for dogs will be worth \$100 and the \$25 voucher for cats will be worth \$50.

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“We hope that this limited-time discount will help ease the financial burden of this important veterinary procedure for our local families while highlighting the many benefits of spaying and neutering pets,” said Joe Pulcinella, Animal Services Director. “Our goal is to build a community in which every adoptable animal finds a home and we need the citizens of Rancho Cucamonga to spay and neuter their pets to make this possible. Spaying and neutering pets is one of the most important ways Rancho Cucamonga residents can help further our goal.”

The Center extends its appreciation to the veterinary partners who support this spay/neuter voucher program. These local animal health providers include Rancho Cucamonga-based Alta Loma Animal Hospital, Adobe Animal Hospital, Archibald Pet Hospital, Rancho Regional Veterinary Hospital, Victoria Animal Hospital, and Upland Animal Hospital, as well as the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley in San Bernardino.

Spay Day USA is an effort to promote the many benefits of spaying and neutering pets for the Animal Center, the pet and the owner. More animals are born than there are responsible homes, which contributes to the national tragedy of pet euthanasia that takes place across the country every day. In addition to helping homeless pets, there are real benefits to owners who spay and neuter their pets. Their pets are generally safer, healthier, less expensive to care for and easier to live with. Spaying and neutering eliminates many housebreaking problems; reduces dominance behaviors which can be a source of aggression towards children; and reduces or eliminates cancers and other health problems. The following is an excerpt from a spay/neuter fact sheet recently developed by the Center:

**Sterilized Pets are Healthier, Safer, Easier to Live with and Less Expensive to Maintain—**

- **Healthier:** Overall, sterilized animals live many years longer than their unsterilized counterparts as a result of the many health benefits associated with spaying and neutering. For example, if a female dog is spayed before her first “heat,” her chances of developing mammary cancer is reduced to near zero. Since this cancer is difficult to detect in dogs and spreads rapidly to the lungs and bones, sterilization significantly reduces mortality from this cancer.

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- **Safer:** Animals who are spayed or neutered are less likely to roam, greatly lessening their chances of being hit by cars, getting into fights with other animals, and acquiring diseases. Neutered male dogs are less likely to exhibit dominance behaviors which can be a cause for aggression especially towards children. Unneutered males cause the majority of dog bites with children.
- **Easier to live with:** Neutered male animals are less likely to mount or spray. Spayed female animals will not attract amorous crowds of male suitors to your home.
- **Less expensive:** Sterilized animals generally require less veterinary care than their unneutered counterparts for such problems as bite wounds, accidental injuries, reproductive cancers, and infections. In addition, the licensing fees in most municipalities are typically less expensive if the animal is spayed or neutered.

**For More Information** - For additional information about the limited-time, double-discount spay/neuter voucher program and facts about this important veterinary procedure, please visit [www.rcpets.info](http://www.rcpets.info) or call the Animal Care & Adoption Center at (909) 466-PETS (7387). Located at 11780 Arrow Route, the Center is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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