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### **It's Easy & Free to Be a Responsible Pet Owner** **Roseville Residents can Spay and Neuter Cats for Free Through Placer SPCA Program**

**Roseville, CA** – As area shelters strain to handle hundreds of homeless kittens flooding in this year, the situation has reached a crisis level.

Placer SPCA, local companion animal welfare experts, announces that Roseville residents will now be able to spay or neuter cats for free through the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP).

“Each year sets a new record for the number of kittens received,” said Placer SPCA CEO Leilani Vierra. “We simply must get cats spayed and neutered. It’s the humane thing to do.”

Female cats can become pregnant as young as four months old, and can have multiple litters each year during warm weather months. All Roseville residents are encouraged to spay and neuter their cats through this program.

“Have your own cats altered, and take this opportunity to spay or neuter the friendly neighborhood free roaming cat at your back door, too,” said Vierra. “Before you know it, you could have a dozen and there just aren’t homes for them all.”

The process is easy. Simply go to [www.placerspca.org/snap](http://www.placerspca.org/snap) and complete the online voucher application, or call the SNAP hotline at (916) 782-7722, extension 201. A voucher for a free spay or neuter for your cat will be sent by mail, along with instructions for making an appointment at one of 19 participating veterinary clinics.

The free cat spay and neuter program is made possible by a grant from the Roseville Citizens Benefit Fund. Since 1994, the Citizens Benefit Fund has made grants for programs that serve the residents of Roseville.

Placer County residents who do not live in Roseville can have cats and pitbull type dogs spayed or neutered at a greatly reduced cost through the SNAP program. For details, please visit [www.placerspca.org/snap](http://www.placerspca.org/snap).

For more information about all the programs and services offered by Placer SPCA, please visit [www.placerspca.org](http://www.placerspca.org).

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