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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Feral & Free Roaming Fix Program Aims to Reduce Homeless Cat Population**

**Roseville, CA** – Through the Placer SPCA Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and a partnership with Animal Spay & Neuter of Auburn, Placer County residents can now trap and spay or neuter feral cats and release and care for them for the minimal co-pay of only \$5.00.

Many people feed free roaming and feral cats who live nearby, but without spaying or neutering and other medical care, the cats will certainly reproduce and are subject to the spread of disease. Female cats can get pregnant at only four months of age, and cats can easily have two litters of four to eight kittens each per year, sometimes even more. Unaltered, that one cat living behind your barn could turn into dozens in the course of one year.

Placer SPCA has offered subsidized spay and neuter assistance for many years through the SNAP program. Partnership with Animal Spay and Neuter to expand SNAP is geared toward Placer County residents who care enough to want to help reduce the feral cat population without leaving them at a shelter, where euthanasia is often the only option.

“A feral cat experiences significant stress in a shelter environment,” said Placer SPCA CEO Leilani Vierra, “and an adult cat that grew up feral is unlikely to become a house pet.”

"Animal Spay and Neuter is pleased to be working with the Placer SPCA to help reduce the number of feral kittens born each year in Placer County and to help improve the overall health of managed feral colonies," said Dede Shaw, Animal Spay and Neuter Director.

The Placer SPCA loans humane cat traps for a fully refundable deposit. Borrowers are given instructions for trapping, altering, and releasing ferals. Those interested must contact the SNAP program at (916) 782-7722, ext. 201 or (530) 885-7387, ext. 201 to obtain a voucher prior to trapping or bringing the cat to the clinic.

Local companion animal welfare experts, the Placer SPCA offers many programs for the pets and people of Placer County. More information can be found on their website, [www.placerspca.org](http://www.placerspca.org).

Animal Spay & Neuter is a Non-Profit Clinic that was established in March of 1993. To date, over 150,000 surgeries have been performed. Their primary goals and objectives are to establish and maintain a low-cost animal spay and neuter clinic which will provide a source for affordable animal sterilization to the general public, thereby reducing animal overpopulation in Placer County. They also provide animal care services at low cost, such as vaccinations, and work to provide educational services to help reduce overpopulation. For more information visit: [www.animalspayneuter.com](http://www.animalspayneuter.com)

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