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Please Don't Litter – Fix Your Critter *Free and Low Cost Dog Spay/Neuter for Yakima County Residents*

Dogs can get pregnant sooner than you think. Half of all pets born in the U.S. are accidents, leading to millions euthanized in shelters each year due to overpopulation. Sadly in Washington State 40,000-60,000 cats, kittens, puppies and dogs are euthanized annually. There are many unaltered dogs in Yakima County and Pawsitive Alliance is working to help pet owners stop littering.

Pawsitive Alliance is now offering free and low cost spay and neuter for dogs of lower income families living in Grandview, Mabton and Sunnyside or within zip codes 98944, 98930 and 98935. Pawsitive Alliance was awarded funding by the Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies and by The Handsel Foundation, to alter 200 dogs by March 2015.

Who Should Apply? Anyone with a dog living in Grandview, Mabton or Sunnyside or within zip codes 98944, 98930 and 98935.

When Should I Get My Dog Fixed? Dogs reach sexual maturity at 6 to 9 months. Dogs can be fixed at 8 weeks or 3 pounds.

Where can I get an application? Go to <http://www.yakimahumane.org/our-services/spay-and-neuter/snap/> or in person at the Yakima Humane Society located at 2405 West Birchfield Rd., Yakima, WA 98901.

What do I have to do? Complete the application. If approved you will receive a voucher. You then schedule an appointment directly with one of seven participating veterinary clinics.

Why Should I Get My Dog Fixed? Spaying helps prevent breast cancer and uterine infections, especially if performed before the first time the dog goes into heat. Neutering prevents testicular cancer, especially if performed before six months of age. Spayed females won't go into heat. Neutered males will not feel the need to roam and are less likely to be aggressive. Altered animals are less likely to bite. And it's good for the community...less stray and unwanted dogs from unplanned litters.

Get your application today. Funds are limited.



About Pawsitive Alliance

Pawsitive Alliance is a volunteer driven 501c(3) organization working to help end the killing of adoptable dogs and cats in Washington by increasing adoptions, supporting spay and neuter programs, and providing education and resources to improve pet retention. To learn more about Pawsitive Alliance's life saving partnerships and programs visit www.pawsitivealliance.org. Since 2005, Pawsitive Alliance has helped more than 4,900 homeless pets find loving homes.

About SNAP of Yakima County

In 2005, the Yakima Humane Society partnered with Barks R' Us Rescue and Pawsitive Alliance to provide a spay & neuter resource for low-income community members. The Spay & Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) evolved from this partnership and is still going strong today. The voucher program is available to all residents of Yakima County who meet the income guidelines. For more information call the Yakima Humane Society at 509.457.6854.

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