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Spay Day USA 2008 – 7th Annual Tom & Mom Cat Special \$10 Spay/Neuter Program

PORTLAND, OR, February 1, 2008 -- Even though Portland, Oregon has been named one of the most pet-friendly cities in the US, the news is grim for our feline friends here. In 2007, Multnomah County Animal Services reported that their cat intake for 2007 was the highest in 25 years. And the news isn't much better in Washington County where they have seen a 25% increase over last year in the number of cats entering their system, and a whopping 81% increase since 2000.

By spaying and neutering companion animals, we can reduce the euthanasia rates of healthy pets and the needless suffering that homeless animals endure. Be a part of the solution; take part in the Seventh Annual Tom & Mom Cat Special running from Valentine's Day (February 14) through St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

In conjunction with Spay Day USA, seven Portland-area animal rescue groups have teamed up with participating veterinary clinics to provide \$10 spay/neuter surgeries on cats belonging to low-income community members. Call (503) 292-6628, ext. 2, to find the nearest participating clinic. Community members who do not qualify can still call the hotline for referrals to other low-cost spay/neuter options. Space is limited, so call soon.

Corporate sponsorship and individual tax-deductible contributions will make a significant impact on the number of pets that can be helped. Additional funds raised will be used for the added expense of spay surgeries. Please mail checks to POPPA, Inc., P.O. Box 5721, Beaverton, OR 97006 (note "Spay Day" in the memo field).

For more information or to make a secure online donation, please visit www.spayoregon.org.

Note for Editors:

Spay Day USA, in its fourteenth year, provides veterinarians and their staff, animal welfare professionals, business owners, and concerned citizens the opportunity to join forces nationwide to spay or neuter as many animals as possible. In addition to being an effective and humane means of decreasing the euthanasia of homeless animals in shelters, neutering pets is an essential component of good pet health care. It may also eliminate undesirable behaviors such as fighting, spraying and roaming. This, in turn, helps prevent injury and veterinary expenses.

2008 Tom & Mom Cat Special - Event Organizers/Sponsors

Animal Aid, Inc. www.animalaidpdx.org

Friends of Shelter Animals

Indigo Rescue www.indigorescue.org

Oregon Spay/Neuter Fund (OSNF)

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates (POPPA, Inc.) www.poppainc.org

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