



Tremendous success has been achieved in reducing the dog overpopulation in our community. According to the Humane Society for Tacoma/Pierce County (our contract shelter), last year they were able to find homes for every adoptable dog that entered their shelter. Cat overpopulation, however, remains a critical problem. Last year, more than 1,668 healthy, adoptable cats were euthanized.

Our community is fortunate to have some very dynamic programs in place to help reduce the number of homeless cats entering the shelter:

- **Free “Spay the Momma”** vouchers for those who bring a litter of kittens to the Humane Society shelter - allows the owner to keep the adult cat while preventing future litters.
- **“Cinderella Program”** at the Humane Society offers **low-cost spay/neuter surgery** to pets of low-income owners.
- **“Walk-in” spay/neuter days** at the Humane Society shelter three days a week allows low-income owners to obtain spay/neuter surgery for their pet **for just \$10.00**
- **Dugan Foundation’s Mobile Spay/Neuter Project** (sponsored by community partners including Pierce County, the City of Tacoma, and the Humane Society), operates in various county and city weekend locations throughout the year.
- **Coalition Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic** performs low-cost and free-roaming cat surgeries.

Together, these venues provided surgeries for **1,181** cats (684 - females and 497 - males) during just the *first quarter of 2009!* As a result, thousands fewer kittens are competing for homes with other shelter cats and being euthanized just because there aren’t enough homes for them all....and that’s just based upon the impact of the altered *female* population!

Humane Society Prevention Estimates 1st Quarter, 2009
684 FEMALE CAT SURGERIES 3 average litters per year, per cat 4 average kittens per litter 12 average kittens per year, per cat 8,208 estimated unwanted KITTEN births prevented

Please help spread the word about these wonderful programs.

Working together, we can eliminate pet overpopulation in Pierce County!