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**Discounted Spay and Neuter Surgeries and
Free Microchips on Spay Day**

Snohomish County residents who get their pet fixed on Spay Day can get their pet microchipped for free—while supplies last—compliments of the Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board. On Spay Day, Tuesday, February 26, the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), along with shelter partners Homeward Pet Adoption Center, The Noah Center, Whidbey Animals' Improvement Foundation (WAIF), Everett Animal Services, and the Humane Society for Skagit Valley—and local veterinary clinics in Snohomish, Island, and Skagit counties will offer low-cost spay and neuter surgeries.

Spay Day is open to anyone who wants to have their dog, cat, puppy or kitten spayed or neutered. All of the animal shelters offering surgery will be focusing on low-income clients. Spaying and neutering are proven methods for preventing accidental litters and suffering of homeless and unwanted animals in our community, and a great way help pets live longer, healthier lives. Since 1995, this tri-county effort for Spay Day has resulted in 5,076 local animals being altered.

"The veterinary community has been very generous in donating high quality, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries on Spay Day, and we very much appreciate that," said Kay Joubert, PAWS' Director of Companion Animal Services. "Together we are all helping to make spay and neuter surgeries accessible to everyone."

Fees for surgeries on Spay Day range from \$40 to \$60. There may be additional charges for animals who require vaccinations, are overweight, geriatric, in heat or have other medical conditions. Those interested in scheduling a surgery on Spay Day can visit www.paws.org or call 425-787-2500 x671 for a list of participating clinics.

A Northwest leader in protecting animals since 1967, PAWS shelters homeless companion animals, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, and empowers people to demonstrate compassion and respect for animals in their daily lives.

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