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## **Pawsitive Alliance® receives grant to bring low cost spay /neuter to Grant County from the Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies**

***Innovative transport clinic program will provide low cost spay/neuter options for the cats and dogs of lower income pet owners in Grant County***

Kenmore, WA January 25, 2017 — Pawsitive Alliance, a volunteer driven non-profit working to reduce the euthanasia of cats and dogs across Washington State, is excited to announce they are the recipient of a grant from the Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies to launch an innovative transport clinic service for the pet owners of Grant County. These clinics will provide free or low-cost spay and neuter services for the cats and dogs of low income families, helping to reduce the number of homeless animals in Grant County.

For 2017, Pawsitive Alliance has set a goal for this project to alter 460 cats and dogs, representing over 30% of the estimated owned and unaltered cats and dogs in Moses Lake. This grant kicks off this new project and provides funds to spay or neuter 103 cats and dogs for residents of Moses Lake over a six month period. In 2016, Grant County Animal Outreach, the only open admission shelter in Grant County, took in 2020 cats and dogs.

How it works: Interested pet owners will fill out an application for services with Grant County Animal Outreach located in Moses Lake, which will also be scheduling the transport clinic appointments. On clinic days, animals will be dropped off at the Grant County Animal Outreach facility and transported to Yakima to have their spay and neuter surgeries performed at Yakima Humane Society's new low cost clinic (opened December, 2016). Clinic dates will be scheduled starting in March 2017. Interested pet owners should contact Grant County Animal Outreach for an application and get information on scheduling an appointment.

"Pawsitive Alliance is thrilled to be able to offer the first low cost spay/neuter program in Grant County. This grant from the Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies is making this new targeted spay and neuter project possible," said Yolanda Morris, Co-Founder and Board President. "To significantly reduce shelter intakes, we have to minimize unwanted litters. Pawsitive Alliance is dedicated to developing

convenient and affordable programs that encourage pet owners and caretakers to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered.

Pet overpopulation is still an enormous problem in Washington State. Pawsitive Alliance's SNIP SNIP (Spay Neuter Increase Program) gets at the root of this issue by providing free and low cost spay and neuter for lower income pet owners and caretakers through vouchers, clinic days and targeted spay/neuter projects.

#### **About Pawsitive Alliance**

Pawsitive Alliance is a volunteer driven organization working to end the euthanasia of cats and dogs in Washington State by increasing adoptions, sponsoring spay and neuter projects and providing education and resources to improve pet retention. Through our Adoption Program, Pawsitive Alliance sponsors multi-shelter adoption events focusing on providing shelter animals additional opportunities to be adopted through increased exposure. Since 2005, over 6,200 cats and dogs have been adopted at Pawsitive Alliance hosted adoption events. Our #WhynotmePets campaign brings attention to long term homeless cats and dogs. Pawsitive Alliance also provides public spay and /neuter assistance through our SNIP SNIP (Spay Neuter Increase Program) targeting spay and /neuter resources in geographical areas of the state which have historically high euthanasia rates.

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#### **About The Washington Federation of Animal Care & Control Agencies**

The Federation is made up of members from all corners of Washington, working together to provide a collective voice for animal welfare. Since its inception in 1908, the Federation has had a positive impact on hundreds of thousands of people and animals. The Federation offers grants funded by "We Love Our Pets" license plate fees to animal welfare organizations to help support spay/neuter activities in Washington State.

[http://www.wafederation.org /](http://www.wafederation.org/)



#### **About Grant County Animal Outreach**

Grant County Animal Outreach assumed operation of the Moses Lake Animal Shelter July 9, 2007. GCAO provides temporary shelter for 200-400 cats and dogs each month. GCAO is the only open admission shelters in Grant County. Coordinating with a network of rescues across Washington State, GCAO works to find forever homes for as many adoptable animals as possible.

[www.grantcountyanimaloutreach.com](http://www.grantcountyanimaloutreach.com)

#### **About Yakima Humane Society**

The Yakima Humane Society was founded 1904. YHS is a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization proud to be serving the people and animals of Yakima County for over 100 years. YHS practices and promotes the humane treatment of animals through animal control services, pet adoption, humane education, referral and quality animal care. In December 2016, YHS opened the first low cost clinic devoted solely to spay/neuter surgeries in Yakima County.

[www.yakimahumane.org](http://www.yakimahumane.org)

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