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SpayStreet Waco Program Continues to Help Citizens Comply with Law, Reducing Number of Homeless Dogs and Cats in Waco (FREE surgeries & microchips available)

Waco, Texas (December 11, 2015) – The City of Waco wants citizens in our community that need assistance with spay/neuter/microchipping their pets to take advantage of the SpayStreet Waco Program. SpayStreet Waco coordinates with Waco residents to provide FREE spay/neuter surgeries to citizens for their pets in addition to microchipping.

This effort began in 2013 and continues to partner with Animal Control, the Animal Shelter and the Animal Birth Control Clinic to spread the word about the Spay/Neuter and Microchip law that went into effect in Waco, January 1, 2014.

SpayStreet Waco participates in numerous outreach efforts throughout the year focusing on neighborhoods in Waco with growing stray animal populations based on Animal Control calls. Efforts include educating citizens on free and low-cost spay/neuter and microchip options available to them to keep their pets in compliance with the law. The effort also addresses strays in our community, and volunteers will assist in getting dogs and cats spayed or neutered.

“The goal of SpayStreet Waco is to reduce the Animal Shelter intake and the epidemic of unwanted pets by focusing on spay/neuter, microchips and teaching basic pet care,” said Wiley Stem, Assistant City Manager. “To that end, we’re undertaking creative collaborative efforts between the Humane Society of Central Texas, the Animal Birth Control Clinic (ABC), our animal rescue group partners and the City, and we are anticipating an even larger reduction on intake based on this program.”

Research has proven that a spayed or neutered pet lives a healthier life and is less likely to stray, resulting in a reduced shelter population. Waco’s success depends on the community and its volunteers!

The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of homeless pets and keep strays and litters of puppies and kittens out of the shelter. The Animal Shelter is currently under renovation and adoption and fostering are more important than ever. The shelter is regional, serving many cities in McLennan County. For progress and updates visit: <http://www.wacoanimalshelter.com> or follow updates on the City of Waco Public Information Facebook page.

Waco residents interested in receiving SpayStreet Waco services encouraged to call the hotline at (254) 752-SPAY (7729) and choose option 1; contact the program through Facebook; or visit SpayStreetWaco.com. They may also contact the Animal Birth Control Clinic directly by scheduling their appointment for their pet online at <http://www.animalbirthcontrol.org> or calling the clinic at (254) 776-7303. They also have low cost options available for people outside the Waco area.

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