

Spring is coming. Having your pet spayed or neutered is a part of responsible pet ownership.

Is there a pet population problem?

Every year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats, including puppies and kittens, are needlessly **euthanized**. (110+ cats, dogs, puppies and kittens are destroyed at shelters in Fresno County **EACH DAY**). The good news is that every pet owner can make a difference. By having your dog or cat spayed or neutered, you will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted puppies and kittens and enhance your pet's health and quality of life.



What are the benefits to society of spaying and neutering?

Both surgeries prevent unwanted litters and eliminate many of the behavioral problems associated with the mating instinct.

What is the best age to spay or neuter my pet?

Consult with your veterinarian about the most appropriate time to spay or neuter your pet based upon its breed, age and physical condition. Keep in mind that, contrary to popular belief, it is **NOT** best to wait until your female dog or cat has gone through its first heat cycle.



Is the expense for the surgery really worth it?

Yes! This is a one-time expense that can dramatically improve your pet's quality of life and prevent some behavioral frustrations for you. If you are still uncertain whether or not to proceed with the surgery, consider the expense to society of collecting and caring for all the unwanted, abused, or abandoned animals being housed in shelters.



If you are unclear of your options for your furry friends, your regular Veterinarian should be able to answer your questions.



Valley Oak SPCA Spay Clinic

2622 East Mineral King Avenue
Visalia, CA 93292-6918
(559) 741-1121
Web Site: www.vospca.org



HOPE Animal Foundation

5490 W Spruce Ave
Fresno, CA 93722
(559) 271-0209
(559) 271-2952
Web Site: www.hopeaf.com

Spay/Neuter Pricing

Male Cat	\$35
Female Cat	\$45
Male Dog	\$55
Female Dog	\$65

Medi-Cal Recipients*

Male or Female Cat	\$20
Male or Female Dog	\$40

* Must show Medi-Cal card. Limit two pets per card.

** Please note that additional charges apply for dogs weighing over 40 pounds



CC/SPCA

103 S. Hughes
Fresno, CA 93706-1299
Shelter (559) 233-SPCA
Hospital (559) 237-1125
Education (559) 233-0115
Web Site: www.ccsPCA.com

Free/low cost spaying and neutering are now available for qualifying low-income Fresno County residents.

Valley Animal Center

3934 North Hayston Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726
(559) 233-8690
Web Site: www.valleyanimal.org



Spay and neuter surgeries are by appointment only. Please call (559) 233-8554 to set up an appointment.

For Cats

Spay (female):	\$40.00
Neuter (male):	\$35.00

For Dogs Under 30lbs.

Spay (female):	\$60.00
Neuter (male):	\$55.00

31-100lbs.

Neuter (male):	\$95.00
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For dogs over 100 lbs. Call 233-8554

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

WHERE: Central Library, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno; Fowler Branch Library, 306 S. Seventh Street, Fowler; Mendota Branch Library, 1246 Belmont Avenue, Mendota; Sunnyside Regional Library, 5566 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno.

DESCRIPTION: The Fresno County Free Library is offering **free** computer classes during the month of March. The classes being offered include one-on-one computer classes, word processing for beginners, basic Excel, beyond Word basics, mouse basics, basic web email, online job search, and consumer resources on the web. *COST: Free. CONTACT:* Call 488-3195, option 5 (Central), 834-3114 (Fowler), 655-3391 (Mendota), or 255-6594 (Sunnyside) to register. You can also check on the internet to see what classes will be offered at the various branches.

2010 JOB FAIR

WHEN/WHERE: **Thursday, March 25;** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Pan American Community Center, 703 E. Sherwood Way, Madera.

DESCRIPTION: This job fair will offer informational booths about a number of companies that are currently hiring or that will be hiring in the future. Bring your resume with you and be sure to dress for success. This event is being sponsored by Madera County Workforce Development. *COST: Free. CONTACT:* Call 662-4500 for more information

E-CYCLE

WHEN/WHERE: **Saturday, March 27;** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S. Chance Avenue, use Kings Canyon Road entrance, Fresno. *DESCRIPTION:* Recycle your electronics for free. No limit as to how many items you can bring. Items containing Freon and washers/dryers not accepted. *COST: Free. CONTACT:* Call 650-3247 for more information.

AARP MATURE DRIVER CLASSES

DESCRIPTION: Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads we drive on every day. Brush up on your driving skills to stay safe. Class is intended for drivers age 50 and older and attendees can receive a discount on their car insurance. Classes being offered in March are:

Mondays, March 15 & 22

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saint Agnes Medical Center

1111 E. Spruce Avenue, Fresno

Contact: Call 450-5555 for more information.

Tuesday, March 30 & Wednesday, March 31

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Yosemite Gardens

2100 Fowler Ave, Clovis

Contact: Call 346-1422 for more information.

COST: \$12 AARP members; \$14 nonmembers.

SPRING EGG FEST

WHEN/WHERE: **Saturday, March 27;** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; The Discovery Center, 1944 N. Winery Avenue, Fresno.

DESCRIPTION: Bring your children to one of the days they look forward to all year long, the Spring Egg Fest at the Discovery Center. The day will feature music, a magic show, a variety of fun activities, dancing, and the annual egg hunt.

COST: \$5 at gate. CONTACT: Call 251-5533 for more information

FRESNO COUNTY BLOOD DRIVES

DESCRIPTION: The Central California Blood Center provides a valuable service to the community by collecting blood for Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, and Tulare Counties. Blood drives are held throughout Fresno County. You can help with this vital effort by giving blood at one of the following drives (other drives listed in the Forthcoming Events) during the month of March:

March 20

9 a.m. – 12 noon

Rotary Park

S. Vineland Avenue & W. D Street, Kerman

CONTACT: 213-6686 (Maurice Rubio) for more info.

March 20

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Roosevelt Elementary School

1802 Floral Avenue, Selma

CONTACT – 898-6700 (Timothy Smith) for more info.

CONTACT: Call 224-2900 for more information about other blood drives or to set up a blood drive.