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Fixing Clayton County One Animal at a Time

Fix Georgia Pets aims to spay/neuter up to 1,000 animals on first Spay Day of 2015

In celebration of Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, Fix Georgia Pets, a non-profit that funds low-cost spay and neuter programs for animals statewide, will focus on Clayton County for its first low-cost/free spay and neuter program of the year. The event will begin on February 24.

FGP will be working closely with the Clayton County Police Department Animal Control Unit, which is responsible for the enforcement of laws pertaining to animals.

Although Clayton County is the third smallest county in Georgia, an alarming 6,100 animals went into that facility in 2013. Its euthanasia rate exceeds 30 percent.

"Clayton is the perfect example of the pet overpopulation crisis that Georgia faces. The number of surrendered and stray dogs is so high that there's no place to put them," said Ginny Millner, FGP founder.

"We need to address this as a challenge to the community, not pass it on to animal control. No one wants to euthanize these animals," she added.

Fix Georgia Pets will be working with several veterinarians and clinics in the Clayton County area to make resources available and offer the service at a low-cost or free to local residents.

FGP hopes to spay and neuter 800-1000 animals, which would reduce future animal overpopulation by up to 18,000. Each un-fixed dog or cat produces an average of 18 offspring.

Spay and neuter programs also reduce the spread of disease and animal aggression, which reduces the number of bite incidents.

Those interested in the service can register by calling the Spay/Neuter Hotline at [404-432-3618](tel:404-432-3618) or in Spanish [404-647-1550](tel:404-647-1550) for more information, and to schedule an appointment.

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About Fix Georgia Pets

Fix Georgia Pets is a statewide initiative working with recognized spay and neuter organizations to combat the significant pet overpopulation in our state. Your contribution is tax deductible.