

Passaic County Mobile Spay/Neuter Coalition

# THE NEUTER COMMUTER

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The Passaic County Mobile Spay/Neuter Coalition has been in operation since 2005 altering animals in Northern New Jersey. To date we have fixed over 2,000 animals! These were animals that would never have been altered otherwise.

Many of these animals are companion animals who have never seen a veterinarian. Their owners cannot afford the cost of spaying or neutering their pets. This gives them the opportunity to have the surgery done at a discounted price they can afford. They truly love their pets and want to do the right thing. The Neuter Commuter allows them this opportunity.

We service feral cats as well as owned/companion animals. Feral cats are cats that have been abandoned or were born outside and have

become wary of humans. These cats rely on the kindness of their caregivers who feed them and supply shelter. It is extremely important that these cats get spayed and neutered. Altering these animals cuts down on the number of cats born outside. If left alone, they would add to the cat population exponentially by multiplying within a year's time. If trapped, they are usually brought to the local shelter. Many shelters have an overabundance of cats and kittens up for adoption. Additional animals brought into shelters only puts a strain on the shelter and the shelter volunteers.

The Coalition remains dedicated to our cause - altering as many animals as possible in Northern New Jersey. We believe these efforts can make life better for everyone, humans and animals alike, in New Jersey!

### SPAY AND NEUTER PRICES

CAT- male neuter	<b>\$50</b>
CAT - female spay	<b>\$65</b>
DOG - male under 41 lbs	<b>\$65</b>
DOG - male over 41 lbs	<b>\$80</b>
DOG - female under 41 lbs	<b>\$75</b>
DOG - female over 41 lbs	<b>\$90</b>
Rabies and Distemper Shots (with surgery only)	<b>FREE</b>

## Sponsor A Spay on the Neuter Commuter

Won't you help us reach out to all those who cannot afford to alter their pets? Hundreds of animals die needlessly in shelters around the country every year because there are not enough homes. Feral cats continue to give birth multiple times in one year, increasing their population exponentially. THE NEUTER COMMUTER is a service that benefits everyone, and all can use it.

Help us help them!

YES! I would like to help support  
THE NEUTER COMMUTER

Enclosed is my check for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 = One cat neuter male

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00 = One cat spay female

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 = One dog neuter male

\_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00 = One dog spay female

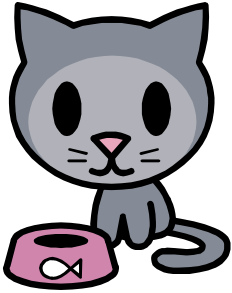
\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ = Other

### Additional Fees:

If an animal is brought in for a spay or neuter, these are some of the additional fees that may arise:

- FELV/FIV Test (cats) \$25
- Microchip \$20
- Frontline (fleas/ticks) \$10
- Revolution (fleas/mites) \$15
- Antibiotics \$10
- Elizabethan Collar \$ 5

# The Coalition Would Like To Thank....



### FAST FACT:

- 6-8 million dogs & cats enter shelters each year.
- 3-4 million dogs & cats are adopted from shelters each year.
- 3-4 million dogs & cats are euthanized by shelters each year.
- 600,000-750,000 animals are reclaimed by their owners.
- There are only 4000-6000 shelters in the United States.

(Humane Society of the United States estimates)

There are many people to thank who have helped the Coalition this year. We could list dozens of names of those who have donated their money and their time to our cause. We thank you ALL for your support and hope that you will continue to support The Neuter Commuter.

Scheduling surgery dates is the most important part. This is when we really accomplish our goal, one animal at a time. We could not have done the surgery dates if it wasn't for the generosity of the veterinarians who spend their time on the trailer.

We would like to thank the following veterinarians: Dr. Matthew Panarella, Dr. Adel Hamden, Dr. Matthew Krupnick, Dr. Hesham El-Akbawy, Dr. Laura Collins and Dr. Mike Ramieri. Their expertise is greatly appreciated as well as their flexibility.

You have made this dream a reality!

There are others who have helped during the course of the year to make sure things ran smoothly before, during and after the surgeries. These are the dedicated vet technicians and assistants.

They include: Debbie Ringer, Allison Gottlieb, Jessica Kerr, Morgan Fahy, Aurora D'Agostino, Yasser Abdelfatah, Joaquin Ramos, Danielle Miller, Carmen Cruz-Garcia, Aminat Chotchaeva, Erica Mammone, Jennifer Dire and Tammy Wiener. They were all instrumental in making sure the supplies were set for each surgery and making sure all the animals recovered without any incident.

Behind the scenes we have a person who does all our dirty work, he is our driver, Eric Foti. Eric is responsible for making sure the truck and trailer are where they should be and ready to go. He does it in all kinds of weather and all hours of the day!

Thank you all for all your hard work!!

## Spays and Neuters for Dogs

The Neuter Commuter has been very busy performing feline spays and neuters on the trailer as often as we can schedule them. We altered over 500 cats in 2008 and are very proud of that fact. We are confident that 2009 will allow us to do many more.

However, one of the biggest challenges the Coalition faces is scheduling canine surgeries. Even though there is room to perform these surgeries for small to medium dogs, we do not have enough room to stage them for recovery. This is where we rely on the generosity of our local veterinarians.

Dr. Cattiny was kind enough to let us use his waiting room as a staging area (when his office was closed) and alter small dogs for the Coalition. We were able to accommodate 12 small dogs

that day.

The Coalition found other ways to do the larger dogs using veterinarians on a one by one basis.

These veterinarians include: Dr. Cattiny (Pompton Lakes Animal Hospital), Dr. Neuss and Dr. Confessore (Packanack Animal Hospital), Dr. Sova (Blue Cross Dog & Cat Hospital) and Dr. Krupnick (Pequannock Animal Hospital).

This is one way the Coalition was able to alter larger dogs in 2008. We hope to be able to do more in 2009.

We thank these vets and their staff for their dedication and support!



# Strike Out Pet Overpopulation

We are at it again! Our 4th Annual Bowling Fundraiser is set for Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Join us as we STRIKE OUT PET OVERPOPULATION at the T-Bowl Lanes in the Preakness Shopping Center, Wayne, NJ.

There will be a live DJ, laser bowling with glow-in-the-dark bowling pins and laser lights! Bumpers are available for children to make their experience more rewarding. It's fun for the whole family!

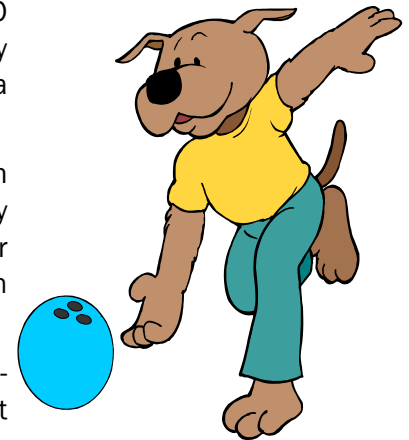
Based on the overwhelming success of the past bowling events, we will reserve the entire bowling alley again this year. We've enclosed an entry form for your convenience.

There will be a 50/50 drawing at the end of the evening too. Last year the 50/50 recipient received over \$1,000. Not only that, but every STRIKE wins the Coalition a donation from one of our many sponsors!

Last year we were able to raise enough money to supplement close to 12 surgery dates on the trailer in our efforts to spay or neuter as many animals as possible in Northern New Jersey.

Please join us for a fun night and a worthwhile cause. Check out our website at [www.NeuterCommuter.com](http://www.NeuterCommuter.com) for more information and additional sign up sheets.

Email us at: [info@neutercommuter.com](mailto:info@neutercommuter.com) or call us at 973-454-1625 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Bingo Night!

Get your dabbers ready and join the Passaic County Mobile Spay/Neuter Coalition at the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton on Colfax Avenue, Friday night, April 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM, for a fun night of Bingo!

Total cash prizes awarded that night will be \$1,000. This will be our second Bingo night for the Coalition and we are expecting a great turnout. Last year, everyone had a great time!

This year we are stepping up our efforts and holding the event at the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton. This way, more people can join in the fun!!

To make things more exciting, we're offering cash prizes! You can support our efforts and possibly go home with some cash as well. It's a win/win situation!

Mark your calendars and get ready to play some Bingo. Not only will it be a fun night out, but you will be supporting the Coalition in our efforts to spay/neuter animals in Northern New Jersey.

The Coalition has serviced over 120 towns in New Jersey, including all the Passaic county municipalities, altering over 2,000 animals. Help us to double that number.

Sorry no one under 18 allowed in the hall.

### FAST FACTS:

- Average number of litters a fertile cat can produce a year: 3
- Average number of kittens in a feline litter: 4-6
- Average number of litters a fertile dog can produce in one year: 2
- Average number of puppies in a canine litter: 6-10

Statistics provided by The National Council on Pet Population, Study and Policy.

## 50/50 Raffle Tickets - Now Available

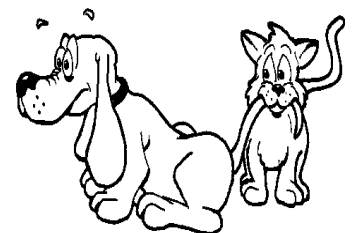
Don't miss your chance to win big! Get your raffle tickets now!!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at our 4th Annual Bowling Event.

Last year's recipient won over \$1,000 in cash and the Coalition

raised enough money to do two more days on the trailer.

Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or \$10.00 for a book of five. Please contact the Coalition for tickets. Tickets are also available thru the FOS at the Clifton Animal Shelter or thru S.T.A.R.T. Don't miss out!



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**The Coalition is currently made up of four federally recognized, 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations in Passaic County:**

**Friends of the Shelter (FOS)** - a nonprofit all-volunteer organization which supports the operation of the Clifton Animal Shelter.

**Helping Hands of Passaic (HHOP)** - a nonprofit all-volunteer group which supports the care and treatment of animals in the Passaic area.

**Only Kindness (OK)** - a nonprofit organization that is an animal rescue and humane education group.

**Save the Animals Rescue Team (S.T.A.R.T.)** - a rescue group and feral cat colony support network also participating in an outreach program with various shelters and rescue groups in Passaic County.



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