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## Media Release

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### **Woods Humane Society** **and SLO County Animal** **Services Team Up to** **Offer \$5 Spay/Neuter** **Surgeries for Cats**



(San Luis Obispo, CA – April 2016) Woods Humane Society and San Luis Obispo County Animal Services have teamed up in an effort to cancel “kitten season” this April. Through a combined and mutual desire to reduce the surplus of homeless cats in our county, we are happy to announce that Woods Humane Society will provide **SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES FOR ONLY \$5** to cats belonging to SLO County residents. The cost incurred for these surgeries will be subsidized by San Luis Obispo County Animal Services. Surgeries are limited and the public is strongly encouraged to call (805) 543-9316 to schedule their appointment today.

“This is a great collaborative effort between Woods Humane Society and San Luis Obispo County Animal Services that will make a significant impact in the lives of local animals.” states Woods Humane Society Executive Director, Jill Tucker.

"The most significant animal related challenge our community faces is the large number of unwanted kitten litters born around the county each year.

That's why Animal Services is so excited about teaming up with Woods Humane Society in this effort to get out in front of the problem." states San Luis Obispo County Animal Services Director, Eric Anderson.

Kitten Season is the time between March and November when most kittens are born. Increased daylight triggers feline heat cycles, and because females can go into heat every two to three weeks, they can become pregnant as young as four months! One female can produce multiple litters during just one season. That means even six-month-old kittens can give birth to kittens, which is one of the most heart-wrenching parts of this whole scenario.

If you think about it, nature designed cats to be kitten-makers which is why Woods Humane Society and SLO County Animal Services are combining efforts in order to curb the annual increase in unwanted felines. Kitten season not only impacts the surplus of cats that enter our local shelter, it also impacts the length of stay for adult felines who are already patiently waiting for loving new homes. Adopters often overlook adult cats when kittens are available.

As surplus kittens flood area shelters, resources to provide daily care, veterinary treatment and adoption services are spread thin while the risk of illness to all felines increases. You can do your part to help homeless cats by spaying and neutering your felines and by joining Woods Humane Society and SLO County Animal Services in our effort to cancel kitten season in April. For information, please call (805) 543-9316.

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#### **About Woods Humane Society**

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 60 years. Woods Humane Society is an animal sheltering and welfare organization based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 1,500 dogs and cats into loving homes. Woods Humane Society has performed over 28,000 spay/neuter surgeries since opening our surgical center in September 2007.

Call us at 805-543-9316 or visit [www.woodshumane.org](http://www.woodshumane.org) to donate or learn more.

The Mission of Woods is:

To serve, protect, and shelter homeless companion animals;

To place animals in humane environments;

To promote responsible pet ownership, provide humane education, and reduce pet overpopulation;

To celebrate the human-animal bond.

#### **About San Luis Obispo County Division of Animal Services**

The Division of Animal Services operates the only open intake animal shelter in San Luis Obispo County, receiving approximately 4000 animals annually while maintaining a live animal outcome rate of 90%.

Additionally, the division's officers help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people and animals of our community by responding to more than 11,000 calls for service each year. Animal Services is located at 885 Oklahoma Ave. in San Luis Obispo and may be contacted by calling 805-781-4400.