

## **Media Release**

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**LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC SET TO OPEN ON  
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[SpaySLOCounty.com](http://SpaySLOCounty.com)**

(SLO, CA, 11/14/18) Woods Humane Society is excited to announce the opening of the new Daphne Fahsing Spay & Neuter Clinic in Atascadero!

Pet owners can now make appointments online at [SpaySLOCounty.com](http://SpaySLOCounty.com) to schedule their dog or cat for surgery. Pets undergoing surgery may also receive vaccinations, microchipping, and more to help keep them healthy, safe, and eligible for licensing.

Located at Woods North County (2300 Ramona Road, Atascadero) the new spay & neuter clinic will provide fundamental veterinary services at affordable costs to residents throughout northern San Luis Obispo County and surrounding counties. The focus of Woods Humane Society's high-volume high-value spay and neuter efforts is to reduce the number of homeless or otherwise unwanted dogs and cats who enter into county shelters every year while rising to meet the needs of local residents and their pets.

Simply put, there is a feline overpopulation concern in San Luis Obispo County with issues related to "stray cats" incorporating the vast majority of animal-related complaints reported to SLO County Animal Services – unwanted litters being born on people's property, stray cats being aggressive to house pets or causing property damage (spraying, defecating in gardens, etc.), cats preying on birds/wildlife, or sick/injured strays.

Working with our County Animal Services Department, along with local rescue and trap, neuter, return programs (TNR), Woods Humane Society has provided over 27,000 spay and neuter surgeries since opening the doors of the Woods-Cashin Spay & Neuter Clinic at our San Luis Obispo facility. Woods is currently able to provide 4,000 surgeries annually and with the opening of our new clinic in Atascadero, our goal is to increase the amount of surgeries to 6,500 per year.

SLO County Animal Services Manager, Dr. Eric Anderson states "Unwanted litters of kittens and overpopulation of cats is a concern throughout the region, but the uncontrolled expansion of community cat populations is a particularly significant concern in the north county. Having accessible, low cost spay and neuter services in that area is an essential step to addressing that challenge."

The Daphne Fahsing Spay & Neuter Clinic will remove many of the barriers to spay and neuter services in northern San Luis Obispo County.

"The opening of this clinic is a major step forward for animal welfare in San Luis Obispo County," said Jill Tucker, Executive Director. "Ensuring that spay/neuter services are both accessible and affordable is critical to creating a humane community and we are thrilled to be able to meet this urgent need for area residents."

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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 63 years. Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization, based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit [woodshumane.org](http://woodshumane.org) to donate or learn more.

### **Woods Humane Society's North County Spay & Neuter Clinic Wish List**

Fleece blankets	Small stainless steel water dishes
Bath towels / Hand towels / Washcloths	Unscented HE liquid laundry detergent
Pillowcases – great to line feral cat traps	Unscented dryer sheets
Baby, kid and adult socks	Liquid bleach
Mesh laundry bags – we wash muzzles in them	
Gently used hard sided carriers – we loan them out to clients who do not have them for cats	

**Below is the link to the Clinic's Amazon wish list.**

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SOJXNYS0MBDP?&sort=default>