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Neighborhood Services Announces Spay/neuter campaign

Chattanooga, TN: Available on February 1 to city residents from Animal Services is the free spay-neuter voucher for low-income applicants. It will be available through the Animal Services division, at the Neighborhood Services Department, and at participating veterinarian's offices. This voucher allows low-income applicants to alter their pets at participating veterinary clinics and animal hospitals. Be looking for billboards announcing this opportunity later this week.

Additionally, animal licenses are available at the Humane Society, \$25 for unaltered pets, and \$5 for those already altered.

The grace period is in effect until February 1, at which time the program's legislation will be enforced. Permit applications cost \$40 and are available at the animal services division, 643-5241. You can also download the permit from the web at www.chattanooga.gov/neighserv/.

In July, 2004, the Neighborhood Services Department welcomed its newest division, Animal Services, into its ranks. Since that time, the NSD has taken several measures to develop a proactive, comprehensive strategic plan which addresses animal overpopulation.

Our community faces a significant animal overpopulation problem year after year. Our animal overpopulation reduction strategy has three parts:

- * a **spay-neuter campaign** that provides low cost surgeries to low-income recipients;
- * a **public education program** that demonstrates responsible animal ownership, and third,
- * a **legislative program** that develops laws that protect animals, as well as enforces existing ordinances that require kennels, breeders, and dealers to obtain permits to operate.

For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Animal Services Division at 643-5241.

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