

**ARE YOU ON EI, A DISABILITY PENSION, OLD AGE PENSION, A STUDENT, OR OTHERWISE LOW INCOME? WE CAN HELP YOU GET YOUR CAT OR DOG FIXED.**



**SNAP: SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Need reasons why you should fix your cats and dogs? Keep on reading!**

- You'll help stop homelessness and suffering. Only one in four dogs find a permanent, loving home. There are millions of stray cats. In the U.S., 6.5 million companion animals enter animal shelters every year. Of those, 1.5 million are euthanized because there are not enough homes for them all.
- How many defenceless kittens and puppies are drowned, shot, starved or frozen to death or killed by predators? Why would you want to be responsible for this suffering?
- No more kittens or puppies to find homes for. Caring of a pregnant cat for 2 months until delivery can be costly, as is caring for, feeding, raising and providing medical care for the kittens until they leave your home (2 months).
- The majority of dog bites are from unfixed male dogs.
- **Cats can start mating as early as six months.** Even indoor-only house cats often find ways to get outdoors when the sexual urge hits them. Whether they disappear for good (due to panic, accidents, or enemies) or they return home, kittens are the result. Even if a person finds good homes for a litter of kittens, some of the kittens will grow up and produce more litters of kittens.
- **The spaying of one female cat can mean the prevention of 29 litters over a period of ten years.**
- Spaying a female before her first heat protects her from risks of several types of cancers. Spaying protects her from the stresses of pregnancy and reduces the chances she'll mark your home with urine when she's in heat. Unfixed animals have urges that make them irritable and anxious. They yowl or whine frequently, fight with other cats, and/or destroy objects in the house.
- Neutering lowers male dogs urges to roam and to fight, and thus lowers chances of diseases and wounds. Neutering reduces male cats tendencies to spray in the home and gets rid of the odour of adult male urine.
- **A male cat on the loose can sire as many as 2,500 kittens in a year** and a male dog nearly as many puppies.
- Do you allow litters so that your kids can experience the 'miracle' of birth? Show them a video. Don't promote suffering by bringing more unwanted animals into the world just for show and tell.

*Fill in the application and drop it off at: Vet to Pet Mobile Services, Smithers or Bulkley River Veterinary Services, Houston*

**Who Qualifies? SNAP** Eligibility is based on low-income levels established by Statistics Canada or BC Housing and takes into account household income and number of dependants. Proof of income assistance such as EI, disability pension, old age pension, a student, or otherwise low income will help us qualify you quicker. General income guidelines are listed below. Please do not be discouraged if you don't quite meet the requirements. Submit an application anyway! We may still be able to help.

Household size	Annual	Monthly
1 person	\$25,200	\$2,100
2 people	\$31,200	\$2,600
3 people	\$37,200	\$3,100
4 people	\$43,200	\$3,600
5 people	\$49,200	\$4,100

*for each additional family member add:* \$6000.00



**APPLY NOW!**

# YOUR COST:



Cat Spay (Female)\*: \$80.00  
 Cat Neuter (Male): \$80.00

*All prices plus tax.*

*\*An additional fee may apply for pregnant cats. This fee is \$30 and will be paid by the pet owner.*



	Under	Over
	50lbs	50lbs

Dog Spay (Female)\*\* - \$200.00 \$300.00  
 Dog Neuter (Male) - \$150.00 \$200.00

*All prices plus tax.*

*\*\* An additional fee of \$99 may apply if the dog is pregnant. The decision to charge the additional fee will be left to the discretion of the attending veterinarian. Dogs will have a pre-surgical examination done, at no cost, prior to surgery to provide a cost estimate of the surgery. The additional fee will be paid by the pet owner.*

THE NWA PART OF THE SNAP PROGRAM IS RUN AND OPERATED BY VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDED THROUGH THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND MEMBERSHIPS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF MANY VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS TO BRING THIS SNAP PROGRAM TO YOU AND YOUR CHERISHED ANIMAL FRIEND. PLEASE RETURN OUR KINDNESS BY VOLUNTEERING OR BY SPREADING THE WORD TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ABOUT RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND SPAY AND NEUTER PRACTICES.

## Friends & Partners of SNAP:

- Vet to Pet Mobile Services, Smithers Plaza, 1283 Main Street, Smithers Phone: 778-210-1883
- Bulkeley River Veterinary Services, 2005 Nadina Avenue, Houston Phone: 778-642-3456
- Northwest Animal Shelter Society: [www.nwas.ca](http://www.nwas.ca)



There are not enough good homes for them all.  
 Please spay and neuter.



**Myth: It's too expensive to have my dog or cat spayed/neutered.**

**Fact:** If you are worried about the cost of the neuter or spay, then how can you afford routine medical care, food, litter, and possibly emergency medical care? Pets are for life and these expenses can add up over time. Remember, this is a lifetime commitment.

**Myth: As long as I find good homes for all the kittens and puppies, I'm not adding to the problem.**

**Fact:** Each time one of your puppies or kittens goes into a home, there is one fewer potential home for the dozens that are already waiting. Also, you have no guarantee that the kittens or puppies you placed will stay in that home for the rest of their lives. Nor can you control their continued breeding when they are mature.

**Myth: My children should witness the miracle of birth.**

**Fact:** The lesson you are really teaching your children is that animals can be created and discarded as it suits us. Instead, explain to your children that the real miracle is preventing births and that will save the lives of others.

**Myth: My animal will become fat and lazy if I have it spayed or neutered.**

**Fact:** Like humans, animals become fat and lazy as a result of overeating and lack of exercise.

**Myth: My animal's personality will change.**

**Fact:** The basic personality of your animal won't change as it is formed more by genetics and environment than by its sex hormones.

**Myth: I don't want my male dog or cat to feel less like a male.**

**Fact:** Unlike people, animals don't have any concept of ego! Neutering a male will not change its basic personality and it won't suffer any kind of emotional reaction or identity crisis when neutered.

**Myth: It's wrong to deprive animals of their natural right to mate and reproduce.**

**Fact:** A spayed or neutered animal is not being physically or psychologically deprived of anything. Allowing animals to reproduce means that most die of starvation, freeze to death, suffer from disease, abuse and injuries, end up under the wheels of cars, or shot or drowned (because there are not enough homes). Unchecked reproduction is a needless death sentence.



WEBSITE: [www.nwas.ca](http://www.nwas.ca)

# SPAY AND NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Northwest Animal Shelter Society (Nwas) works with local vets who have generously reduced their regular prices for those who **cannot otherwise afford** to have their pets or strays spayed or neutered. The SNAP program has been created for people with **genuine financial need**. The vets rely on us to pre-approve applicants. Their good faith in us as well as applicants' honesty is vital to this program. If you qualify, Nwas will pay the veterinarian some of the cost on behalf of the pet owner.

**You must supply all the information requested on this form.**

Drop off your completed application at: Vet to Pet Mobile Services, Smithers or Bulkley River Veterinary Services, Houston

## How did you hear about the Northwest Animal Shelter Society? *Circle one*

Newspaper	Radio	Poster	Website	Facebook	Fundraising Event
Word-of-mouth	Other:	_____			

## Part 1 – The Animal: Please fill out for Dog or Cat

<b>DOG NAME:</b> _____	<b>CAT NAME:</b> _____
Breed (if known): _____	Breed (if known): _____
Sex: Male/Female/Unknown (circle one)	Sex: Male / Female / Unknown (circle one)
Age: (Years/Months)	Age: (Years/Months)
Weight (Must provide):	If female, has she had a litter: Yes / No / Don't know (CIRCLE ONE)
If female, has she had a litter? Yes / No / Don't know (CIRCLE ONE)	Note: Cats MUST be brought to Vet in a carrier.

**I received this animal from: (please check one):**

\_\_\_\_ Pet shop    \_\_\_\_ Shelter    \_\_\_\_ Relative    \_\_\_\_ Breeder    \_\_\_\_ Friend    \_\_\_\_ Found

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you pay for this animal? YES | NO  
If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition of Animal: (please check all that apply):**

Appears Healthy     Runny Eyes/Nose     In Heat     Pregnant  
 Fleas/Mites     Friendly     Bites/Scratches     Feral (wild)

**Does the animal have a wound, injury or any other health problems that you know of?  
(Please Describe):**

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**Part 2 – Personal & Financial Information**

**Declare ALL income coming into your home**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Income Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross (pre-tax) Income \_\_\_\_\_ (per month or per year)

**Spouse/Other Adult in Household:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Income Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross (pre-tax) income \_\_\_\_\_ (per month or per year)

How many children in your home: \_\_\_\_\_ List their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the space below, list all other animals in your home, male or female +their ages + whether or not they are fixed. Example: Bud, male dog, 10 years old, fixed**

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*I hereby certify that this application is true and correct and that I have not omitted anything that would make my application false or misleading.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/We authorize Nwas to collect, use and disclose personal information, as deemed necessary, on the applicant in connection with the approval of this application and maintenance of the spay/neuter program.  
All personal information collected will be kept confidential.*

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email [info@nwas.ca](mailto:info@nwas.ca) or mail to Northwest Animal Shelter Society, Box 3064, Smithers BC V0J 2N0**