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Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic



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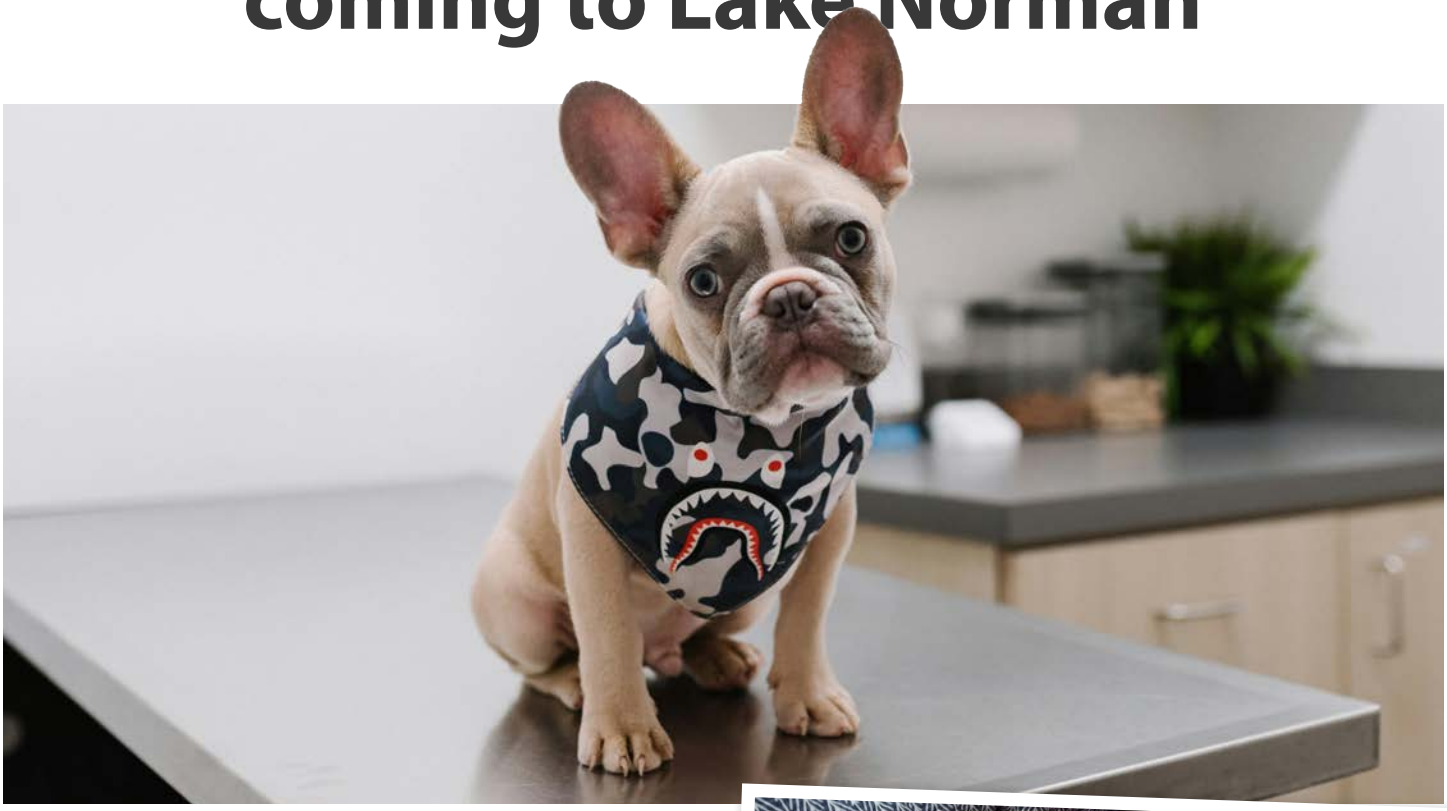


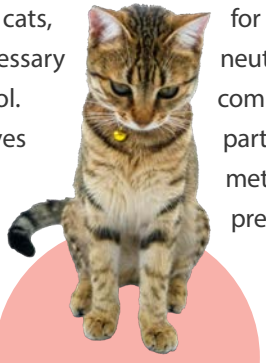


Lake Norman Humane is thrilled to announce that we will be adding a low cost Spay/Neuter clinic for dogs and cats.

This initiative will not only serve Lake Norman Humane but will also extend its services to the broader local community. With your support, we can make a profound difference in the lives of countless animals and the people who care for them.

Spaying/neutering a pet is part of responsible pet ownership. Not only does this help fight overpopulation and the creation of unwanted animals, pets who have undergone these procedures lead longer, happier and healthier lives.

Each day in the United States, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As a result, millions of healthy, loving cats, dogs, kittens and puppies face early and unnecessary deaths as a heartbreaking form of animal control. Others are abandoned, left to fend for themselves often in terrible circumstances involving harsh elements, other animals or abusive humans.



One of Lake Norman Humane's goals is to help reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies by being advocates for spaying and neutering dogs and cats. Our proposed spay/neuter clinic will offer low-cost procedures to pets in our community, as well as those who come through our doors as part of our rescue efforts. Spaying and neutering are proven methods to address the population crisis at its source: by preventing unwanted litters.

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7 years

a single pair of cats & their offspring can produce:



370,000 kittens



Community Impact!

Financial Constraints

Financial constraints should never be a barrier to responsible pet ownership, but when it comes to veterinary care, sometimes that is the reality. Cost is the reason most often cited by owners for not having their pets sterilized. Statistically, people with low incomes are nearly as likely to own pets as those with high incomes, indicating that many households will struggle with full-service veterinary care. Low cost spay and neuter is the only way to reach some segments of the companion animal population. By offering affordable spay and neuter services to members of the community, we can significantly increase the number of these procedures.

Stats from JAVMA, JAAWS



Reduce Waiting Time

Lengthy waiting times at local veterinary clinics are a common complaint, with waiting times often being a month or more for a spay or neuter appointment. This can mean the difference between an appointment being followed through on, or abandoned, for members of the community. For Lake Norman Humane, it will hugely improve our timeliness for these crucial surgeries.

Provide Health Benefits

Beyond reducing the number of homeless animals, spaying and neutering also significantly improves the health and well-being of individual pets. It lowers the risk of certain cancers and can positively affect behavioral issues associated with mating instincts, leading to happier and healthier animals. In dogs, **the University of Georgia statistics found males have a 13.8% longer life expectancy, and females 26.3% longer. For cats, a study by Banfield Pet Hospitals found that males may live 62% longer, and females 39% longer.**

Provide Lower Costs Vaccines

In addition to offering spaying and neutering services, the clinic will offer low-cost pet vaccines. The rabies vaccine will be offered to all pets as it is required by North Carolina. Bordetella and Distemper vaccines will also be offered for dogs. Cats will be offered the FVRCP vaccine to combat Feline Viral Rhonotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus and Feline Panleukopenia.

Community Impact

By offering accessible spay and neuter services to the community, we can empower pet owners to take responsibility for ownership of their animals. This not only reduces the burden on local animal control agencies but also fosters a culture of compassion and respect towards animals.



This Clinic's Impact

Fighting overpopulation!

Here at home as well as across the nation, shelters are full, and adoptions have been trending downwards. Statistics published by the ASPCA state **approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters annually**, with only a fraction finding forever homes, something which we at Lake Norman Humane make it our mission to prevent.



Savings to Lake Norman Humane!

In just one year, the estimated cost savings to Lake Norman Humane by having our own in-house clinic, as opposed to continuing to use external veterinary hospitals, will be **$123,000 in spay/neuter services and $61,000 in other veterinary costs.** This represents the single greatest savings opportunity our organization has been presented with, as well as a symbiotic service onsite which allows staff to work within the facility, providing our animals with a less stressful experience, without the disruption of transportation and unfamiliar environments.



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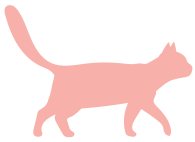
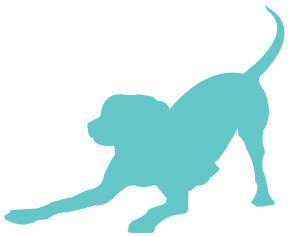




Capital Campaign Budget

Construction Costs	$250,000
Equipment & Fixtures	$225,000
Architect	$50,000
Start-up Inventory	$44,009
9 Months Operating Cost	$285,498
Staff Training	$15,000
Campaign Expenses	$40,000
10% Contingency	$90,951

TOTAL $1,000,548

Together, we can make a lasting impact



on the lives of cats, dogs, kittens and puppies and the community at large. Your generous contribution to our capital campaign will directly support the construction and operation of the Spay and Neuter Clinic.

Every dollar donated brings us one step closer to our goal of creating a community where every animal has a chance at a better life.

For more information, please contact Jenn Gatto by email at jenn@lakenormanhumane.org or by phone 704-663-3330.

Our Vision for the Clinic

Our clinic will provide comprehensive spay and neuter services for dogs and cats of all breeds. From routine surgeries to follow-up care, a team of skilled technicians will ensure that each animal receives the highest standard of care.

Under the direction of **Michael Heinen, DVM**, Lake Norman Humane's spay/neuter clinic will provide excellent care for our pet clients. Our veterinarian and technicians will be trained in low cost spay/neuter techniques to ensure we provide the highest standard of care to each animal.

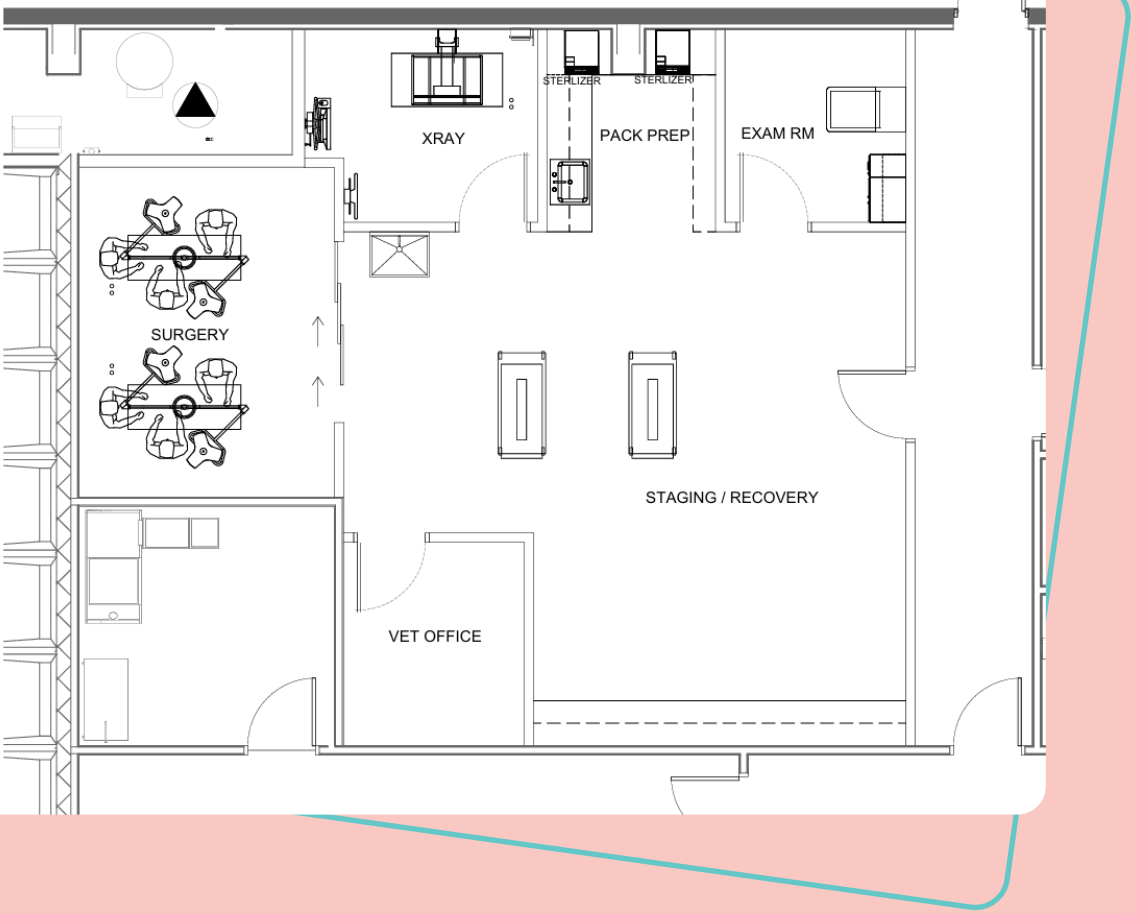


Michael Heinen

The lay-out of the clinic ensures easy flow in and out of the surgeries:







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**a single pair of dogs &
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67,000 puppies




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Did you know
In 2023, over 39,423 dogs & cats were euthanized at NC Animal Control Facilities.



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