

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming February 28, 2012
as "World Spay Day"

RESOLUTION NO. 2012/73

WHEREAS, World Spay Day is an annual campaign that promotes spay/neuter as a proven, effective means of saving animals' lives; and

WHEREAS, the overpopulation of cats, dogs and other pets is a global problem and, since its beginnings in 1985, Spay Day USA is now being celebrated in 45 countries around the world as World Spay Day; and

WHEREAS, dogs and cats give companionship to and share the homes of over 71 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years and two unaltered dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 more dogs in six years; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters euthanize an estimated six to eight million dogs and cats each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources such as money, space, and good adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of unwanted dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, international, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens come together towards a common goal – a global, united solution to end the euthanasia and suffering of homeless companion animals, feral cats and street dogs; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, international, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on "World Spay Day".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa PROCLAIM and PRONOUNCE February 28, 2012, to be designated "World Spay Day".

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 28th day of February, 2012.

MARY N. PIEPHO

Chair

District III Supervisor

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JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED February 28, 2012

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stacy M Boyd, Deputy