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Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital

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### **HARRISON MEMORIAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATING SPAY DAY USA WITH CAT AND DOG SURGERIES ON FEBRUARY 24**

DENVER, Colorado, February 24, 2009 -- Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital is celebrating "Spay Day USA 2009" on Tuesday, February 24 by performing **cat and dog spays and neuters** (at a significantly subsidized cost) for pets that belong to people in need. As you may know, Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital is Colorado's largest non-profit animal hospital that serves low-income, disabled and senior pet owners and is now a program of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation.

Please join us on February 24 to meet some of the animals and people that will be helped by this event and meet the incredible volunteers that come to assist on this special day. Help us to get the word out about the importance of spaying and neutering pets and the problem of pet overpopulation as well as educate people about the important work being done for animals in need. The visuals will be aplenty with people bringing in their animals for the appointments, cat cages lined up and down the hallway, dogs on walks, staff running around busily, volunteers monitoring animals as they recover from surgery, etc. We will start at about 5 AM and go all day.

Please let me know if you can join us for **Spay Day 2009** and we will be sure to set you up with great segments for your newscast and important stories for your audience.

#### **FACTS ABOUT PET OVERPOPULATION:**

- Last year alone, over 43,000 pets were euthanized due to a shortage of adopting homes in Colorado
- Many animals are not being spayed or neutered, leading to random breeding
- In six years, a female dog and her offspring can produce up to 67,000 other dogs
- A female cat and her offspring can produce up to a startling 420,000 kittens in just seven years
- Educating animal owners about excess pet births and subsidizing spay/neuter programs in underserved areas can significantly curb pet overpopulation

Please use the contact information above to set up a segment or to learn more about Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital and Spay Day USA 2009.

*Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital is a program of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation and provides donor subsidized general veterinary care to low income, disabled and senior pet owners and spay/neuter services to all pet owners. Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital is Colorado's largest not-for-profit veterinary hospital.*