

**Sonoma County Animal Services Partnership
Spay / Neuter Workgroup – Meeting Notes**

June 5, 2014 11:00am-Noon
Forgotten Felines, Santa Rosa

In attendance: Andrea Agrella, Debbie Christian, Jennifer Kirchner, Janet Hendrickson, Dr. Nancy Walters & Becky Lunders

Topic	Discussion	Action/Decision
Compilation of Spay/Neuter Services	<p>The group likes the ASP Resource Guide compiled by county staff. The group wants to insert the list of spay and neuter services into the Resource Guide.</p> <p>Once we get a list of vets that are willing to offer “partner pricing” for reduced cost spay and neuter, we will include them in the directory as well. This is seen as a perk for vets to offer the reduced fee service and in turn get promoted through the ASP network.</p>	<p>Jennifer will send Becky the most up to date list for integration into the Resource Guide.</p> <p>Becky will get the change made to Forgotten Felines incorrect address in the directory.</p>
Vets & Pricing	<p>Nancy talked to the REVMA board about agreeing to a price for spay/neuter services, but that’s not possible (would be looked down upon by Better Business Bureau). As an alternative, Nancy will research what vets in Sonoma County are charging to get an idea of the range.</p> <p>Then she will put out an ask of what vets would be willing to offer services for a lower price. We brainstormed on adjectives (reasonably priced, value, discount, low-cost, partner pricing). All agreed to continue to think of other options for naming it.</p> <p>Nancy also is working on a brochure for post-surgery care that would be sponsored and endorsed by REVMA. This would be given out at vets and could also be given out at clinics to ensure consistent messaging and instructions. This would be a place to promote partnering vets.</p>	<p>Nancy will go the REVMA members to determine if we can get at least one vet in each community to offer a discounted price. In turn, we would promote their clinic as a place to go for spay-neuter in your community.</p> <p>We need to get the list RJ compiled to Dr. Walters.</p>
Clinics & Need	<p>The waiting list is back. Due to the loss of a vet and vet tech and the process of hiring a new vet, the Love Me Fix me program’s capacity is reduced. This has resulted in a backlog of large dogs on the waiting list. Right now, the wait time is up to about one month.</p> <p>This brought about the conversation that if we have vets willing to do spay/neuter for less, we could then refer people to them.</p>	<p>Janet volunteered to call people who have been on the list for a while as a customer service touch to ensure them that we are hoping to get them in soon and to provide them other options.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Agenda Items for next meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on waiting list • Update on REVMA relationship and partner vets • Spay Day 2015 	<p>Next meeting is Thursday, July 10th, from 11am-Noon at Forgotten Felines [1814 Empire Industrial Court, Santa Rosa].</p>