

CALENDAR LISTING

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BAY AREA HUMANE ORGANIZATIONS OFFER FREE SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES FOR PIT BULLS AND PIT BULL MIXES

***“Pit Fix Day 2005” to take place Saturday, March 26, 2005
from 7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at four major Bay Area humane organizations***

WHAT: Bay Area humane organizations are offering free spay/neuter surgeries on “Pit Fix Day 2005.” With a goal of 100 spay/neuter surgeries in the Bay Area, The East Bay SPCA, The San Francisco SPCA, Peninsula Humane Society and Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation are providing free spay/neuter surgeries to help curb the problem of pit bull overpopulation. The event is designed to encourage owners to spay or neuter their pit bulls and pit bull mixes.

While Bay Area communities have made great progress in decreasing overall animal euthanasia rates, pit bull overpopulation still remains a significant problem. Pit bulls represent the majority of dogs still being killed in Bay Area shelters due to lack of space. Pit Fix Day is just one of the many ways in which Bay Area animal welfare organizations work together to ensure that these animals don’t die needlessly.

WHEN: **Saturday, March 26, 2005**
Surgeries scheduled from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**WHERE/
PARTICIPATING
ORGANIZATIONS:** **The East Bay SPCA**
410 Hegenberger Loop (off of Interstate 880)
Oakland, CA 94621
Also offering special half-price vaccinations and microchipping

The San Francisco SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic
2500 16th Street (between Harrison and Bryant)
San Francisco, CA 94103
Also offering free microchipping, free nail trimming, discounts on harnesses and head collars and free choke collar/prongs trade-ins

Peninsula Humane Society
12 Airport Boulevard (off of Highway 101)
San Mateo, CA 94401

Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation
2890 Mitchell Drive (at the corner of Oak Grove Road)
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
Also offering free nail trimming and \$25 microchipping (includes registration)

COST: **Free**

PUBLIC INFO: **Appointments are necessary. To participate, pit bulls must be healthy and meet specific intake requirements. Animals are spayed or neutered in the morning and released to owners after 4:30 p.m. that same day. Please call 1-877-4-PITFIX (474-8349) for appointments and details about participating organizations in your community.**

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ABOUT:

The East Bay SPCA

The East Bay SPCA has been concerned with animal welfare for over 125 years. A provider of shelter, health care and adoption services for unwanted animals since 1874, the East Bay SPCA is committed to finding homes for adoptable cats and dogs, providing affordable veterinary and spay/neuter services, and educating the public on responsible pet ownership. For more information, call 925-479-9670 or visit <http://www.eastbayspca.org/>.

The San Francisco SPCA

The San Francisco SPCA is a nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to saving homeless dogs and cats, to providing lifesaving care and treatment to dogs and cats in need, to helping pets stay in loving homes, and to cultivating respect and awareness for the rights and needs of animals. Founded in 1868, The SF/SPCA is a national leader in saving lives and raising the status of companion animals. The SF/SPCA is preparing to build a world-class veterinary medical center and training facility, with construction slated to begin in 2005. For more information, visit www.sfspca.org.

Peninsula Humane Society

PHS/SPCA, a private non-profit organization guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals. Each year thousands of animals pass through the doors. The PHS provides a warm bed, nutritious food, veterinary care and a gentle touch for the lost, stray, unwanted and injured domestic and wild animals of the community. For more information call 650-340-8200 or visit www.peninsulahumanesociety.org.

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation

The Animal Rescue Foundation was created in 1991 by Tony and Elaine La Russa to address the needs of companion animals. Their vision for ARF is an organization that can not only aid abandoned and homeless animals, but also promote the concept that people's lives can be enhanced by strengthening the bonds between humans and animals. With these intertwined goals as the guiding principles, and an intention to become a national as well as local leader, ARF designed progressive programs for many populations including abused children, the elderly, victims of violence and others who can benefit from the healing contact of animals. For more information, call 925-256-1273 or visit <http://www.arf.net/>.

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