

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR NJ ANIMAL LOVERS

NJ Income Tax Check-off Option for Cat & Dog Spay/Neuter Funding is Here!

Over 37,000 dogs and cats are euthanized every year in NJ animal shelters and pounds!!!! That's the bad news. The good news is that "The Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter Fund", to help save the lives of NJ Dogs and Cats, is now one of NJ's Income Tax Check-Off Options!

The NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services Animal Population Control Program contracts with over 160 participating veterinary hospitals in NJ to provide spay/neuter services at either \$10 for animals owned by NJ residents on public assistance programs, or \$20 for those which have been adopted from NJ animal shelters/pounds or rescue groups. Current demand for this program far exceeds the available funding from NJ Animal Friendly License Plate sales & dog licensing surcharge fees. Your contributions through the new Income Tax Check-Off option will help fund more spay/neuter surgeries for NJ's dogs and cats and thereby reduce the number of animals euthanized every year in NJ. (More info at <http://nj.gov/health/cd/izdp/vph.shtml>)

PLEASE TELL YOUR TAX PREPARER THAT YOU WANT TO USE THIS NEWLY AVAILABLE OPTION. IF YOU HAVE A 2010 TAX FOLDER, PLEASE PUT THIS NOTE IN IT NOW, SO YOU WILL HAVE IT AT TAX TIME.

The latest information is that you will go to Line 63-"Other Designated Contribution" on the 2010 NJ Resident 1040, enter fund number "10" (for the "Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter Fund") and then enter the amount you wish to donate. (Once tax forms are available, be sure you have the intended fund number and be sure to indicate the amount you wish to donate.) Funds designated for spay/neuter services are overseen by the Governor's Domestic Companion Animal Council, a group of animal advocates established to make sure that the money collected will be used only for the purpose stated.

This is a chance for NJ animal lovers working together to make a big impact on the suffering inherent in the enormous problem of companion animal overpopulation. We can also help reduce the substantial costs now incurred by state and local governments trying to cope with the huge number of unwanted animals. Amid the many appeals you receive, please consider this one very seriously. EVERY SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY PREVENTS A WHOLE CHAIN OF FUTURE SUFFERING AND DEATH. Your donation, large or small, can make a real difference for those animals that need our help the most.

Thank you!