



**TULARE COUNTY
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**TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES RECEIVES \$28,687 GRANT
FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO FUEL SPAY AND NEUTER
EFFORTS IN TULARE COUNTY**

MORE THAN 440 ANIMALS TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIZED SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES

VISALIA, CA – Tulare County Animal Services announces it has recently received a \$28,687 grant from PetSmart Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in Tulare County. With the help of the grant, Tulare County Animal Services is offering spay and neuter assistance for owned pets in Tulare County.

“Tulare County Animal Services is extremely grateful to PetSmart Charities for this spay and neuter grant,” says Animal Services Division Manager Patrick Hamblin. “Tulare County has a pet overpopulation problem, and this grant will allow us to assist with the spaying and neutering of 441 animals for our residents.”

Tulare County has a high population of homeless pets, many who end up in local animal shelters. Spaying and neutering is a proven, effective way to keep animal population numbers limited. This grant will subsidize 441 spay and/or neuter surgeries for owned pets of all Tulare County residents. There is a limit of two subsidized surgeries per resident or address.

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness. Since 1994, the organization has granted more than \$100 million to support spay and neuter efforts across the United States.

“Tulare County Animal Services continues to be a vital resource for the local community,” said Jenny Aho, Regional Relationship Manager at PetSmart Charities. “We are thrilled to support its work to proactively reduce the homeless pet population through this affordable spay and neuter initiative.”

For more information about the spay/neuter clinic, county residents can visit or call Tulare County Animal Services at: 14131 Avenue 256, Visalia, CA 93292; (559) 636-4050 and tcanimalservices.org.

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About Tulare County Animal Services

The Tulare County Animal Services Division strives to improve the safety and quality of life for the animals and residents of Tulare County by providing the following services:

- Reducing the dangers and nuisances caused by irresponsible pet ownership through implementing and enforcing ordinances
- Providing food and shelter for unwanted, stray, sick, and injured animals
- Protecting pets from abuse, neglect, and homelessness through education and ordinance enforcement
- Responding to emergencies, including dog bites, vicious animals, reports of animal neglect, and public complaints
- Reducing animal overpopulation by promoting and providing spay/neutering services and educating the public on appropriate pet care
- Dog and kennel licensing services
- Microchipping services

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc., is committed to finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps to find forever homes and families for more than 500,000 shelter pets each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to nonprofits aligned with its mission. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, granting more than \$390 million since its inception in 1994. Independent from PetSmart, Inc., PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization that has received the Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a third-party organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 16 years in a row—placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more, visit www.petsmartcharities.org.

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