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Friends of the Animals Opens New Community Spay & Neuter Clinic to Address Pet Overpopulation

[Medford, OR] — [March 1, 2025] — Friends of the Animals (FOTAS), a dedicated non-profit advocate for animal welfare in the Rogue Valley for over 34 years, is pleased to announce the opening of its new **Friends of the Animals Community Spay & Neuter Clinic**. The Clinic was established as a vital resource aimed at reducing pet overpopulation.

The new clinic, located at 3265 Biddle Rd, in Medford, offers spay and neuter services for both dogs and cats, as well as a selection of recommended ancillary services at the time of surgery. With the support of local donors and FOTAS volunteers, this initiative is designed to help alleviate the strain on local shelters and provide long-term solutions to the pet overpopulation crisis. In addition to the Clinic offering spay/neuter services to the general public, it has created a Volume Partner Program spanning the 5-county area. The program provides accessible spay/neuter services to qualifying Shelters and non-profit animal rescue groups in an effort to speed up the adoption process for homeless dogs and cats, and reduce the number of animals entering shelters. Pricing for these groups has been reduced to help support these important animal welfare organizations.

The Clinic's first official day of surgeries to the public is March 1. Based on staff availability, the clinic will initially be open Friday – Sunday, with the goal to expand to 5 days a week as they continue to recruit until fully-staffed. An easy-to-access online scheduling portal is available on their website at www.fotasclinic.org. Initially, the schedule offers appointments through April. The public is encouraged to check the website frequently as the Clinic will be adding days, and additional capacity per day as soon as they are able. Announcements will be posted on the website, Instagram and Facebook whenever the schedule is increased. (Facebook: [/fotasclinic](https://www.facebook.com/fotasclinic), Instagram: [@fotasclinic](https://www.instagram.com/fotasclinic))

The Clinic is following the ASPCA's National Best Practices protocols for safety and the highest quality of care. The staff has spent February training the medical team and volunteers, while launching their Volume Partner Program. Animals fostered in FOTAS homes, shelters from Josephine County and multiple rescue groups from the Rogue Valley participated during the February training.

Surgery costs for the public have been set at the lowest possible rates, while covering the costs to operate the Clinic. "Creating the Clinic has been a monumental endeavor for FOTAS," states Board President, Becky Cohn. "While we are committed to creating this community resource, we also need to be able to keep the lights on. The surgery fees have been set as low as possible at this time. We are prepared to go the distance and make this Clinic a major resource for the Rogue Valley community, and neighboring counties in Oregon and northern California," states Becky. "Creating The Friends of the Animals Community Spay & Neuter Clinic is at the foundation of our Mission."

The Friends of the Animals Community Spay & Neuter Clinic offers the following services:

- Owned dog and cat spay/neuters
- Volume Partner services for
 - Shelter dog and cat spay/neuters
 - Rescue organization dog and cat spay/neuters
- Ancillary services (at time of surgery)
 - Vaccinations
 - Microchipping
 - Bundled Wellness Packages
 - Basic Pet Care `A La Carte Services

About Friends of the Animals

Friends of the Animals (FOTAS) was founded in 1991 to provide a volunteer base to support Jackson County Animal Shelter programs. Their purpose was to help get animals adopted faster, while improving the quality of life while they wait. Over the past 34 years, FOTAS has built a volunteer base of approximately 200 and continues to walk, train and socialize Shelter dogs 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

Additional programs FOTAS has created to support animal welfare efforts:

- Provides nurturing “homes between homes” before adoption through their **Cat & Dog Foster Programs** (www.fotas.org/foster)
- Adopts FOTAS fostered dogs and cats out of foster homes and at monthly collaborative adoption events, such as the **Feline Fair** at the Rogue Valley Mall (www.fotas.org/feline-fair) and Dog Adoptions at local business locations.
- Contributes toward pet health and safety through their monthly **Low-Cost Vaccination and Microchip Clinics** (www.fotas.org/clinics)
- Provides continuous emotional and physical support for the animals at the Jackson County Animal Shelter (www.fotas.org/volunteer)

Additional Funding

The FOTAS Community Spay & Neuter Clinic is seeking financial support from individuals, organizations, and businesses that want to support increasing access to spay/neuter for local animal lovers to help achieve the goal of reducing pet overpopulation.

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