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Altering our Community – Successful Spay/Neuter Clinic at VCA Wakefield

June 8, 2008 – On one of June's dog days of summer with the temperatures soaring, it was truly a day for cats. Thirty-six of them, in fact, were the focus of the efforts of VCA staff and PAWS volunteers.

Thanks to Drs. Astrid Kruse, David Rousseau, and Samantha Simonelli of VCA Wakefield who generously donated their time and expertise to the PAWS Spay and Neuter Clinic. Technicians Amanda Caprigno, Amy Archer, Elaine Ferrera, Kerri Bailey and Tegan Cody were instrumental in making the day run smoothly. A special note of recognition goes to Amanda Caprigno who managed the hospital side of the clinic and did an amazing job, and PAWS volunteers Elaine Leahy, Ellie Hulse, and Sue DiMeo who organized animals, pet caretakers, and paperwork.

PAWS invited the Stoneham Cat Society and the Woburn Feral Cat Coalition to participate in Sunday's clinic. All three organizations are working together to help control the population of unwanted cats in our communities.

PAWS volunteers shuttled the pets to and from the hospital, monitored them while they woke up from anesthesia, and provided food for the day-long endeavor. The volunteers included Elaine Leahy, Sue DiMeo, Irene Foley, Kathy Devlin, Diane Hammerbeck, Donna Ralphs, Lori Damiano, and Pam Nickerson.

About VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital

VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital offers a full range of general medical and surgical services for companion animals, including cats, dogs, birds, ferrets, rabbits, reptiles, and rodents. The Hospital treats diseases and injuries, provides pharmaceutical products and pet foods, and offers a variety of pet wellness programs, including routine vaccinations, health examinations, diagnostic testing, neutering, and dental care.

About PAWS

PAWS is an all-volunteer animal welfare organization founded by Esther Nowell in 1982. PAWS responds to animal-related needs in Wakefield, Reading, Stoneham, Woburn, and surrounding communities. The mission of PAWS is to:

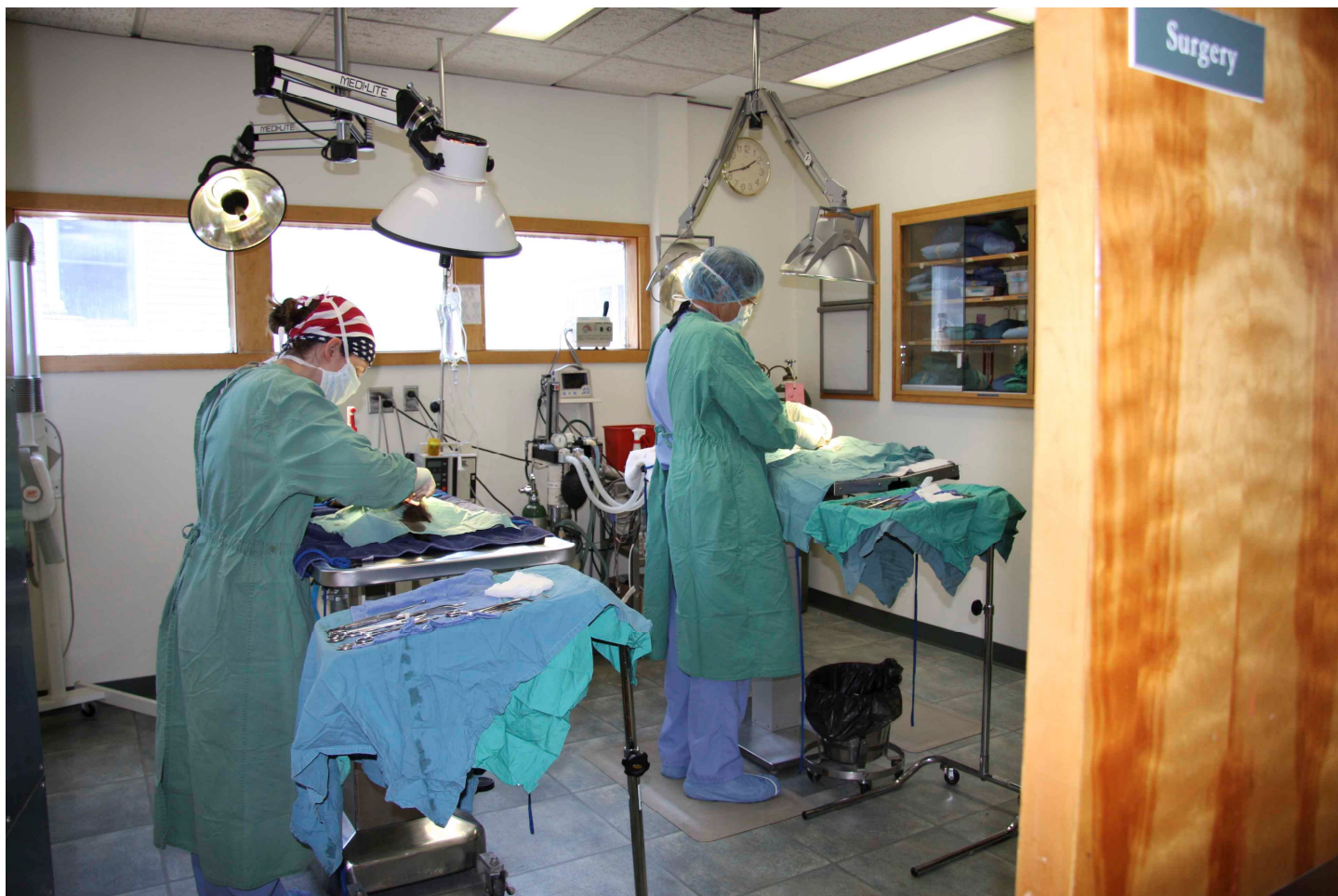
- promote and protect the rights and well-being of all domestic animals and wildlife, and
- foster a greater understanding of animal welfare and animal rights through education.

PAWS receives no local, state or federal funding. All programs are funded by membership dues, adoption services, annual fundraising efforts, and kind donations from friends and members.

Pics and Captions

Pic #1 (jpg via email)

Caption: *The compassionate doctors at VCA Wakefield lending a helping hand*



Pic 2 (jpg via email)

Caption: Altering our community 36 cats at a time

