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Spay, Neuter and Vaccinate

April 3, 2009 - Tucson AZ: While spring and summer are particularly busy times for the arrival of new puppies and kittens, by June or July our facility will be full of misplaced animals and unwanted litters of dogs and cats. Sadly, the Pima Animal Care Center is already beginning to see a rise in unwanted litters and animals. We are urging everyone to spay and neuter their pets. There are many low cost spay/neuter services available, and assistance is offered for low income households.

It is critically important to protect your animals from disease by vaccinating them. Rabies vaccinations, given by a licensed veterinarian, are not only a necessity in Pima County but are a legal requirement for dogs, along with a license. Other prevalent diseases are Distemper and Parvovirus, both of which are highly contagious and can kill. In cats, Feline Viral Rhinotrachitis, Calicivirus and Panleukopenia are the three most common. These are highly contagious diseases which vaccinations can help to prevent.

If you are thinking of adopting a pet, please come and visit us. All animals adopted are altered, vaccinated and many are ready to go home immediately. Remember, each one of our animals was once somebody's new puppy or kitten.

We are located at 4000 N.Silverbell Road. Shelter adoption hours are Monday through Saturday 10am until 5pm and Noon until 4pm on Sundays. For further information as well as photographs of some of our adoptable animals, please visit our website at [http://www.pimaanimalcare.org/](http://www.pimaanimalcare.org) or call 243-5900.

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