

Spay Day Results

Find out what happened during Spay Day 2009

The Humane Society of the United States

The 15th annual Spay Day USA took place on Feb. 24, 2009, with events in honor of Spay Day taking place throughout the month of February.

38,168 reported spays and neuters

Three hundred eighty-two event organizers in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, along with the help of thousands of volunteers, worked together to host 498 events designed to help end the tragedy of euthanizing homeless pets. Together they reported that 38,168 animals—mostly cats and dogs, but also rabbits and one hamster—were spayed or neutered during Spay Day 2009. This represents a 17 percent increase over the 32,509 spays and neuters reported during Spay Day 2008.

Rhode Island was the only state not represented during Spay Day 2009. Sixty-one event organizers registered events but did not report their results.

Photo contest

Through the 2009 Spay Day Online Pet Photo contest, generous contestants donated more than half a million dollars to benefit the spay/neuter efforts of The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association's Field Services program and Humane Society International, as well as those of 173 eligible U.S. and 30 eligible international Spay Day event organizers. The benefitting U.S. Spay Day event organizers estimate they will be able to spay or neuter up to an additional 7,361 cats and dogs with the more than one quarter of a million dollars donated to them.

Did you take photos of your Spay Day 2009 event? Be sure to [post your Spay Day 2009 photos and view those of others!](#) (Tag your photos "spayday2009")

Highlights

Mutts® comic strip creator and HSUS board member Patrick McDonnell dedicated his Mutts strip dated Feb. 24, 2009 Spay Day.

The Doris Day Animal Foundation again generously provided a special Spay Day grant so the pets of owners in financial need could receive spay/neuter surgery. In 2008 DDAF's grant allowed for 884 surgeries to be performed in 10 states. This year's grant allowed for 1,571 pets to be spayed or neutered in eleven states! Very special thanks to the people who administered the grant in each of the states:

Alabama: Donald Kendrick, Spay Alabama (97 surgeries)

Colorado: Wendy Haugen, Spay Colorado: Foundation for Protection of Animals (90 surgeries)

Florida: Linda Hamilton, Animal Coalition of Tampa (569 surgeries)

Indiana: Karla Kamstra, Indiana Spay/Neuter Alliance: Pets ALIVE (119 surgeries)

Maine: Susan Hall, Spay Maine (62 surgeries)

Michigan: Amber Sitko, Spay Michigan: All About Animals Rescue (87 surgeries)

Mississippi: Elaine Adair, MS-SPAN (145 surgeries)

Texas: Carrie Kuehl, SPAY/TEXAS (113 surgeries)

Vermont: Pamela Krausz, VT-CAN! (119 surgeries)

Washington: Angela Scheres, Spay Washington: SpokAnimal CARE (119 surgeries)

Wisconsin: Jill Kline, Spay Wisconsin: Wisconsin Humane Society (51 surgeries)

Total surgeries made possible by the Doris Day Animal Foundation: 1,571

Thanks to Spay Day sponsors [IDEXX Laboratories](#), [Petplan Pet Insurance](#), [ZooToo.com Shelter Makeover](#), and [Pet Pals: New Leash on Life](#) for making the 2009 Spay Day Online Pet Photo Contest possible.