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HEAD: Johnson College to Provide Spay and Neuter Services

The Animal Care Center at Johnson College will provide discounted spaying and neutering services for dogs and cats to income-eligible residents of Lackawanna County on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 7am-5pm.

The surgeries will be performed by area veterinarians who will donate their time for the benefit of our local residents and their pets. Interested pet owners may obtain an application by calling the Animal Care Center at (570) 702-8961 or visiting www.johnson.edu.

The discounted fees are: \$40.00 for female cats, \$30.00 for male cats, and \$45.00 for both male and female dogs. Applicants must have an annual income of less than \$25,000 and submit an application by February 10, 2009.

According to Dr. Rosemary Cook, chair of the Veterinary Technology department at Johnson College and director of the Animal Care Center, the Spay & Neuter Day is being held in support of national Spay Day USA. "Spaying or neutering all of our animal companions is the only way to prevent surplus births and the misery of homeless animals that often end up losing their lives," stated Cook. "Spayed or neutered pets usually enjoy better health and behavior, guardians save on vet bills, and the community saves on the high cost of caring for stray animals."

Cats should weigh a minimum of five pounds; there is no minimum age requirement. Eligible applicants will be contacted by the Animal Care Center with appointment information. Spaying and neutering will take place in the Veterinary Science Building on the Johnson College campus, 3427 N. Main Avenue, Scranton.

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