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### *Animal Shelter Celebrating World Spay Day all February*

In celebration of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual “World Spay Day,” qualifying Escambia County residents can receive assistance for low cost spay and neuter services during the month of February. In collaboration with Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare and Jury-Duty Spay and Neuter, Escambia County Animal Services will spay or neuter pets for half price, for the first 200 eligible citizens. While they will have the entire month of February, pet owners are encouraged to apply early. There will also be a drawing for those participating, to win pet gift baskets with treats and toys for either dogs or cats, valued at \$75.

Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare, led by President Dorothy Kaser, has sponsored “World Spay Day” for the past 18 years at the shelter, as well as providing educational materials. This year Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare is joined by Jury-Duty Spay and Neuter, led by its founders Cynthia and Gregory Farrar, who have helped in the spaying and neutering of 4,000 animals over the past 8 years.

“We are excited to be working with such committed partners who encourage responsible pet ownership,” said Shelter Manager, Delfi Messinger. “World Spay Day is a great way to engage the community in reducing the overpopulation of unwanted pets.”

To schedule the surgery, residents must verify that their household income qualifies them, provide proof of rabies vaccination and bring in the pet for a brief exam. The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. for visits, questions and to check eligibility for the program. For additional information, visit the shelter at 200 West Fairfield Drive, call the shelter at 595-3075, or visit online at [www.myescambia.com](http://www.myescambia.com).

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