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February is National Pet Spay and Neuter Awareness Month

February is National Pet Spay and Neuter Awareness month. The Kearney Police Department and the Kearney Area Animal Shelter are partnering up to encourage all pet owners to take this opportunity to have their pet spayed or neutered. Thanks to many local vets, you can now get your pet spayed or neutered in February and receive 20% off. Not only does spaying and neutering decrease the overpopulation of cats and dogs in animal control facilities, there are direct benefits to both the pet and owner. According to the Humane Society of the United States, "getting your pet spayed or neutered can improve your pet's health, reduce unruly behavior and save on the cost of pet care." Additionally, having a pet spayed or neutered tends to extend their lifespan between 18%-23%.

Kearney Area Animal Shelter had over 885 animals enter their facilities in 2017. Kearney Police Department impounded 336 of those animals. Add those to the shelters across the nation and you recognize why there are more than 4 times as many cats and dogs as there are humans in America. These high numbers are the result of unwanted and unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

The following vet clinics in Kearney have agreed to help us help you become a responsible pet owner by honoring the 20% off Spay/ Neuter coupon during the month of February:

- Cottonwood Vet Clinic
- Hilltop Pet Clinic
- West Villa Animal Hospital
- Riverside Animal Hospital
- Northgate Veterinary Clinic

Coupons are available at the Kearney Area Animal Shelter, 3205 W. Hwy 30, Kearney, NE, on their website www.kearneyanimalshelter.com or their Facebook page.

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