



Animals given away for free can, and unfortunately often do, meet gruesome fates. They can end up in the hands of animal abusers like Barry Herbeck, a Wisconsin man who was convicted of torturing and killing animals he obtained through "free to a good home" ads. He confessed to taking his kids with him when responding to the ads so that people would be comfortable turning animals over to him. People known as "benchers," who obtain animals illegally from random sources to sell to research facilities for profit, often acquire animals by answering "free to a good home" ads. Small animals advertised as "free to a good home" are sometimes acquired by individuals who intend to use them as bait in training other animals to fight. Gerbils, hamsters, and young kittens are often acquired to be used as snake food. The best solution is to prevent those litters to begin with. Free puppies and kittens take away homes from shelter pets that will be euthanized. Don't add to overpopulation. Please spay/neuter and NEVER give away a pet! Get proof of name and address and always charge a fee.

JUST ONE LITTER-RECONSIDER
1 male dog, 1 female dog and their offspring can produce 4,372 puppies in 7 years. Alter your pet before it's too late!



JUST ONE LITTER-THINK AGAIN
1 male cat, 1 female cat and their offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in 7 years. That is not a typo! 420,000

For Spay/Neuter Assistance

APPLE VALLEY Did you know that when you license your dog for \$55.00 **Apple Valley Animal Control** will give you a FREE voucher good for 60 days from the purchase date of the license? You then take your dog to a participating vet. Call 240-7555 for more info.

VICTORVILLE Did you know that when you license your dog for \$50.00 **Victorville Animal Control** will give you a voucher good for up to \$100 for spay/neuter at a participating vet. Call 955-5089 for more info or e-mail lmcroberts@ci.victorville.ca.us and ask about FREE cat vouchers.

County Available to all residents of the unincorporated areas of **San Bernardino County**, the spay/neuter vouchers have a maximum value of \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats. The pet owner will be responsible for any charges above these amounts. However, there are pet assistance groups that may be able to help those who may be financially burdened with additional charges. For more information or to find out if you qualify for the voucher program or financial assistance, call (877)44POPCO.

Pet Partners– Victor Valley Area
Subsidy made possible by the Bargain Boutique Thrift Shop by Las Brisas in Apple Valley. Pet Partners (760-247-5312) provides funds toward spay and neuter and may be used in combination with other assistance if you are in need. Special help for pregnant companion animals. Feral Cat program provides for free spay/neuter of FERAL cats. Call for details on humane traps and guidelines.

Victor Valley Project Snowflake made possible by **North Star Pet Assistance** (formerly Local Rescue). We provide referrals to existing programs first. If you are not eligible or still need further assistance we will work with you to assure that your pet is altered. If you are a private party and would like to sponsor a spay or neuter for this program please contact us. The more sponsors we have the more pets we can help get to the vet. E mail us at localrescue@aol.com or leave a message at 760-240-7241. Visit www.localrescue.org for full details.

Actors and Others subsidizes spay/neuter procedures as well as other medical surgeries for pet companions of seniors, the handicapped and others living on fixed income. REFERRAL SERVICE. Spay/neuter assistance for **Pit Bulls and Pit mixes** (must be your pet) **All Areas So Cal**. Call 818) 755-6045 (818) 755-6323 HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit www.actorsandothers.com for full details

Still need help– Call the No More Homeless Pets Victor Valley spay/neuter hotline at 760-243-6391
Log on to www.localrescue.org/spay.htm for more info. **Flyer provided by North Star Pet Assistance (formerly Local Rescue)**

All info subject to change. Please call to verify current offers and programs. Info current at time of publication.