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ARL Spay Waggin' Services Expand to Middleborough

Dog Owner Spared Significant Expense

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) Spay Waggin' expanded its services this week, adding Middleborough to its list of rotating stops throughout the South Shore, South Coast and Cape Cod.

The mobile clinic offers high-quality, low-cost spay and neuter services and in addition to Middleborough, rotating stops also include Brockton, Falmouth, New Bedford, North Dartmouth, Plymouth, Taunton, and Wareham.

The Spay Waggin's inaugural stop in Middleborough was a success and met with enthusiasm from clients.

"This is great, I can drop off my cat in the morning, go to work, and pick her up in the afternoon," said one excited pet owner. "It couldn't be easier, and I can afford it."

For many pet owners, affordability can be a major hurdle -- one Middleborough client was able to avoid that hurdle, saving hundreds in the process, just by bringing her dog to ARL's mobile unit.

The one-year-old yellow lab puppy needed to be neutered, however the fact that his testicles had not yet descended made it a more invasive surgery. Such a surgery could run upwards of \$1,500 at other pet wellness facilities.

"The goal of the Spay Waggin' is to bring these high-quality, low-cost services to the communities where they're needed," said ARL Medical Director of Community and Shelter

Medicine, Dr. Kyle Quigley. "For this dog's surgery, it was an upcharge of just \$80 because it was a little more invasive, which saved the client in the neighborhood of \$1,000."

Performing more than 50,000 spay and neuter surgeries since 2,000, the need for low-cost, highquality services remains high and ARL is excited to be able to help more animals in need and the people who care for them.

"For many, having their pet spayed or neutered is cost-prohibitive," Dr. Quigley said. "With eight rotating stops along the South Shore, South Coast and Cape Cod, ARL will be able to help even more families afford this important procedure for their pets."

The Spay Waggin' is by appointment only, and to book an appointment call 1-877-590-SPAY (7729). For appointment questions or any other inquiry – email <u>spaywaggin@arlboston.org</u>.

For cats, fees are \$95 for females, \$75 for males and includes:

- Veterinary exam
- Spay or neuter
- Rabies vaccine
- Feline distemper vaccine
- Treatment for fleas, ear mites, and intestinal parasites
- Nail Trim

Fees for dogs under 50 pounds are \$200 for females, \$200 for males; for dogs 50-65 pounds, it's \$300 for females, and \$250 for males. Spay and neuter package includes:

- Veterinary exam
- Spay or neuter
- Rabies vaccine
- Canine distemper vaccine
- Nail trim

Photos at below link: Dr. Kyle Quigley performs surgery; crowd waiting to drop off animals; Spay Waggin' with Middleborough Town Hall in background

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