

# WHAT IS C.A.R.E.?

Colorado Animal Rescue Express (C.A.R.E.) is a transport service that moves dogs and cats in Midwest shelters to rescue groups and adoptive homes in Colorado. From June 2007 through April 20, 2009, over 3,900 animals have been moved to safety.

CARE volunteers, all unpaid, have driven more than 230,000 miles to save the lives of loving companion animals. C.A.R.E. has also established Jake's Fund to help cover the costs of sterilization and other medical procedures to prepare the animals for rescue. The Denver based non-profit organization is a 501(C)3 public charity. C.A.R.E. is funded solely by donations, grants, and fundraisers.

Learn more at [www.caretransport.org](http://www.caretransport.org)

## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS

- + Adopt from shelters and rescues
- + Spay and neuter their animals
- + Microchip and tag their animals
- + Provide safe containment for their pets when outside
- + Visit veterinarians for annual checkups and sick visits
- + Adhere to veterinarian's advised recommendations for vaccinations
- + Provide quality food, adequate water, and exercise



Donations can be made online:

[www.caretransport.org](http://www.caretransport.org)

Checks can be mailed to C.A.R.E.

5276 S. Hanover Way, Englewood, CO 80111  
Federal Tax ID 26-0569780

## HELP END THE PET OVERPOPULATION CRISIS

*Spay and Neuter Your Animals*

# OVERPOPULATION IS THE #1 KILLER OF COMPANION ANIMALS AND BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING SHELTERS.

*Between 6 and 8 million dogs and cats enter U.S. shelters annually, and nearly half of these animals are euthanized because they cannot be placed in homes.*

Pet overpopulation is a problem because of uncontrolled breeding. Now, our troubled economy is making the crisis even worse. Job losses, foreclosures, and tightened credit have made it harder for people to adopt as well as to keep their pets. More animals are being turned over to shelters and there are too many animals competing for too few homes. Tragically, millions of wonderful pets are being euthanized in shelters each year. C.A.R.E. believes the statistics reported by The Humane Society of the United States are low because smaller and rural shelters often do not report euthanasia numbers.

Communities also suffer the consequences of the pet overpopulation epidemic. Public tax dollars are spent investigating animal cruelty and neglect cases, sheltering homeless and lost animals, and providing animal control officers to safely capture strays or pick up animals injured or killed on the roads. Also, stray animals pose a health threat to other companion animals, wildlife, and humans.

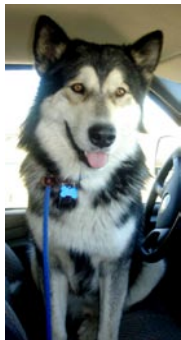
## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS.

There is a lot of misinformation about spaying and neutering companion animals.

**MISCONCEPTION:** Only female cats and dogs need to be spayed.

**FACT:** An unneutered male, roaming freely, can sire thousands of offspring in 10 years. That's because a fertile dog can produce 2 litters per year, with an average of 6 to 10 puppies each. A fertile cat can produce 3 litters annually, averaging 4-6 cats per litter. One cat and her kittens can produce more than 420,000 cats in about 7 years! One mother dog and her pups can produce close to 67,000 dogs over a 6 year span. (Source: Humane Society of US Overpopulation Estimates reported on July 7, 2008)



**MISCONCEPTION:** Having a cat or dog altered will change its personality.

**FACT:** If changes occur, they will be positive. Sterilization reduces aggressive tendencies and other behavior issues such as “spraying” or “marking.” Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to roam, get in fights with other animals, and bite people. Male cats and dogs tend to become less territorial. Usually, it takes up to 8 weeks for the hormones to subside in neutered males. After the spay surgery, females will no longer go into heat.

**MISCONCEPTION:** Spaying and neutering are expensive.

**FACT:** For many pet owners, the cost of sterilization is truly a hardship. Several factors influence the cost: spays are most costly than neuters, the size and weight may influence cost, and surgery expense varies by location. Spay and neuter procedures usually occur in veterinarian offices, specialized clinics, and in customized mobile units. Local programs across the country provide low-cost spay and neuter and financial assistance. Your vet or local shelter may be able to give you information about low-cost options in your area. Also, SPAY/USA is a national referral network. Call 1-800-248-SPAY or visit [www.spayusa.org](http://www.spayusa.org) to locate low-cost sterilization options through affordable veterinarians and programs in your area.

**MISCONCEPTION:** Sterilization provides no health benefits.

**FACT:** A spay before the first heat lowers the risk for mammary cancer and eliminates the possibility for uterine and ovarian cancers. Early neutering can prevent testicular cancer and prostate disease. Sterilization offers you more healthy and enjoyable years with your pet.



## C.A.R.E. Urges You To Help

“In working to find rescue groups and homes to accept shelter animals, we see daily how critical the pet overpopulation problem has become. It’s heartbreaking and at a crisis level. We’re convinced the most important step pet owners can take—and must take—is to spay and neuter their pets. It is the most effective, humane and permanent solution to pet overpopulation.”

-Lisa Mendelsberg and Linda Fox

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**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION THAT ENDS THE SUFFERING AND EUTHANASIA OF HOMELESS PETS.**

**SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!!!**

**– Be proud you are not contributing to the population of unwanted animals.**

