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Program in Michigan Seeks Vet Participation

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All About Animals Rescue, a nonprofit that finds homes for dogs and cats and sponsors spay/neuter and vaccination clinics, is looking for veterinarians interested in participating in its new Spay Michigan program.

Through the program, pet owners can call 888-5SPAY-HELP and be directed to discounted spay/neuter services throughout the state. Participating veterinarians will work with a voucher system and perform the services for about \$50 per cat and \$80 per dog, on average.



This is the first statewide pet spay/neuter hotline, a much needed resource as poor economic conditions make it difficult for many pet owners to afford sterilization, said Amber Sitko, the group's founder and president.

"We believe that most pet owners want to be responsible," Sitko said. "However, for many, it is a financial burden to do so. We are hoping the Spay Michigan hotline provides a way of reaching out to those pet owners who could use a hand."

The goal is to reduce the number of homeless and unwanted pets, which thousands end up in Michigan shelters and are euthanized each year, according to Sitko.

The program will be promoted through special T-shirts designed by <u>Nooters Club</u> of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., which creates apparel and gifts advocating pet spay and neuter. Proceeds go to All About Animals Rescue.

For details and to receive a veterinarian participation kit, call 586-879-1745, email allaboutanimalsrescue@yahoo.com or visit their website.