

SB 5329/HB 1406: Companion Animal Spay/Neuter Assistance Legislation
Sample of Email from Supporters of the Bill
www.savewashingtonpets.org

From: Judy R.

Message: I would like to get involved in this matter. I live on a dead end street in the country and people feel that my area is the place to drop off cats and dogs. I have three beautiful kittens that need a chance at life that someone felt the need to drop off at my gate. I am on a fixed income and need this service myself so I can keep these kittens and help relocate any other animal that is dropped off at my gate.

From: Dolores A.

Message: I support a spay/neuter bill. I have between 15 and 20 feral cats that I feed. I would like to get them spayed and neutered but there are not vets in this area that do it at low or no cost for feral cats. I would like to get it done before spring but I live in Yakima and the weather makes it impossible for me to take them to the western side of the state.

From: Jacque G.

Message: I would like to request information for the Spokane Washington area. We are volunteers that TNR feral cats and foster kittens, etc... We would like to do anything possible to help these helpless animals and to help with the expense of the spay/neuters of feral cats. We have spayed and neutered 84 cats this past two weeks. Thank you for all of your efforts in helping these helpless cats.

From: Kona S.

Message: Hello, I live in Vancouver Washington, about 2 years ago I took in a stray cat someone left behind, as it turns out she was pregnant, I was able to find homes for all but two cats, so now I have 4 cats two kittens 6 mos and 2 adults 2 years, I have been searching and searching for a low cost or free spay and neutering program with no luck. It is very upsetting that there is no help out there for low income families. I don't want to take them to the humane society, but If I can't get them fixed, and they keep having babies I will have no choice. I am a single mother of 3 children and 4 cats, my hands are already very full, I don't know what I will do if mama cat gets pregnant AGAIN!!

From: Jodie F.

Message: I began spaying/neutering stray & feral cats and stray dogs in 1993. Obviously there is a problem when so many people need to be educated about spaying/neutering. I have spent thousands of dollars out of my own pocket having animals altered. I can no longer help in that capacity due to health/financial reasons, but if there were more low cost surgeries available, I feel I would be able to help again. I know a LOT of rescue people, and we all feel inundated; there is NO END to pets that are destroyed daily due to lack of homes/lack of spaying/lack of neutering. It is very stressful for all those involved, most especially the pets stuck on death row.

From: Linda D.

Message: I really support this, and will do what I can to help. There are many cats here in Kitsap County that need help with spay/neuter. I'm trying to help as many as I can but just don't have enough money, time or s/n apts. to help them all as I would like to. This would really help.

From: Lisa Marie P.

Message: Please add me to your list! I am in need of having two female small dogs, and one male small dog fixed NOW. I do not know how I am going to afford it! I only have \$400 income. I live in Vancouver, WA. If you can tell me who to contact for spay/neutering my little ones I would be so very grateful!

From: Lori K.

Message: I would whole-heartedly support this bill. We live out of town on a major highway (26) and we are a prime spot for "drop-offs". A few times the dogs have been pregnant. We just recently had two dropped off and they ended up having 23 puppies(lab/shepherd). They are never small dogs either. I joined pet rescue to help support them, and when I went to the vet to ask if they could give me a break on spaying/neutering, they said, no. At times we have 4-10 drop-offs in a year. I am a full-time student and my husband is disabled, we can not afford to fix everyone else's responsibilities. There needs to be a program for affordable "fixing". I get the \$20 off through pet rescue and I pass them out to everyone I know that has pets. But \$20 is not much when it cost \$180 to fix a pet, and your monthly income is \$800.

From: Brianne D.

Message: My husband and I have a female stray that we found at our home. We have been wanting to get her fixed, as she's had two litters already, but we just can't afford to get her fixed or our other dogs. We live pretty much just on my husband's SSI check every month. So this bill would definitely benefit us. I would love to get updated information on the bill.

From: Cindy B.

Message: Please help the dogs and cats of Washington. I have 5 little dogs and I need help to get them fixed. I love them like family and so do my kids. It cost so much to fix dogs and cats that a lot of people can't do it. If people could get help there would be a lot less unwanted animals.

From: Chris A.

Message: We here in eastern WA (Spokane area) are in desperate need of your state spay/neuter bill. Ours is a small animal rights group and the area has just three shelters and one overloaded low cost spay/neuter organization. I am in my 80s and am the "executive secretary" of the our animal advocates group. There are no other animal rights groups on his side of the state and local shelters are all small and do desperately need spay/neuter legislation.