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PIMA COUNTY, May 21, 2024 – <u>Friends of Pima Animal Care Center</u> and <u>PACC</u> will offer free spay/neuter surgeries for large dogs across Pima County June 4-8.

The event, dubbed "Big Fix," is part of Friends of PACC's new Spay/Neuter Support project, which is designed to help reduce future shelter overcrowding. June's event will feature

seven spay/neuter clinics in targeted areas with a demonstrated need based on PACC data. Surgeries will be performed by PACC's vets in the mobile medical unit, Karen's Karing Van, and by <u>Asavet Charities</u>.

The clinics will take place:

- · Tuesday, June 4
  - Primavera Foundation. (Registration full.)
- Wednesday, June 5
  - El Güero Canelo, 2480 N. Oracle Road, Tucson. First-come, first-served starting at 8 a.m. 40 spots available.
  - Youth on Their Own (old location), 1642 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson. *First-come, first-served starting at 8 a.m. 35 spots available.*
- Thursday, June 6
  - San Miguel High School, 6601 San Fernando Ave. *First-come, first-served starting at 8 a.m. 35 spots available.*
  - El Güero Canelo. (Registration full.)
- · Saturday, June 8
  - Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic, 5408 S. 12th Ave., Tucson. First-come, first-served starting at 8 a.m. 35 spots available.
  - San Miguel High School. (Registration full.)

The June clinics are only for large breed dogs (dogs who currently weigh 40+ pounds or puppies who will reach an adult weight of 40+ pounds), as they are the most likely to come into PACC and other shelters, wait the longest to find homes, and face overcrowding.

Registration for the first-come, first-served clinics begins at 8 a.m. at each location. Pet families should plan to arrive early. Complimentary services include standard spay/neuter surgery, vaccines, microchip, and a cone.

For more information about Friends of PACC and the Big Fix, visit <u>friendsofpacc.org</u>. For more information about PACC, visit <u>pima.gov/animalcare</u>.

#### Important advance information for participants

- · Vaccines available for surgery patients only.
- · Limit 2 dogs per household.
- No food after midnight (the morning of surgery). Pets under five months of age do not need to fast.
- All dogs must be on a leash or in a pet carrier.
- All dogs must be a minimum of two months old and weigh at least two pounds.
- Open to all Pima County residents, except those who live in Marana and Sahuarita.
- Not available to rescue groups.
- Dogs in heat are acceptable (as are pregnant dogs). It is recommended the owner purchase pain medication for \$15 for dogs in heat. For specialty situations, such as existing pregnancy, charges might apply.

The Big Fix is sponsored by <u>Friends of Pima Animal Care Center</u>. Friends of PACC is the official nonprofit, philanthropic partner of Pima Animal Care Center. Its mission is to support Pima Animal Care Center and enhance its efforts to save the lives of pets in need. Their vision is that every pet served by Pima Animal Care Center is supported with the resources needed for a safe, healthy, and happy future. Follow Friends of PACC on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

<u>Pima Animal Care Center</u> is Southern Arizona's largest animal services agency and only open-admission animal welfare facility. PACC serves the unincorporated County, the cities of Tucson and South Tucson, and the town of Oro Valley. It has hundreds of pets available for adoption and foster, including puppies, kittens, dogs, cats and small animals.

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