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## Pet Sitters Unite Behind Spay Day

*NAPPS encourages pet parents to spay their pets on February 22, 2011*

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. February 22, 2010 – The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS), a non-profit organization of in-home pet care professionals, is encouraging pet parents to spay their pets on Spay Day 2011, commemorated on February 22. Organized by the Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society International, Spay Day is a time of education and awareness for pet parents and animal lovers.

“Spay Day is a cause close to the heart of NAPPS members,” states John D’Ariano, President of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. “We encourage pet sitters, pet parents, and animal welfare advocates to help combat the nationwide crisis of pet overpopulation by supporting this worthy effort.”

NAPPS has prepared the following suggestions for pet sitters and pet parents wishing to support the efforts of Spay Day:

- If you have not done so, have your pet spayed or neutered as soon as possible.
- Express your support of Spay Day on social media sites, including Facebook and Twitter.
- Pet sitters can help spread the message of Spay Day by encouraging clients to have their pets spayed or neutered.
- All across the nation, organizations will be hosting local events, including discounted or free spay/neutering events, educational sessions, and fundraisers. To support these efforts, the [Spay Day 2011 website](#) has an [event planning guide](#) for organizations and individuals wishing to become extensively involved.
- In addition, the Spay Day organizers have posted an [online directory](#) of events taking place across the nation.

To learn more about Spay Day 2011, please visit:

<http://spaydayportal.humanesociety.org>.

**About NAPPS:** NAPPS is a national non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. The Association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, serving as “the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.” It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS’ free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, nationwide referral service, and

quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS' nationwide "Pet Sitter Locator" at [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org). For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](https://twitter.com/TheNAPPS) on Twitter or join us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheNAPPS](https://facebook.com/TheNAPPS).

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