



PRESS RELEASE

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Animal lovers rejoice as 1,000 spay/neuter surgeries are performed in Trans-Pecos communities!

As of mid-March, **1,000 cats and dogs will have been sterilized** by international non-profit group Animal Balance and their Trans-Pecos partners, The Far West Texas Rescue Coalition.

The partnership between these organizations formed in December of 2021, when together they began holding monthly, two or three-day MASH-style spay/neuter clinics in Presidio, Marfa, Alpine, Terlingua, Marathon, Pecos and Fort Stockton. Together the groups are providing low-cost and free spay/neuter to help the area humanely control its cat and dog population.



The Texas Frontier is a 'Veterinary Desert'

Due to the limited number of veterinarians in the area, and often facing financial and/or transportation barriers to access existing services, residents in these towns have few options for basic veterinary services such as spay/neuter and vaccines for their cats and dogs.

Each month, Animal Balance sends a team of skilled, high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter veterinarians and veterinary technicians to the region to work alongside staff from Alpine Humane Society and volunteers from the Coalition. Together, they are able to sterilize 100-200 cats and dogs in a two or three day period.

In addition to performing surgery, the Animal Balance team works to engage and train local volunteers to ensure sustainability of the program and long-term, positive social change for animals in the community.

The next scheduled clinic is March 11 - 14 in Fort Stockton, TX.

Animal Balance is a registered 501(c)3 organization, now in its 19th year of bringing veterinary services to some of the most remote areas in the world.

FWTXRC is a collaborative group of a dozen rescue organizations and animal shelters in the Trans-Pecos Region of Far West Texas. The group formed to share resources and create joint projects to benefit pets and community cats in the area.

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