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## Dear Animal Control Officer,

As animal rescue professionals, we are all aware that the answer to animal overpopulation is affordable spay/neuter programs. It has been our experience that while we are aware of options that exist, many Connecticut residents are not aware of low-cost programs that are available in our state and nearby states.

Protectors of Animals, Inc. (POA) is excited to announce our **SPAY**CONNECTICUT program, a resource for low-cost spay/neuter services and voucher programs available to Connecticut residents. POA has joined with representatives from over 30 states to act as state leaders for the United Spay Alliance (USA). USA is a national coalition of independent state spay/neuter referral programs focused on getting the message out about the importance of spay/neuter and providing resources for affordable spay/neuter services. **SPAY**CONNECTICUT will connect people throughout the state (via internet and toll-free hotline) with participating programs offering low cost spay/neuter services. We will also be offering voucher/subsidy programs and will announce those as they are available.

In addition, **SPAY**CONNECTICUT will focus on getting the word out about the importance of spaying and neutering early, to avoid "oops" litters. When is the best time to spay or neuter pets? Believe it or not, 72% of people in a survey either gave the wrong answer or said they didn't know. In fact, of the pet owners who admitted their pets had at least one litter, 59% of cat owners and 38% of dog owners say those litters were "unintentional" and "accidental". Getting pets "fixed" at four months of age prevents unwanted litters and helps end animal over-population.

Our website and our toll-free hotline are operational and ready to help people find spay/neuter services for their pets. Please let us know if we have missed any programs!

Please help us to spread the word about **SPAY**CONNECTICUT and add a link from your website to ours! A badge and the code to paste on your website can be found on our website on the How to Help page!

Please contact me with any questions you may have about our program.

Sincerely,

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