



## RIMROCK HUMANE SOCIETY

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*"For those who have no home, the journey is endless."*

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## Rimrock Humane Society Announces Community Spay/Neuter Program (CSNiP)

Roundup, MT, 13 November 2005 – Over the last several years, the Rimrock Humane Society has been able to offer to the Roundup community a low cost spay/neuter program with the assistance of the DJ & T Foundation. The money allotted to assist with these surgeries was granted to the humane society by DJ & T via an approval system which consisted of not only a lengthy application and essay but an extensive phone interview as well. Once the money was awarded, a monthly report was issued by the Humane Society to the Foundation to itemize all expenditures for that month. This process is very tedious and exacting but certainly the benefits far outweighed any of the complexities of the grant procedure itself.

The humane society was just notified that effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, the DJ & T Foundation would only be handing out grants for dogs over 45 lbs. and no longer awarding funding for cats and small dogs - - period. Needless to say, this is not the news the Rimrock Humane Society wanted to hear. 90% of the past spay/neuter certificates went to assist owners with the altering of their cats and anyone who lives in or near Roundup will have to agree that the cat population is of epic proportions. The humane society realizes that most folks want to be responsible for their pets but find it hard to afford having their animal(s) altered. In turn, by controlling the pet overpopulation over the long run, the size of the proposed humane society could possibly be downsized saving money for the organization and its donors.

So, how can Musselshell County and the Rimrock Humane Society work together to control pet overpopulation and make it affordable for all of its citizens? The program through the DJ & T Foundation was working well and has a proven track record through the last several years but why be reliant upon a large Foundation who can, at the drop of a hat, change policies and not approve funding? Why can't the Roundup community, in conjunction with the Rimrock Humane Society, help ITSELF with the spaying and neutering of its pets?

With this in mind, the Rimrock Humane Society is announcing CSNiP, a community spay/neuter program. It will be a fund where the community (and any other donors) can make tax deductible donations towards and that money, in turn, will be used to assist the public with their spay/neuter needs. It will be maintained and operated in similar fashion to how the DJ & T Foundation monies were handled. The owner will make a small donation, whatever they can afford, toward the surgery and the humane society will use the funds in CSNiP to pay for the remainder of said surgery. The owner's donation will be placed in the fund to help defray the veterinary costs incurred. Recordkeeping will be stringent and mimic the accounting that is currently taking place for the DJ & T Foundation.

The humane society is deluged on a daily basis with phone calls in regard to assistance in getting animals spayed or neutered. They understand the need for affordable surgeries but, moreover, realize that controlling the pet overpopulation in our

community is of the utmost importance. There are approximately 4,500 residents in Musselshell County – theoretically, if each resident donates \$5 toward CSNiP, \$22,500 would be raised to fund this program. This would be more than enough to help the residents (and their animals) of Musselshell County including the feral cat population (DJ & T Foundation would not assist with feral cats). It would be a model program and one of the first in the state of Montana whereas a community is actually funding its OWN spay/neuter assistance program. Community helping community . . . there is no greater gift we can give each other.

There will be a mass mailing of a CSNiP brochure in the near future explaining this program. Please watch your mailboxes. If you would rather get a jump on things, please feel free to mail in your tax-deductible donation to Rimrock Humane Society, P.O. Box 834, Roundup, MT 59072. Please mark the word CSNiP in the memo of your check. Thank you in advance for making this project successful.

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