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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Bedford Humane Society expands low cost spay/neuter income eligibility**

August 31, 2009 - The Bedford Humane Society has expanded its income eligibility requirements for low cost spay/neuter. Under the program, qualifying Bedford area residents can have their pet cat spayed or neutered for as little as \$5, dogs for as little as \$10. All pets must have rabies vaccinations, or get one on the day of their surgery. The rabies vaccination is an additional \$7.

“Our spay/neuter program pricing is subsidized by Petsmart Charities and other foundations.” said Doreen Ehasz, Executive Director. “Due to current economic conditions, Petsmart Charities is allowing us to expand our income eligibility requirement. This will help to make spay/neuter more affordable for more Bedford area residents who want to do the right thing by preventing their pets from adding to the surplus of homeless dogs and cats in our area.”

The new guidelines for household income are \$18,000 single, \$18,750 single with child, \$25,740 married, \$28,920 married with child. Proof of income is required. Low cost vaccinations and some health screenings are also available for pets undergoing surgery.

“There are simply not enough homes for all the cats and dogs in our region.” Mrs. Ehasz said. “We cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation crisis. Spay/neuter is a simple, humane solution and we hope that more area pet owners will now be able to participate.”

Spay/neuter applications are available at the Bedford Humane Society’s office at 829 Ole Turnpike Drive, and are also online on their website at [www.bedfordhumanesociety.petfinder.com](http://www.bedfordhumanesociety.petfinder.com), or by calling 540-586-6100.

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