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I CAN HELP STOP PET OVERPOPULATION IN OUR COUNTY

You can earn a free spay or neuter for YOUR pet or the PET OF SOMEONE YOU CHOOSE by sharing your story!

If the student would like to have one of their pets spayed or neutered (fixed) they should write a story about THEIR pet OR, if the student doesn't have any pets or their pets are already fixed, they may earn a free spay or neuter for the pet of someone they choose by writing a story about the importance of spaying/neutering in solving the pet overpopulation problem.

The student must have a Parent/Guardian signature on the completed Spouter Story Contest Consent Form (located on the back of this page) to win this contest. The story must be a minimum of 30 words. Good Luck! Please write your story below – use additional paper if needed. Be sure to hand it in by Lesson 5 of your Pet Responsibility Class.



This is about one of the very sad problems in Burke County. Cats and dogs are not being spayed and neutered! Most people do not care about spaying and neutering their pets. "Spoutering" can make such a difference! 70,000 pets are born in the U.S. every day. However, if we speak up, tell friends and family, and alter our pets—that is already making a big difference. Let's do some math. About 3,546 pets entered the Animal Shelter in 2016. Only 1,108 pets got returned to their owners or adopted. That means that 2,438 pets got euthanized. It's enough to make you cry. "Spoutering" can stop females from having kittens or puppies. Most babies have a bad environment, wander the streets or are euthanized. It's not to be mean, it's just that there's no room at the shelter. It's not just spaying and neutering that's the problem. It's also taking care of the pet and its habitat and identification. The reason most pets are killed is because the shelter workers don't know where the pet came from. To get your pet identified, get a collar with information or get your animal microchipped. To help get your cat or dog a better environment, contact your local animal shelter for tips. We should all try to do our part helping our pets to have a better life.

Contest Rules: The Consent and Story Forms need to be completed and returned to the school no later than Lesson 5 of the Pet Responsibility Education Program. There will be at least one winner per School. The surgery will be performed by a Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic thanks to the generosity of the REASON Program.