

# ***International Homeless Animals' Day***

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*International Homeless Animals' Day (IHAD™), conceived and commemorated by the International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR) more than 23 years ago, has reserved the third Saturday of August each year to shed light on pet overpopulation, a global tragedy that affects communities all around the world, and its simple solution: spay and neuter. This year IHAD falls on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Since 1992, ISAR along with animal protection organizations, humane societies, animal rescues, veterinary professionals, caring individuals, and animal-friendly businesses from throughout the United States, Canada and abroad join together on IHAD to share the spay/neuter and adoption message in an effort to halt the euthanasia and suffering of unwanted companion animals, feral and stray cats and dogs that have been abandoned and left to fend for themselves.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> this year, Friends At Your Metro Animal Shelter (FAYMAS) will have a booth at Hounds on the Hill Dog Walk and Street Fair, held at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup from 9 am to 3 pm. We will be providing information about our non-profit efforts and ways people can help animals at the shelter by shopping on Amazon or Fred Meyer or by simply walking your dog! We'll also be raising funds by taking pet photographs and offering the 2016 animal shelter calendar for a small donation.

In honor of IHAD, it must be noted that the Metro Animal Shelter located at 1200 39<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in Puyallup, WA 98374 each year unites over 300 pets with their Forever Families. Each one of those pets must be spayed or neutered as part of the adoption contract, thus cutting down on pet overpopulation. Families that are reunited with their pets at the shelter (over 300 each year) are reminded of the importance of spay and neutering and annual licensing fees for pets are higher for those animals which are not spayed or neutered.

Help us celebrate International Homeless Animals Day on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> by visiting our booth at Hounds on the Hill in Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Hope to see you there!