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Dear friend of Douglas Animal Welfare Group,

This holiday season we have much to be grateful for:

Our volunteers who donate hundreds of hours every month to care for the abandoned, homeless and needy animals in our community.

Our wonderful and generous donors and supporters such as you who step up time and time again to support our mission to help as many dogs and cats as possible.

We are truly humbled and grateful. Thank you for all that you do!

This year has been very challenging for many animal owners, especially those that either lost their jobs or had their hours reduced due to Covid-19. To help these families, in March, **DAWG members voted to waive the co-pays** for any spays or neuters for animals owned by low income families in Douglas County and to waive the co-pays for the spays or neuters for any Pit Bulls or Pit Bull mixes in Douglas County. Co-pays were \$25 for cats/kittens and Pit Bulls/Pit Bull mixes and \$50 for other dogs/puppies. **This meant that DAWG would pay the entire spay or neuter for these animals.** DAWG also partnered with FISH in the Gardnerville Ranchos to provide food for cats and dogs in need.

As you can imagine, this puts a larger dent in our budget to cover these expenses. **Since March 2020, DAWG has waived 199 co-pays that would have amounted to an income of \$6,625 and has paid for the spays and neuters of 159 dogs and cats at a cost of \$16,505.** We also had to cancel our major fundraiser last May due to Covid-19, so we are relying on the generosity of our supporters to help us get through this crucial time. You have all been terrific and we are so thankful for your continued support.

Since we have offered to waive the co-pays, we have seen a large increase in the number of dog and cat owners calling us to get the free vouchers to take to their veterinarians for spay/neuter services. If you are able to send in a donation this holiday season to help us cover more spays and neuters, we would be most appreciative.

May this holiday season bring you and your family peace, comfort and joy and may 2021 be a wonderful year for all!

With gratitude,

Lori Paxson
DAWG President

