



Tails from the City

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**Cornell University,
Director of Shelter
Medicine Outreach, to
Visit Oklahoma**

Brenda Griffin will speak
in Oklahoma August
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Tag Day, April 5

OAA sponsored Tag Day
events in Tulsa,
Owasso and Bartlesville.
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Adopt a Little Okie

OAA teams up with
Tulsa Animal Welfare to
promote pet adoptions
at the Tulsa Shelter.
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Rock and Rescue

This is a new rescue
event for OAA. There
will be food, music, and
pets for adoption. Pg.2

Around the State

Read what activities
OAA has been
supporting around the
state of Oklahoma.
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Your Dollars at Work

See what your
donations have
accomplished.
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**It's Hip to Snip-A very Successful
Event**

February's "It's Hip to Snip" was a huge success! Over 1200 surgeries were performed in partnership with Spay Oklahoma, Homeward Bound, and the Tulsa Animal Shelter.

Special thanks to the Doris Day Foundation for their support of Spay Day; the rural clinics and all the volunteers that make our clinics possible. Hats off to the staff at Spay Oklahoma for breaking their own record of 635 surgeries last February with 648 this year. Their DOCS ROCK and the staff, too!

Spay Oklahoma:	648
Tulsa Animal Shelter:	145
Rural clinics:	413
(Durant, Cushing, Henryetta, Bristow, Claremore, Clayton)	
Total surgeries	1,206

**OAA Provides Rural Partnership to
Halt Pet Overpopulation**

During the 2008 It's-Hip-To-Snip, funding awarded to OAA by the Doris Day Animal Foundation was used to provide 262 spays or neuters for animals living in low-income, rural areas of Oklahoma.

Partnering with Homeward Bound Humane Society of Durant, PAWS of Bristow and Zoi's Rescue of Claremore, and veterinarians in outlying areas, OAA used mobile services and other models to help families earning under \$25,000 per year prevent springtime litters. 84% of the families helped through the OAA rural project had incomes under \$15,000 per year. Without assistance, responsible pet ownership would have remained out of reach, and the tragic consequence of an unwanted litter would have been a likely result.

For many low-income homes, pet sterilization means the difference between the animal remaining in the

home or becoming an unwanted burden. Only five out of 77 Oklahoma counties have countywide shelters available to accept unwanted animals. Without a safety net for unwanted animals, spaying or neutering is literally a life or death matter for rural, at-risk animals. Through increasing outreach to provide spay/ neuter and education, OAA is helping many animals in rural homes remain safe and wanted.



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