





## Do you run a spay/neuter clinic, shelter, or referral service?

SpayCalifornia is a referral service primarily accessed online and supplemented by a toll free telephone number.

The mission of Actors and Others for Animals is to eliminate pet overpopulation, ensure good care and protection for pet companions, and provide referral and financial support for economically-challenged pet guardians.





## Some General Stats about SpayCalifornia

SpayCalifornia came on board in 2007 and went live in 2008. It is a program of and totally funded by Actors and Others and does not solicit donations.

In 2013 there were 30,000 unique visitors to the website.

In 2014 there were 32,000 unique visitors to the website.

In 2013 due to repeated calls from other states, SpayCalifornia added a listing for all other State programs.

In 2013 there were 1,795 unique visitors – in 2014 that number was 1,804.





## Some General Stats about Actors and Others for Animals

Founded in 1971 by actors and others in the entertainment industry and community at large. While we have actors on our Board, we are not funded by the entertainment industry.

Early on realized that pet overpopulation was rooted in a lack of education and availability of spay/neuter services and knew that was our mission.

In 1971 in LA City shelters alone 110,835 animals were euthanized; last year around 15,000.

In late 1990's realized pets were increasingly being surrendered or euthanized because veterinary care was unattainable. Started medical program.

We have facilitated the sterilization of over 400,000 animals and over 15,000 medical procedures.





## Does your State (counties/cities) have a mandatory spay/neuter law?

While there is no State law, as that effort failed in 2008 (for good reasons), many counties and cities have enacted some type of law.

Both the City and County of Los Angeles have them for dogs and cats four months and older. Microchipping is also mandated.

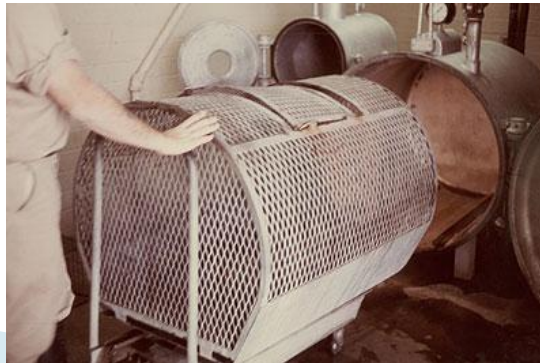
The word “mandatory” is deceiving as there must be exceptions.





## Does your State use humane euthanasia injections or use other means?

Actors and Others was the prevailing force behind the elimination of the decompression chamber in California. Working closely with the County of Los Angeles in the 1970's, it was agreed that if the County did not use the decompression chamber at its new Agoura shelter but instead used a humane euthanasia injection, Actors and Others would fund such a pilot program. It was so successful that it was soon adopted by all of the County shelters, then the City shelters and then in 1979 by all of California.





## Does your State or (counties/cities) legally require animals adopted by shelters to be sterilized?

In 1998 the Vincent Bill (AB1856) was passed that required all California shelters and private rescue/adoption groups to sterilize before adoption.

Exceptions are made, including for medical reasons, which many groups invoke for those under 6 months of age, where a deposit (refundable) is suppose to be taken until the animal is able to be sterilized.

Exceptions also for counties with less than 100,000 populations, where adopters must sign a written agreement and pay a deposit, to be returned when animal is sterilized.





## What is the cost of a dog license where you are primarily located? Is there a differential for sterilized dogs?

In 2000 Actors and Others was a key member of the Coalition to End Pet Overpopulation in the City of Los Angeles which was successful in passing at that time the biggest license differential -- \$100 for an intact dog and \$10 for an altered dog.

In 2008 the City passed its own mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for dogs and cats. Every intact dog must also have a breeder's license whether or not they intent to breed but because they can breed. Today's fees are \$100 for intact dog, \$20 for altered (\$10 for low income seniors) and breeder's license is \$235.

In the County of Los Angeles which covers all unincorporated areas and contract cities, the differential is an average of \$60 for intact dogs and \$20 for altered.







## Do you license cats?

The City of Los Angeles requires cats to be sterilized but they are not licensed.

The County of Los Angeles which covers all unincorporated areas and contract cities requires cats to be sterilized and licensed.

The average fee is \$10 for intact and \$5 for altered.





**Does or would licensing impact spay/neuter rates?**





## What is your average low cost spay/neuter price for dogs and cats?

These prices are for the greater Los Angeles area

Dog Neuters ranging in weight: \$65 – \$120

Dog Spays ranging in weight: \$100 – \$185

Cat Neuters \$45

Cat Spays \$60

## Are there special prices for community or feral cats?

Yes, free to around \$25





**Do you sterilize other pets such as rabbits and guineas pigs?**



Yes, at Actors and Others we subsidize surgeries for rabbits, guineas pigs, rats, pigs and even goats.



What is the age you require blood tests?



It varies, but average is 5–6 years



Do you require vaccinations and do you offer low cost prices?



It varies





## Does your animal control agency or government entity enforce animal laws?

**Simple Answer: NO – AND THIS IS ONE OF MY UNRELENTING ISSUES**

Due to budget cuts manpower is limited, and in some cases non-existent. Enforcement is basically complaint driven and then spotty at best. A recent TV expose on the City regarding dangerous dogs showed that no follow-up is ever conducted resulting in a more stringent directive requiring more manpower!

The County does do a good job on licensing, but it is dismal in the City. Spay/neuter laws are not enforced, nor any laws really.

In the next few months, a pilot program with LAPD and LAAS will introduce an Administrative Citation which will make it easier to just ticket law breakers. But with hardly any officers on the street, we will have to see what happens.





## Do you have any Breed Specific Legislation in your State?

Yes – California has a breed specific law but only as it relates to spay/neuter and breeding restrictions.

Approximately 15 cities throughout the State have enacted such laws.

Most are aimed at pit bulls, but some include rottweilers and chihuahuas.







## Does your State (counties, cities) provide financial spay/neuter assistance and/or incentives?

Yes, many cities and counties do provide financial assistance to the low income who can meet certain income qualifications.

The County of Los Angeles provides assistance in the form of vouchers to the low income who can prove they are on some sort of public assistance.

The City provides \$30 vouchers for ALL citizens (18 or older) (3 dog and 3 cat), and \$70 free vouchers for low income seniors and the disabled. These vouchers are redeemable at certain veterinarian clinics in the City.

And of course there are the free mobile vans.





**Do you work closely with state, county or city animal control and/or government officials or entities?**

We have always worked with both the City and County of Los Angeles, and from time to time with other municipalities.

I attend most City of Los Angeles Animal Services Commission hearings and work closely with its president and several members of the board.





## Do you have any public/private programs or relationships with such officials or entities?

We work on an ongoing basis with the City of Los Angeles.

I am currently in the process of developing an arrangement whereby we will be distributing the City's spay/neuter vouchers.

We are also working on some way to start again our work in identifying and turning in to the City breeders who advertise on Craig's list and other similar publications.





## Do you have mobile spay/neuter vans?

In the greater Los Angeles area there are five (5).

Two of the vans receive \$500,000 each yearly from the City of Los Angeles to provide free surgeries in targeted areas.

One is run by the Sam Simon Foundation and is moving away from spay/neuter and into medical procedures.

Other counties and cities in the State also have vans.





What do you believe to be the main obstacles in getting people to spay/neuter their pets in your State?



Apathy  
Cost

Don't think it is that important  
Think they can make money





**What are the greatest lobbies or groups that work against you in your State?**

The AKC and purebred clubs

