

Many Successful Spay/Neuter Clinics in the 2nd District

On February 8th, my office partnered with Kern County Animal Services to hold a free spay/neuter clinic at Boron Park. It was a very successful event, with 37 dogs and cats being spayed or neutered in Boron and North Edwards alone, as well as 73 licensed dogs, 80 dog vaccinations, and 82 microchips administered to pets. Because of the great turnout in Boron, I will host another clinic in Boron in the near future.

I sponsored a free spay/neuter clinic for 2nd District residents of Bakersfield at Critters Without Litters on Stine Rd on February 22nd. We altered 49 dogs and cats, and gave out several vouchers for future surgeries. A big thank you to Larry Keller and Vicky Thrasher at Critters, as well as Shyanne Schull, our Kern County Animal Services Director, for making the day a big success!

Finally, on Saturday, March 1st, my office and the Kern County Animal Services Department partnered with the City of California City, sharing the costs to provide services to local pet owners.

In total, 35 dogs and cats were spayed or neutered, free of charge to their owners, 129 dogs received parvovirus vaccinations, and 2 cats received their FVRCP vaccination, and 148 pets received a rabies vaccination. In addition, 152 animals also received a free microchip that enables a lost or injured animal to be scanned by animal control officers in the field to determine ownership.

My office continues to partner with Kern County Animal Services, volunteers and other agencies to blanket the Second District with these clinics in the hopes of controlling the animal population, and spreading good health to all dogs and cats in the area.

Because of the dire need to control Kern's pet population, the Board of Supervisors appropriated \$250,000 to hold these types of clinics county-wide. I am very pleased they have been such a success.