

Operation spay/neuter

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Dr. Jayme Beinlich, D.V.M., of the Columbus Dog Connection, operates on a female canine patient Wednesday at the Hocking County Fairgrounds. Beinlich, with the help of vet assistant/chauffeur Ron Blake and vet tech Kristi Krumlauf, spayed and neutered 22 dogs and three cats in a mobile surgical unit that was hosted by Hocking County's Pet Orphanage. Mary Marsh, the orphanage's director of the dog spay and neuter program, said the unit has great prices because the cost is subsidized.

"It's important to get your pet spayed or neutered because they will be healthier (and) it also keeps the pet population to a minimum," said Beinlich. She said that the mobile unit is not trying to compete with local veterinarians but, instead, wishes to "provide a service that these owners couldn't otherwise afford."

Marsh said the unit will be back again in December, although they haven't confirmed an exact date. For more information, contact Marsh at 740-332-9202 or visit www.thepetorphanage.com.



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