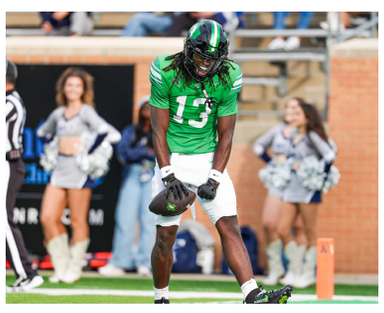
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Texas Coalition for Animal Protection, a nonprofit pet care provider based in Denton, is projected to provide its one millionth spay/neuter service this month. TCAP was founded in 2002 and now has eight clinics in North Texas, including one on Sunset Street in Denton.

TCAP is about to hit the 1 million mark for spaying/neutering pets

By Camila Gonzalez
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A North Texas low-cost pet care provider will hit a major milestone this month.

The Texas Coalition for Animal Protection is a nonprofit organization that offers low-cost vaccines, microchipping and spay and neuter services for dogs and cats. This November, TCAP is expected to provide its one millionth spay or neuter service.

"A lot of families can face the choice between surrendering your pet to a shelter or paying for vet care," said Jason Jones, marketing and brand manager for TCAP. "So, we wanted to be able provide those prices where they don't have to make that decision and we can keep animals in homes."

TCAP has a total of eight clinics in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Since it was established in Denton in 2002, the nonprofit has continued to provide veterinary services at a low cost.

"When prices go up and things get expensive, your first thought is not pet care," Jones said. "And that's where we really want to make our presence known. Our prices are still $5 for rabies [vaccines], as they have been since 2002."

Jones specified that TCAP clinics provide only preventive care and do not treat sick or injured animals.



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TCAP also provides low-cost vaccinations for cats and dogs.

Each TCAP clinic will celebrate the one million spay/neuter milestone with a party this month. The Denton clinic will host its celebration on Monday, Nov. 23, during clinic hours, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visitors during this time can spin a prize wheel to receive up to $15 off their visit.

"Doing 1 million spays and neuters was an unfathomable thought or goal when I first started at the company, but it's been something we've been building towards every year," said Robert Knox, director of programs at TCAP.

Knox has worked with TCAP for 14 years, starting out as an intern while attending the University of North Texas.

"I think it's incredibly meaningful work to reduce animal overpopulation and therefore euthanasia in our shelters," Knox said.

Jones began working at TCAP in September 2025. He said he has learned a lot while working with TCAP. For example, Jones said that although many people believe they should wait to get their pet spayed or neutered after they go through their first heat cycle, this is actually a myth.

"Once they've gone through that first heat cycle, their risk of things like pyometra [a type of uterine infection] or cancer are drastically increased versus if they're spayed or neutered before their first heat cycle," Jones said.

Jones said that along with preventing unwanted litters, getting a pet spayed or neutered eliminates the possibility of testicular or mammary cancer, provides behavioral benefits and can

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