

***A Proclamation Designating Spay and Neuter Day
in Bristol***

Whereas, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of more than 63,000,000 individuals and families in the United States; and

Whereas, two unaltered cats and their descendents can number 420,000 in seven years and two unaltered dogs and all their descendents can number 67,000 in six year; and

Whereas, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation; and

Whereas, the dog and cat overpopulation crisis can be addressed by having dogs and cats spayed and neutered before their first litter, and by adopting a dog or cat from your local animal shelter; and

Whereas, domesticated animals such as dogs and cats are dependent on humane care throughout their life,

Now, Therefore, I, David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Tennessee do hereby proclaim August 18, 2007, as

Spay and Neuter Day

in Bristol, and call upon all dog and cat owners to observe that day by having their own dogs or cats spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog during the year.

This 7th day of August, 2007.

*David Shumaker
Mayor*