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Dear Community,

It is with great sadness in our hearts that the WAG board must announce the closure of our low-cost spay/neuter clinic, effective immediately.

Over the last year, WAG has suffered the loss of our beloved medical director to cancer, the loss of our clinic home of 18 years to a major roof water incursion, and a myriad of other significant challenges and setbacks. While WAG is no stranger to overcoming adversity, we have recently come up against a challenge that is truly insurmountable.

WAG's president and de facto executive director is facing significant health challenges that necessitate her departure from these critical roles. She has held this top executive role for almost a decade in a volunteer capacity and the board has sought for years to find a replacement to relieve her from this full-time position. We have been unsuccessful. Without this leadership, WAG cannot continue as an organization.

Over the next few days, WAG will reach out regarding already scheduled surgeries to cancel appointments and refund patrons. We take comfort in the fact that we were able to keep WAG thriving long enough to see the arrival of several new low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the region that will be able to service those community members in need.

WAG will of course comply with all laws pertaining to the disbursement of our assets to other qualifying nonprofits, with an emphasis on low-cost spay/neuter access in the community.

WAG's year-end newsletter raised funds for a capital campaign and those monies were placed in a separate restricted account. Those donors will be contacted directly as soon as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we work to wind down the organization.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve the community we all call home, and we would like to express our gratitude to the local nonprofit organizations that will continue this important work to reduce pet overpopulation. But the greatest thanks must go to our incredibly dedicated and talented staff whose hard work made WAG a trusted community partner for over 18 years.

Sincerely,

The WAG board of directors