

Professional Boxer Promotes Canine Spay/Neuter Programs

San Jose, CA pro boxer partners with Humane Society Silicon Valley to speak out on the importance of spaying and neutering dogs.

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Former amateur boxing standout turned sensational professional prospect, Andy Vences partnered with local animal-rescue organization Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) to encourage community members to spay and neuter their dogs. In a heartfelt [video](#), Vences talks about his own dogs as family members and says he is reassured to know that none of their offspring will end up in animal shelters.

Andy Vences was born and raised in San Jose, CA. He has two dogs he adores—Pit Bull/Labrador mix Rocky and Chihuahua mix Lilly—and he wants to do all he can to make sure his pups and other dogs in the area stay healthy and strong.

“Being a boxer means being tough and strong,” Andy says. “Part of being strong and tough is taking care of yourself and the ones you love, and part of taking care of my dogs is spaying and neutering them.”

Fixing dogs has been shown to correlate with [longer life spans](#). Male dogs who aren't fixed are more likely to [wander off](#) and more likely to get lost and end up in a shelter, or worse, such as getting hit by a car or attacked by other dogs.

Fixing your dog, [especially while still a puppy](#), also has some added health benefits, such as reducing or eliminating the chance of certain cancers, illnesses, and behavioral problems in dogs. Plus, you can be assured that your pet's offspring won't ever end up at a shelter.

To learn more about Humane Society Silicon Valley and their life-saving programs, visit www.HSSV.org and check out their online press kit: <http://humanesocietysiliconvalley.onlinepresskit247.com>

To speak with Dr. Cristie Kamiya, Chief of Shelter Medicine at HSSV, or to speak with Andy Vences about his support of canine spay/neuter programs, please contact me:

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About Humane Society Silicon Valley: Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, privately funded, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving people and pets for over 80 years. As an independent non-profit organization, HSSV does not receive funding from Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA or state and federal government entities. HSSV offers quality adoptions, affordable spaying/neutering, vaccinations, microchipping services, pet care services and education programs to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has adopted more than

500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. Animal welfare is their top priority and their mission is to save and enhance lives.

About Dr. Kamiya: Dr. Cristie Kamiya [say Kuh-ME-Uh] serves as Chief of Shelter Medicine at Humane Society Silicon Valley and is one of only a handful of residency-trained veterinarians in the specialized field of shelter medicine. She completed her three-year shelter-medicine training program at University of California – Davis and now oversees both Shelter and Medical Operations for HSSV. Dr. Kamiya travels all over the country and the world providing volunteer veterinary support. She also fosters underage shelter kittens and loves spending time with her adopted shelter dogs. For more information, visit www.HSSV.org and subscribe to the Humane Society Silicon Valley YouTube channel.