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**“CAT NIPS N CHIPS”**  
**FEE-WAIVED SPAY OR NEUTER FOR CATS IN FEBRUARY**  
*Santa Barbara County Animal Services addresses  
cat overpopulation and the upcoming “kitten season”*

**(SANTA BARBARA, CA)** -- Will you be the PURRfect Valentine? During the month of LOVE, pet owners have the opportunity to show their furry feline Valentines how much they mean to them by providing them with the gift of health. This February, Santa Barbara County Animal Services is holding a special **“Cat Nips N Chips,”** event where owners can get their feline friends a fee-waived spay or neuter and as an added bonus from cupid himself, a **\$14** microchip.

One unaltered cat can contribute up to 500,000 kittens over the course of its life span due to frequent breeding cycles that can start as early as five months of age. Each spring during “kitten season”, animal shelters across the nation are inundated with far more animals than there are potential adopters. By spaying or neutering kittens and cats, it helps prevent the birth of thousands of unwanted litters.

“The Santa Barbara County Animal Services Project PetSafe Team is committed to saving lives through spaying and neutering,” says Jessica Wiebe, Public Information Assistant. “Being able to offer such promotions to help reduce the overpopulation of pets is a crucial piece of the animal sheltering puzzle that we are proud to offer our community. Do not miss the chance to get in on the **“Cat Nips N Chips”** promotion and call for an appointment today--space is limited, and our appointment book fills up fast!”

Santa Barbara County residents who wish to take advantage of these fee-waived surgeries should contact the Project PetSafe Team at 805-934-6968. Vaccines are also available at an additional cost. Be sure to follow Santa Barbara County Animal Services on Instagram (@sbcanimalservices) and Facebook for announcements of future promotions.