Irresponsible Pet Ownership is Costly:

- Each year over 120,000 unwanted animals are put to death in OK shelters because there are not enough homes for them. NOW CONSIDER that over half of Oklahoma’s population no access to a shelter; the remaining areas dispose of unwanted animals in ways that do not include sheltering; those numbers are not included.

- Taxpayers pay over five million dollars a year to collect, house and kill unwanted animals in Oklahoma. Nationally that budget is around two billion dollars a year.

- According to the US Centers on Disease Control (USCDC) and Prevention, 76% of dog bites are from intact male dogs. There are over 333,000 dog bites per year. At an average cost of around $5000 each, the total is over two billion dollars. (Dogs kept on chains or in pens without social contact are also factors in dog bites).

- Additional money is spent on damage control and livestock predation caused largely by abandoned animals.

- Less than one percent of the money spent to collect house and kill unwanted animals is spent on prevention services including spaying/neutering and education.

- A Massachusetts study revealed that over 80% of unwanted litters are produced by females that will later be spayed. Preventing, first litters by spaying cats before five months of age could prevent over two million unwanted kittens from being born each year.

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