## Altered Tails' Halloween Lucky Black Cat Program

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Altered Tails, a 501c3 organization and the Valley's largest spay/neuter clinic specializing in high-quality, low-cost services with locations in Phoenix and Mesa, is offering free spay/neuter surgeries and nail trims for black cats, in honor of Halloween, throughout October via the Halloween Lucky Black Cat.

Spaying and neutering is one of the most effective ways to reduce the homeless pet population and is safe for kittens as young as 12 weeks old, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Spaying a female cat before the first heat cycle can be beneficial, improving the health of the pet by reducing the risk of certain reproductive cancers and infections.

"Female cats can have as many as three litters a year, and kittens can breed as young as four months old," saysEllen Clark, Altered Tails executive director. "Most people don't want to see their cat get pregnant over and over again, so hopefully our Halloween Lucky Black Cat campaign will serve as a gentle reminder to cat owners to sterilize their cats before they go into heat."

This special promotion is available to all black cat owners in Maricopa County. Cat parents who wish to take advantage of this offer must mention the Halloween Lucky Black Cat campaign when they schedule their appointment. This campaign is based on availability.

Please visit <u>www.AlteredTails.org</u> or call 602.943.7729 (Phoenix), 480.807.1200 (Mesa) or 520.495.5900 (Tucson) for more information or to schedule an appointment.