

Media Alert
Minnesota State Fair Exhibits
CHS Miracle of Birth Center and Surgery Suite
The Fair's Most Popular Free Exhibit with 1,776,000 Visitors in 2010

Facts:

- ~~AAA~~The MOBC will be celebrating its 11th year at the fair
- Several live farm animal births each day including piglets, calves, & lambs; approximately 200 over the 12 days of the fair
- Hatching stations with chicks and ducklings
- Two all volunteer education exhibits staffed by over 200 veterinarians and veterinary students assisting with births, performing spay surgeries and answering questions from fair-goers
- The Surgery Suite performs 48 spay operations over the course of the fair with neuter surgeries being added this year; cats and dogs from local human societies are then offered for adoption at their respective locations after the fair; photos of the animals are posted outside the Surgery Suite exhibit
- Overhead television screens are stationed at both exhibits for viewing the exhibit animals

Volunteer: *Insert your name here and the name of your clinic or hospital*

When: *Insert the date and time that you will be volunteering at the fair*
The fair dates are Thursday, August 25 through Monday, September 5, 2011
Hours 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Surgery times (each day): 10:00 am; 12 Noon; 2:00 pm; 4:00 pm

Where: Minnesota State Fairgrounds, CHS Miracle of Birth Center, Judson Avenue at Clough Street, south end of the fairgrounds and east of the Coliseum. Surgery Suite, Murphy Ave. at Underwood St, in the Pet Center Building on the north end of fairgrounds.

Who: Dedicated Minnesota veterinarians devote countless hours as volunteers in order to make the Surgery Suite and Miracle of Birth Center exhibits successful each year. The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) helps coordinate the volunteer veterinarians each year; other partners include FFA, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Minnesota State Fair

Why: As Minnesota becomes more urbanized, it's important for people to be exposed to animal agriculture production, veterinary science, pet surgery (spay/neuter), the birthing process and the importance of the partnership between pet, owner and veterinarian

Contacts: *Insert your name and clinic/hospital here with your phone number and address information.*
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