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### **Pit Bulls Are Beautiful, Even Fixed During *Bay Area Pit Fix Week***

BERKELEY, CALIF. – In conjunction with *Bay Area Pit Fix Week*, beauty queen Carly Claffey (*Miss Oakland 2008*) is on a good will tour to highlight the beauty of pit bulls and to help educate the public on the importance of spay and neuter. In order to curb the overpopulation problem, eight animal shelters around the Bay will team up to spay and neuter pit bulls and pit bull mixes for free during the week of January 26, 2009.

Ms. Claffey will be available for *Bay Area Pit Fix Week* promotional appearances with pit bull mix, Appletini, adopted from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Appletini was abandoned with severe burns and bite wounds and endured the fight of her life. She fought the good fight and was then spayed before she found her new and forever home. Thus, she is a valentine inside a muscular frame.

Appointments for *Bay Area Pit Fix Week* must be made in advance. Each shelter has its own intake requirements, number of free surgery slots and surgery date(s). To schedule a surgery appointment, the public must call 1-877-4-PIT-FIX (1-877-474-8349).

To schedule an on-air appearance with Ms. Claffey and Appletini, please contact Katherine S. O'Donnell at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

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