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Humane Society of Charlotte Receives \$25,000 from PetSmart Charities®

Funds to Provide Spay/Neuter Surgeries, Necessary Medical Treatment, and Wellness for Approximately 625 Feral and Community Cats in Targeted Colonies of the City of Charlotte

Charlotte, NC (March 9, 2017) – The Humane Society of Charlotte received a grant for \$25,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help provide spay/neuter surgeries, necessary medical treatment and wellness for approximately 625 feral and community cats within a targeted area in Charlotte, North Carolina. Residents may also be able to receive onsite assistance from experienced area trappers in identifying, trapping, transporting, and documenting the local cat population. The end goal will be to reduce the number of free-roaming cats in our Charlotte community and lower intake and euthanasia rates at local shelters.

“Targeted grant programs like this are keys to successful, low-cost spay/neuter in local communities and reducing the population of unwanted animals. Cumulatively, they are also making a huge impact on pet overpopulation nationwide, and we are so appreciative of being recipients of this PetSmart Charities grant,” notes Shelly Moore, HSC President / CEO.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), supported by leading national animal welfare organizations, is the most humane, cost-effective, and effective method of controlling the feral, unowned, free-roaming and stray cat overpopulation crisis facing virtually every city, town, and rural community our country. It involves trapping all or most of the cats in a colony, having them neutered, vaccinated for rabies, left or right ear tipped, and then returned to their territory. Whenever possible, young kittens and any friendly cats are removed for veterinary care and socialization, and placed for adoption. In addition, the nuisance behavior often associated with feral or stray cats is reduced significantly. Since there are thousands of said free-roaming cats, and because the vast majority cannot be homed, TNR is the best solution to address stray cat overpopulation problems.

The community is invited to learn more about HSC’s Community and Feral Cat program by visiting humanecharlotte.org, where information is noted under the “Clinic Services” section of the site.

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness through increased spay and neuter efforts. With the help of animal welfare partners, such as Humane Society of Charlotte, PetSmart Charities has funded over 1.4 million spay and neuter surgeries in the U.S. since 2009.

About the Humane Society of Charlotte:

The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The “space available” shelter provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a non-profit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that saves the lives of homeless pets. Each year nearly 500,000 dogs and cats find homes through our adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and sponsored adoption events. Each year millions of PetSmart shoppers contribute to PetSmart Charities to help pets in need by making donations on a pin pad at the register. PetSmart Charities efficiently uses 90 cents of every dollar to support its mission of finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets. PetSmart Charities grants more money to directly help pets in need than any other animal welfare group in North America, with a focus on funding adoption and spay/neuter programs that help communities solve pet overpopulation. PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization, independent from PetSmart, Inc. PetSmart Charities has received the Four Star Rating for the past 13 years from Charity Navigator, an independent nonprofit that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization.