



Animal Welfare Association

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Spay/Neuter Clinic Reaches its 7,000th Surgery!

September 25, 2012, Voorhees, NJ –The Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is excited to announce a major milestone was reached today when the AWA Clinic performed its record-breaking 7,000th surgery. Bogart, an 8 month old Lab mix, was today's honoree. The Clinic spays/neuters more than 780 publicly owned animals per month. "It won't be too long before we celebrate our 10,000th pet this year," shares Maya Richmond, Executive Director.

Since the clinic first opened its doors in 1974, it has been AWA's mission to provide high-quality, affordable spay and neuter services to the community to prevent pet over-population.

"We are so proud of all of the work that we do here and all of the animals that we help," says Judi Russo, Clinic Manager.

"We're happy to have accomplished this milestone as we look forward to celebrating our 65th anniversary next year," says Maya Richmond, Executive Director. "It shows that we are realizing our goal of reducing the number of animals euthanized in Camden County."

The AWA will host a celebration to mark this record-breaking success with cake and refreshments for Bogart's family and staff today at 3 p.m.

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The **Animal Welfare Association**, a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. In 2011 over 13,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.