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### **AWA's Second Pets For Life Camden Event a Huge Success**

VOORHEES, NEW JERSEY, *June 12, 2013*—The Animal Welfare Association's (AWA) Pets For Life-Camden community pet vaccine event held on June 8, 2013, was a success by all measures. At this free event which is part of an ongoing effort to help underserved community pet and their owners –205 pets owned by Camden residents were vaccinated or spay/neutered.

"We were delighted with the turnout and receptivity of the folks who attended at this second large scale Pet For Life event we hosted," said Christie Rogero, AWA's Targeted Spay/Neuter Manager, "It's very gratifying to see the inroads we've made in sharing information with Camden residents on the benefits of spaying and neutering pets."

The event—along with AWA's weekly outreach activities in the Camden area—have been made possible by a grant mentorship from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and PetSmart Charities, along with the help of more than 60 hard-working volunteers, and local merchants, Wellpet and Starbucks, who provided pet food and coffee.

"We are very proud to work with HSUS and PetSmart Charities to help give underserved communities access to veterinary care," said Maya Richmond, AWA's Executive Director, "It's an example of our many life-saving programs dedicated to ending pet homelessness and raising awareness."

Since AWA's Pets For Life program began in November 2012, more than 340 North Camden dogs and cats have received life-saving vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries and microchips.

*The Animal Welfare Association ([www.awanj.org](http://www.awanj.org)), a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization celebrates its 65 anniversary of serving 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 2012, over 16,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.*

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