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The Animal Welfare Association (AWA) was founded in 1948 and was one of the first humane organizations formed by a group of volunteers to serve Camden County and the surrounding area. Located at 509 Centennial Boulevard in Voorhees, the AWA is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization and the oldest and largest low cost spay and neuter clinic, adoption center and no-kill animal shelter in South Jersey.

The AWA does not receive funds from the government but relies upon local donations to fund their life saving programs. Through a variety of innovative programs, including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, trap-neuter-return and humane education, the AWA strives to ensure that animal companionship is accessible to all.

In December, AWA concludes its 65th Anniversary celebration with the opening of a new 4,300 sq. ft. spay/neuter and pet wellness clinic on their redeveloped 9.90 acre lot. The new clinic replaces the antiquated 1974 clinic. It is much larger and outfitted with a waiting room, exam rooms, 3-bay surgical suite, separate spacious dog and cat recovery rooms, laboratory preparation station and future space for dog training and education programs.

The \$1.5 million project is part of AWA's two phase capital improvement plan. Funding for the clinic and site work came from two recent bequests and foundations. Funding for the next phase – complete renovation of the existing shelter and the addition of over 9,000 sq. ft. of new animal care and housing space – still needs to be raised.

In 2007, AWA launched its first pet retention program and low cost pet vaccinations to help people's pets with routine tests, limited additional surgical and ill pet care. Last year AWA provided 4500 pets with basic care in the clinic, in addition to spaying/neutering over 12,000 dogs and cats and finding homes to over 2000 pets through their adoption center.

In just the last twelve months, the AWA has secured over \$450,000 in competitive national grant funds to provide a myriad of low cost and free spays/neuters for many community cats and pit bull dogs. The AWA organized and funded an annual multigroup

MEGA ADOPTION Event where 372 dogs and cats from 11 regional groups found new homes in 36 hours this past September. They procured 68 pallets of donated pet food and supplies last December and gave it all out to area groups. The AWA invests \$40,000 of their grant funds back in to five towns to lower pet impoundment at the county's open municipal shelter.

Through all of AWA's programs and services, over 21,000 pets have been helped. The AWA is a private charity. All operating funds come from service fees and donations. Over \$1.3 million must be donated each year to provide the services AWA provides to our community.

For more information about the great work being done by the AWA, visit www.awanj.org.