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AWA Announces Community Pet Program Grant from PetSmart Charities

Enables expansion of veterinary outreach in Fairview neighborhood of Camden

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Voorhees, NJ: Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is very pleased to announce that the receipt of a grant from PetSmart Charities to fund the Community Pet Program (CPP), beginning summer 2015. This grant allows AWA to expand its veterinary outreach services to the Fairview neighborhood in the City of Camden. CPP provides pet owners in this underserved community with veterinary care to help keep pets healthy and in their homes. CPP extends the work that AWA began in 2012 focusing on low income areas in Camden.

“We are grateful to PetSmart Charities for their support of our program in Fairview”, says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. “The residents of this neighborhood need and deserve extra support and this grant will help us reach a large number of unaltered pets and offer their owners spay/neuter and wellness services.”

The overarching goals of the grant include keeping pets in their current homes by helping them with health and behavior issues. This program aims to prevent pet impoundment and encourage a healthy animal-human bond. To build awareness about the program, AWA staff is out in the neighborhoods each week talking to residents and giving away pet food. With support from PetSmart Charities, AWA can continue to offer vaccinations, examinations, and help with minor medical conditions as well as free spay/neuter surgeries to residents of Fairview. It also allows AWA to provide weekly transportation of pets to our clinic for surgeries for those clients who don't have available transportation.

To learn more about AWA's Pet Clinic and CPP program, visit <http://awanj.org/spay-neuter-reduced-price-programs>

About AWA

Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. 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. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2014 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.