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AWA Receives Grant as Part of ASPCA & Subaru “Share the Love” Event Rescue Ride Program

Dogs and cats to get a new “leash” on life through animal transport program

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Voorhees, NJ: Animal Welfare Association (AWA) today announced that they are one of 49 animal welfare organizations receiving grant funding to participate in the ASPCA & Subaru “Share the Love” Event Rescue Ride. For the third year, the [ASPCA](#)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is granting a total of \$189,000 to animal welfare organizations across the country as part of the Subaru “Share the Love” event to fund the safe transport of sheltered dogs from localities where supply exceeds demand to areas where demand matches the supply of adoptable dogs.

“The ASPCA and Subaru ‘Share the Love’ event Rescue Ride program allows us to give dogs the best chance of finding a home,” said Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. “Working together with Sarge’s Animal Rescue Foundation, we can save many animals and enrich the lives of new adopting families.” Transport programs between animal shelters are crucial to saving lives. In some areas of the US, unplanned litters of puppies have nearly been eliminated, and shelters in these areas have large populations of large breed dogs, older dogs, and some behaviorally or medically needy dogs who may take longer to adopt. Shelters in other regions—most notably the South, Southwest and rural areas—still receive more puppies and a variety of healthy and happy dogs than they can place locally. Shelters where there are now shortages of puppies and small- to medium-sized dogs are turning to animal transport to rescue healthy dogs from euthanasia and to bring diversity to their adoption kennels.

The program will begin in the end of January 2016, and updates and photos of the Rescue Rides can be found on AWA’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/animalwelfareassociation/

More information about AWA can be found at www.awanj.org

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 2015 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey’s leader in progressive companion animal care.