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***AWA and Voorhees Animal Orphanage team up for “Voorhees Pet Day”
Each shelter will offer free microchips for Voorhees pets on Saturday, August 15
from 12noon-4pm***

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Voorhees, NJ: – Animal Welfare Association (AWA) and Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO) are partnering to provide Voorhees pets with free microchips on Saturday, August 15. The shelters will also offer free scanning of existing microchips to ensure the pet’s information is up to date. August 15 is “National Check the Chip Day”, founded to raise awareness of the importance of microchipping pets.

“Microchips are a great way to reunite lost pets with their owners,” says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. “One in three pets gets lost at some point in their lives, and 90% of lost pets without any identification never make it home. Since collars and tags can break off, a microchip is a security device for the pet and their owner. AWA is very pleased to team up with VAO to help keep pets in Voorhees safe”.

AWA and VAO would like to thank Voorhees Township for their support of animal welfare by funding Voorhees Pet Day. Their support allows each shelter to offer 75 free microchips to Voorhees residents. Each resident will need to present proof of residency, and will qualify for one free microchip. Residents needing additional microchips will purchase at a discounted rate of \$15. Non-Voorhees residents can get scanned and microchipped during this event, but will pay a discounted rate of \$18.

Please call 856-424-2288 or visit www.awanj.org for more information.

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.

About VAO

The Voorhees Animal Orphanage is a 501c3 non-profit organization that has been dedicated since 1988 to helping families find their new four-legged friend, and providing shelter, food and medical care to South Jersey’s stray and unwanted animals until their forever homes can be

found. We are the shelter of record for 13 municipalities in Camden County, taking in approximately 1,500 stray and abandoned animals annually. We are also an adoption center, finding homes for more than 700 cats and dogs each year!