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AWA Awarded Blitz Grant for Feral Cats from PetSmart Charities

Grant will provide stray/feral cats with free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations in April, 2015

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Voorhees, NJ– Animal Welfare Association, Inc. (AWA) is the proud recipient of a grant from PetSmart Charities which will allow stray/feral cats to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated at no cost to their caregivers. This will result in less unwanted kittens and more healthy adult cats in the area.

AWA supports the responsible management of feral cat colonies through a medical program offering reduced price services, rental traps, and workshops on the Trap Neuter Release model. “There has been a shift in the philosophy around stray or feral cats in the past few years,” says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. “Because feral cats are not habituated to people like domestic indoor cats, they often do better living outdoors with structured assistance than in a shelter trying to get adopted. We support feral caregivers in several ways and will expand our support with this PetSmart Charities grant, by offering free spay/neuter and vaccines to more feral cats in our community.”

For more information about AWA’s Trap Neuter Return program, visit <http://awanj.org/pet-clinic/overview>

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Animal Welfare Association is South Jersey’s oldest private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization. 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 2013 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA's No-Kill programming.