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PRESS RELEASE

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SpokAnimal Receives Spay/Neuter Grant Award from the Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies

Spokane, Wash., – Nov. 3, 2022 – SpokAnimal has received a \$5,000 grant award from The Washington Federation of Animal Care and Control to provide qualified low-income pet owners with access to deeply-discounted spay/neuter services for their cats and dogs.

“With animals entering shelters faster than they are being adopted, this funding is timely and important. It allows us to offer spay/neuter assistance and curtail the growth of unwanted animal populations,” stated SpokAnimal executive director, Dori Peck.

Since the grant is made possible by proceeds from the sale of Washington State SPAY ~ NEUTER ~ ADOPT license plates, SpokAnimal hopes to generate greater awareness about the plates through a special promotion. The grant will fund 50 percent of the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for those low-income pet owners that state, “spay, neuter, adopt” when booking an appointment. Pet owners also need to be able to provide proof of using federal assistance services such as housing vouchers, food stamps, lunch programs, or Medicaid.

Since 2007, The Federation has awarded over \$615,000 in license plate grant funds to qualifying animal welfare organizations throughout Washington State. These funds have enabled the completion of nearly 20,500 spay/neuter surgeries for pets of low-income households and feral or free-roaming cats.

Peck stated that the Federation allows grant recipients to structure the use of grant awards and that at this time, the 50% discount will not apply to community cats. Appointments for owned pets can be made by calling the clinic at (509) 534-4253.



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About SpokAnimal

SpokAnimal was founded in 1983 and has become Eastern Washington's largest and most cost-effectively operated humane society for pet adoptions. Last year, we found homes for 3,478 animals and, per our 2021 tax filing, 78% of the organization's expenditures went directly towards programs that benefit shelter and public pets. Over half our shelter's intake is from owner-surrendered animals and transfers from the local municipal shelter, SCRAPS. The other portion of animals arrives through our vibrant transport program, which allows us to save pets from areas where overcrowding and euthanizing for space are still unfortunate realities. Our foster program helps us care for fragile and vulnerable animals. Our vet clinic supports both shelter and public pets with spay/neuter services, microchips, vaccines and dentals. Ad hoc care for pets, such wound care, pregnancy complications, and digestive issues, is provided for public pets as staffing and finances allow. The Guardian Angel emergency boarding service and Pet Food Bank are other programs that support our community. To further enhance animal welfare in our community, partnerships with organizations such as Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, Sullivan Park Care Center, Spokane Meals on Wheels, Blessings Under the Bridge, Red Cross, Family Promise and Best Friends are core to our outreach. Those interested in supporting the nonprofits work can contribute online at www.spokanimal.org.