

Shelby Humane Society Receives \$60,000 Grant from PetSmart Charities®

Columbiana, AL—Shelby Humane Society announced today that it has received a \$60,000 grant from PetSmart Charities – the leading funder of animal welfare in North America. This grant will provide subsidized spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs owned by residents of Shelby County who live in zip codes 35147, 35137, 35114, and 35176.

“This grant offers financial support to responsible pet owners who are trying to do what’s best,” says Cassidy Sklar, Grants Coordinator. “We expect to help to spay or neuter at least 800 cats and dogs, which is made possible through a generous grant from PetSmart Charities.”

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness through many efforts including adoption and increased spay and neuter efforts. With the help of animal welfare partners, including Shelby Humane Society, PetSmart Charities has funded over 1.4 million spay and neuter surgeries in the U.S. since 2009.

The Shelby Humane Society will administer the \$60,000 grant through its Quick Fix Program, which already offers low-cost spay and neuter surgeries to Shelby County residents. “We typically have fewer surgeries scheduled through our Quick Fix Program from these four areas of Shelby County,” says Allyssa Colburn, Quick Fix Coordinator for SHS. “In offering this special opportunity, we hope to increase the quality of life for these animals while having a significant impact on the dog and cat overpopulation problem. This will definitely be good news for families that own pets in these communities!” Since the Quick Fix Program started in 2008, Shelby Humane Society has seen a significant decrease in intake numbers each and every year.

A portion of the grant will also be used to support education and marketing efforts including billboards, yard signs, local newspaper ads, and presentations to community groups.

For more information, please contact Allyssa Colburn, Quick Fix Coordinator at 205-669-3916 or visit www.shelbyhumane.org

About Shelby Humane Society

Shelby Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1977 to care for abandoned cats and dogs in Shelby County. It has grown into a community organization and resource center, committed to improving the lives of the pets of Shelby County and the people who care for them, supporting responsible pet ownership by offering basic pet wellness and spay/neuter services, and by placement of companion animals.

