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SAAFhouse Pet Clinic Reaches 1,000th Surgery

Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation’s low-cost spay/neuter clinic, SAAFhouse, has reached the milestone of 1,000 animals spayed or neutered in just over three months of operation. Scooby, a one-year-old male dog, was the 1,000th surgery (pictured at left).

SAAF is a nonprofit organization. Its spay-neuter clinic, located at 1600 N. Washington Avenue, opened in late August. The clinic is intended to serve the low-income population of Springfield and surrounding areas by offering affordable surgery rates for cat or dog owners who could not otherwise afford the service.

Amie Burling, Clinic Veterinarian, said "We are proud to celebrate this milestone and grateful for the local support which has made it possible. Our next immediate goal is to increase awareness of our mission and the service we offer. It has been very rewarding to begin combating pet overpopulation in the Ozarks, and we look forward to drastically reducing the euthanasia rate in our community in the coming years."

The 1,000 surgeries done by SAAFhouse have already prevented the births of thousands of puppies or kittens. SAAF’s goal is to make Springfield a no-kill city by 2018.

- CONTACT INFO: For quotes or more information about the 1,000-animal milestone, please contact Janet Martin (Board President) at saaf2018@yahoo.com or Mary Crawford (Clinic Director) at 417-831-7223.
- PHOTO OR VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES? Yes. Please contact clinic at 417-831-7223 to set up a time to tour the facility and photograph/video a surgery.
- ABOUT SAAF: SAAF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency devoted to ending pet overpopulation in the Ozarks. Services are intended for pet owners who could not otherwise afford to have their animals spayed or neutered. The SAAFhouse clinic employs a staff of five and heavily depends on the assistance of volunteers.
- CLINIC’S OPEN HOURS: Regular hours are 7:30 am–5 pm Tuesday–Friday (Wednesday–Saturday third week of the month). Clients may call to make appointments between 1 and 4 pm on regular days of operation.