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Big Hair Ball Raises Funds for SAAFhouse Spay/Neuter Clinic

Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation announces a charity ball, Friday the 13th of May, at 7pm at Historic Firehouse #2, 101 East Commercial, to benefit their SAAFhouse Spay/Neuter Clinic. A "hair-raising" fundraiser, all proceeds will directly benefit SAAFhouse. Prizes for the biggest hair will be awarded 3 categories: "All my Own," "Wild Hair" and "Professional" for salon entries.

Collette Parker Restoration is host for The Big Hair Ball at their Historic Firehouse #2, 101 East Commercial. Dancing demonstrations by Dance With Me include "Pet Thriller" by the Road Kill Review. Blue Plate Special will provide a Bluesy backdrop, Infused Catering has donated pet-themed dinner and appetizers and a photobooth to capture all those "wild hairs." Lindbergs is donating cash bar service serving beer donated by Premium Beverages and wine.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of 8. Individual tickets can be purchased at All Pet Supplies (1611 W. Republic Rd. & 2845 W. Kearney,) Flame & Flair (1550 E. Battlefield,) Maschino's (1715 S. Campbell,) Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar (217 E. Commercial,) or SAAFhouse (1600 N. Washington.) For updates and more in-depth information about the charity ball visit Facebook at Big Hair Ball, Springfield, MO.

SAAFhouse Spay/Neuter clinic is Missouri's first Humane Alliance model clinic and one of over 90 nationwide. Serving pet owners who could not otherwise afford to have their animals spayed or neutered, SAAFhouse is at 1600 North Washington. The former Center for The Blind building was completely remodeled and dedicated last August; Since then nearly 2,500 surgeries have been performed.

"Keeping our prices down to the bare minimum is absolutely critical." says Mary Crawford, Clinic Director. "Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation (SAAF) is a 501(c)3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible and directly support spaying and neutering surgeries."

SAAFhouse, a SAAF project, is open 4 10-hour days weekly at 1600 North Washington. Support for SAAFhouse has been provided through PetSmart Charities, Community Development Block Grants and Two Mauds Foundation. Supporting SAAF via this fundraiser or via Paypal through their website at www.saaf2018.org helps further the goal of the organization, "to make Springfield a No-Kill community by 2018." To schedule an appointment or for more information call the clinic at 417.831.SAAF (7223.)

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