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News Release

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Spay/Neuter Clinic Reaches 5,000 Surgeries

Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation's low-cost spay/neuter clinic, SAAFhouse, has reached the milestone of 5,000 animals spayed or neutered. Zack, a five-year-old male dog, was the 5,000th surgery.

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 5,000 surgeries done by SAAFhouse have prevented the births of nearly 30,000 puppies and kittens. SAAF's goal is to make Springfield a no-kill city by 2018.

- 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 six and depends on the assistance of volunteers.
- CLINIC'S OPEN HOURS: Regular hours are 7:30 am–5 pm Tuesday–Friday. Clients may call to make appointments between 9 am and 4 pm on regular days of operation. For more information, visit www.saaf2018.org or follow [SAAF on Facebook](#) at SAAF - Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation.

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