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City Council to Commemorate Animal Control Partnership

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is proud to recognize Castaway Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) for 10 years rehabilitating and rescuing animals and facilitate adoptions from the city's animal control shelter. C.A.R.E. will be recognized for their dedication at Tuesday's City Council luncheon with a proclamation from Mayor Jim O'Neal.

C.A.R.E. was the first rescue organization to assist the Springfield-Greene County Health Department's animal control shelter in finding forever homes for the dogs and cats housed at the shelter. C.A.R.E. does not accept animals from the public and instead works exclusively with the animal control program and other animal organizations in the area to rescue shelter animals rehabilitate them and facilitate adoptions to caring homes. Over the past 10 years, C.A.R.E. has rescued 7,950 animals from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department animal control shelter.

"We are extremely grateful for the partnership that we have had with C.A.R.E. for the past 10 years. The service they provide to our community and our animal control program has made a significant impact on the animal population challenges we continue to face in Springfield. We look forward to recognizing them for their contributions," says Kevin Gipson, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

C.A.R.E., the first no-kill shelter in southwest Missouri, was founded in 1992 and has rescued over 10,000 animals offering medical treatment for sick or injured animals and provides spay and neuter services to animals prior to adoption. Additionally C.A.R.E. provides quality lifetime care for animals that are unadoptable at their sanctuary in Aurora, Missouri. C.A.R.E. currently operates three facilities: adoption centers in Springfield and Ozark and a sanctuary in Aurora for animals that are unadoptable or need rehabilitation. C.A.R.E is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is primarily funded through donations.

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