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Unique Event Promotes Animal Welfare

Not even one full month after the opening of the SAAF House Spay and Neuter Clinic and the community will again benefit from the efforts of caring staff and volunteers that are truly committed to animal welfare. On Saturday, September 25, 2010, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department will partner with the SAAF House to introduce a unique event that will serve our community. This event will bring people together to go door-to-door in the Grant Beach neighborhood offering information about the spay and neuter services that are now offered through the SAAF House operation. A group of staff and volunteers from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department will be led by Karen Prescott, Environmental Services Administrator, as they take information, pet supplies and goodies to citizens throughout the Grant Beach neighborhood. Information will specifically be aimed at prevention of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. Many of these unwanted animals end up at the animal control facilities once owners are unable to find homes for them. "We are thrilled to be a part of an effort to promote animal safety and welfare through our ongoing partnership with the SAAF House staff and volunteers. This event will help spread the word about the services that are offered at the spay and neuter clinic and give people a chance to utilize these necessary services that help keep our pets healthy and safe," Prescott stated.

In addition to offering information on spay and neuter services to prevent unwanted litters, residents will be offered pet supplies and goodies, and the chance to enter a drawing that will provide a spay/neuter procedure free of charge to the owner. Ten surgeries have been donated and residents that enter the drawing will have the opportunity to be the recipients of one of the donated spay/neuter surgeries.

The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 25, 2010, between noon and 4:00 pm. For more information on volunteering for the event, please contact Karen Prescott at 417-864-1664. For more information about the SAAF House, please visit www.saaf2018.org or call 417-839-0119.

"The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is proud to be a part of an event that offers community based solutions to the animal control and welfare challenges that exist throughout the City. This is a great example of dedicated staff and volunteers showing compassion for their neighbors, and our community," says Kevin Gipson, Director of the Health Department.

Plans are being made to extend these educational events to neighborhoods throughout the community. Watch for more information about upcoming dates.

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