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Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society Receives Grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada to Fuel Spay and Neuter Efforts

Kitchener, Ontario—March 22, 2019 –The Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society today announced it has received a new \$35,000 grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada, one of Canada’s leading funders of animal welfare to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in our catchment area.

Cats in Canada 2017: A Five-Year Review of Cat Overpopulation by Humane Canada reported that “cat over-population continues to challenge communities across Canada.” With a regional population of 594,000, best estimates place the number of unowned (or community) cats in Waterloo Region somewhere around 140,000. In the Stratford-Perth area, it is estimated there are close to 4000 community cats. With a catchment area from Toronto to London, the number soars closer to 400,000. Through funding provided by local residents, Bill and Marion Weber, the KWHS has provided no-cost spay/neuter surgeries for rescue groups located from London to Toronto. Between its launch in October 2014 and its last date of operations in July 2018, this clinic had performed more than 4000 surgeries for colony cats. This new funding from PetSmart will allow KWHS to re-open this clinic for registered colony groups.

“PetSmart Charities of Canada is pleased to join forces with community leaders like the Webers to support the Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society’s efforts to address pet overpopulation,” says Dani LaGiglia, regional relationship manager at the charity. “By making spay and neuter surgeries more accessible and affordable, we’re helping to prevent further pet homelessness in Kitchener-Waterloo, Stratford and the surrounding communities.”

“Animal overpopulation is a serious problem. This issue is a direct result of animals left unaltered and we are so excited to have PetSmart Charities partner with us to help make a difference in our communities,” says Kathrin Delutis, Executive Director, the Humane Society Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth.

This clinic is open to members of our communities who manage registered cat colonies. To register a colony or to find more information about the clinic, please visit www.kwhumane.com.

PetSmart Charities of Canada aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness. Since 1999, the organization has granted more than \$5 million to support spay and neuter efforts across Canada.

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About Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society

The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is a leader in Animal Welfare in our communities, focusing on what is in the best interest of the pets. We do this through community education, advocacy, care, and compliance. We are a registered charity and receive no government funding for our programs. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR0001

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