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Spay Memphis receives \$45,000 grant from PetSmart Charities® to fuel spay and neuter efforts in Memphis and Shelby County

Low-income pet owners will benefit from discounted spay and neuter surgeries

Memphis, TN – February 28, 2019 – Spay Memphis today announced it has recently received \$45,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in Memphis and Shelby County. With the help of this donation, the organization will offer low-income pet owners, who receive government assistance, discounted spay and neuter surgeries for their pets.

This grant will allow Spay Memphis to offer spay and neuter surgeries at just \$40 for dogs and \$20 for cats. Pet owners must show proof of government assistance to qualify for this discounted pricing. This funding will fix approximately 950 pets and will prevent thousands of unwanted litters from ending up on the streets or in our local shelters.

“We are so grateful to PetSmart Charities for allowing our clinic to make such an impact on the lives of pets in our community,” says Brittany Pace, Spay Memphis Executive Director. “By awarding us these funds, we will be able to make a real, substantial difference in our area and help pet owners who want to be responsible but, due to lack of funds, have been previously unable to afford the surgery.”

“Spay Memphis is a committed community partner that continues to make affordable pet care accessible,” said Kelly Balthazor, regional relationship manager at PetSmart Charities. “We are thrilled to support this initiative that will help prevent additional homeless pets and provide Memphis area pet families with valuable resources.”

Pet owners will need to schedule an appointment for their pet’s spay or neuter surgery at Spay Memphis. Appointments can be made online at www.spaymemphis.org or by calling 901-324-3202.

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness. Since 1994, the organization has granted more than \$100 million to support spay and neuter efforts across the United States.

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About Spay Memphis

Spay Memphis is a 501(c)3 non-profit clinic dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation and high euthanasia rates by offering high-quality, affordable spay and neuter surgeries to the public. The clinic has operated since 2005 and has performed over 53,000 spay and neuter procedures, potentially

reducing the number of offspring produced by each unaltered animal and succeeding generations of litters by the hundreds of thousands. In addition, the clinic offers age-appropriate pet vaccinations and micro-chipping, which are done at the time of surgery. The clinic operates Tuesday through Friday and is located at 3787 Summer Avenue. For more information about Spay Memphis, visit www.spaymemphis.org.

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About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is committed to finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps to find forever homes and families for more than 500,000 shelter pets each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to nonprofits aligned with its mission under key areas of support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, granting almost \$340 million since its inception in 1994. Independent from PetSmart Inc., PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization that has received the Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a third-party organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 15 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more visit www.petsmartcharities.org.

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