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# **CAROL HOUSE QUICK FIX PET CLINIC RECEIVES \$210,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO FUEL SPAY AND NEUTER EFFORTS IN ST. LOUIS METRO AREA**

*Collaboration 2019 – Free spay/neuter and vaccinations*

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI – February 15, 2019** – Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic today announced it has recently received a \$210,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, rural communities in Missouri, as well as the Metro East. With the help of this grant, the organization will offer free spay/neuter and vaccinations to pets in designated areas.

The local City and County Animal Control facilities, as well as most rescues are bursting at the seams in and around the St. Louis Area. Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic feels there are several barriers that contribute to the inaccessibility of pet health care and ultimately contributes to the overpopulation problem: Cost of services, transportation, inaccurate information and lack of resources are all obstacles that play a major role in pet overpopulation and the surrendering of owned pets. It is the philosophy of Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic that a lack of financial means does not equate to a lack of love felt for and provided to a pet. By connecting with residents in their own neighborhoods through consistent face-to-face interactions and personal engagement, word of mouth through communities spreads and long-standing trust is maintained over time. The organization also collaborates with area rescue, shelter and animal welfare organizations, offering consistent and affordable services to its partners in support of their missions. Through the generous support of PetSmart Charities, this grant allows official partnership with other organizations (Gateway Pet Guardians, Animal Protective Association, BARC and Belleville Area Humane Society) doing the same type of work in and around the St. Louis Metro Area.

“This project gives us the opportunity to formally pull all of these organizations together and work collectively to improve the health and well-being of the pets in our community – keeping them in their homes and reducing the number of unwanted dogs and cats that end up in shelters,” said Wendy Heckman, Executive Director.

“The work of this organization promotes a collaborative effort which benefits area pet parents and yields a healthier pet population,” said Deborah Turcott, acting president of PetSmart Charities.

“Partnering with passionate organizations like Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic provides affordable and accessible pet care in more communities.”

Contact the Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic outreach line for more information at (314) 296-2369

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**About Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic**

CHQFPC provides high-volume, low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter and basic wellness services to pets in the greater St. Louis area and surrounding rural communities. CHQFPC provides free spay/neuter, wellness care, supplies, advocacy and information to pet owners in underserved communities in North St. Louis City, through strategic, positive community engagements. CHQFPC has performed over 66 ,000 low-cost or free spay/neuter procedures since opening June 2012.

**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 four key areas of support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets and Providing Emergency Relief and Disaster 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](http://www.petsmartcharities.org).

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