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SICSA PET ADOPTION CENTER RECEIVES \$30,000 FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO FUEL SPAY AND NEUTER EFFORTS IN TARGETED AREAS IN DAYTON OHIO

Pet owners residing in one of the targeted zip codes will be able to have their pet spayed or neutered and a rabies vaccination if needed for only \$20

Kettering, OH – February 12, 2018 – SICSA Pet Adoption Center today announced it received \$30,000 from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in Dayton Ohio. With the help of this donation, the organization will offer \$20 spay or neuter surgeries to pet owners in targeted areas.

SICSA offers a reduced cost spay/neuter program all year for low and moderate income families, spaying or neutering over three thousand pets annually.

“Although SICSA offers reduced cost spay neuter surgeries, many families are not able to afford those. Thanks to the PetSmart Charities grant, families in the targeted areas will be able to have their pet “fixed” for only \$20, helping to reduce the pet over-population problem” said Zandra Gibson, SICSA Spay/Neuter Coordinator.

“By providing accessible and affordable spay and neuter services, SICSA is taking a proactive approach to reduce the overpopulation of pets in the Kettering community,” said Kelly Balthazor, regional relationship manager for PetSmart Charities. “These low-cost services will allow local pet parents to prevent unplanned litters and help end pet homelessness in the area.”

SICSA will be promoting the PetSmart Grant at various locations in the targeted areas. Please visit SICSA’s website at www.sicsa.org/fix for more information.

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness through increased spay and neuter efforts. With the help of animal welfare partners, such as SICSA Pet Adoption Center, PetSmart Charities has funded over 1.7 million spay and neuter surgeries in the U.S. since 2009.

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About SICSA

Originated in 1974, SICSA was started as an alternative to the traditional animal welfare system with a mission of improving the lives of stray animals and promoting adoption. The organization runs an Animal Adoption Center in Kettering at 2600 Wilmington Pike, which is open seven days a week to the public for

those interested in bringing a companion animal into their home. For more information about SICSA, please log onto their website at www.SICSA.org or call the Adoption Center at (937) 294-6505

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. In addition to finding homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities provides funding to non-profits aligned with its mission through four key areas of grant support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets; and 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 90 cents of every dollar donated and has become the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, donating about \$300 million to date. PetSmart Charities, a 501(c)(3) organization, has received the Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 14 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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