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Humane Society of the U.S. Awards Grant to Second Chance Animal Center

Shaftsbury, VT (January 26, 2009) - Second Chance Animal Center (SCAC) in Shaftsbury, VT has been awarded a generous grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Humane Society of the U.S (HSUS).

The grant is in support of Second Chance's Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) which is designed to help families who otherwise would not be able to afford to have their pet spayed or neutered.

Nancy Boardman, president of SCAC, said *"The economic crisis is taking its toll in many ways. Here in Vermont, where winters are particularly severe, many families are afraid they won't be able to afford to heat their homes or have enough food to eat and, of course, their pets will be needing help too. Just one of the ways Second Chance is helping is by providing low-cost, and in some cases no-cost, spay/neutering for income-eligible families"*.

Pet overpopulation is a very real problem with many tragic consequences – starvation, abuse and death for the innocent victims. The sad fact is that there simply are not enough homes for all the litters of kittens and puppies born each year. That is why it is so important for people to have their pets spayed or neutered. Another benefit to having pets spayed or neutered is that they tend to live longer and lead happier, healthier lives.

The Humane Society of the U.S. is the nation's largest animal protection organization – backed by over ten million Americans. For more than half a century, the HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education and hands-on programs.

Second Chance has been serving the needs of the tri-state area for almost 50 years and is dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals by providing shelter, care and adoption services for homeless and unwanted animals. The shelter also provides spay/neuter assistance, humane education, and investigative services to handle complaints concerning neglect and abuse of animals.

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