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HAMILTON/BURLINGTON SPCA RECEIVES \$65,000 GRANT FROM PETSMA RT CHARITIES® OF CANADA TO MAKE SPAY AND NEUTER MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TO ELIGIBLE PET PARENTS IN HAMILTON

New funding will provide 1,000 subsidized spay/neuter surgeries for cats in Hamilton in 2019

Hamilton, ON [January 14, 2019] – The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA) has received a \$65,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities of Canada](#) to support its spay and neuter efforts in Hamilton. With the help of this donation, the HBSPCA will offer 1,000 subsidized spay/neuter surgeries through their *Hip to Snip* program, to families who may otherwise be unable to afford to provide their pet with this important procedure.

Cat overpopulation continues to be an issue in Hamilton and its surrounding areas. To date, the HBSPCA has provided 3,100 subsidized spay/neuter surgeries preventing further pet homelessness before it begins. Through partnerships with neighbourhood associations and social service agencies in the community, the HBSPCA offers support to pet families with limited access to veterinary services. With this new funding, the HBSPCA will offer about 100 subsidized surgeries a month between February and December 2019 at a cost of only \$30 per cat to the owner.

“Spay neuter is one of the best things we can do for our pet cats. And affordable surgeries help people be the pet parents that they want to be, prevent homelessness and keep pets and people thriving together,” says Marion Emo, president & CEO of the HBSPCA. “We are deeply grateful for the confidence PetSmart Charities of Canada has in our Companion Animal Hospital and its outreach, volunteers and staff as they strive to help pet parents to access the veterinary care they need for their cats to remain safe and healthy.”

All pets having spay/neuter surgery also receive rabies and FVRCP vaccines, preventative flea and deworming treatments as well as a microchip to identify the feline in the event that he or she gets lost.

“Through strategic grant-making and working with organizations like the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA, we’re reducing the number of homeless pets in Hamilton and its surrounding regions by making spay and neuter surgeries more accessible and affordable to pet loving families in need,” says Dani LaGiglia, regional relationship manager at PetSmart Charities of Canada. Since 1999, the leading animal welfare charity has granted more than \$7 million to support spay and neuter efforts across Canada.

For more information on the HBSPCA’s spay/neuter services, please visit:

<https://hbspca.com/services/spayneuter/>

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About the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA:

The Hamilton/Burlington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HBSPCA) is animal focused and donor based. The HBSPCA is committed to thriving animals, thriving pet families and thriving communities. With donor support and community partners, we are making progress keeping people and pets together, helping pet owners be the pet parents they want to be, and helping animals in care on the way to their second chance homes. We invite you to check out the miracles that happen every day at www.hbspca.com Charitable registration # 11923 6750 RR0001

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