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Shelter and Rescue Animals to be Spayed and Neutered Sunday at No Cost

The Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA), PetSmart® Charities and the Vermont Humane Federation are joining together this weekend to train veterinarians on the latest in high-volume spay/neuter techniques.

The VVMA received a generous grant from PetSmart® Charities allowing for veterinarians to participate in a wet lab (surgery training) at VT-CAN! Spay/Neuter clinic. National leading experts in spay/neuter surgical techniques and anesthesia will be presenting current information and protocols on Saturday, and training veterinarians on Sunday. This means that close to 100 shelter and rescue animals from Vermont Humane Federation members will be altered at no cost to the organizations.

"We are excited to be able to help our Vermont shelters and rescue groups while teaching other veterinarians our high-volume techniques" said Dr. Sara White, President-Elect of the VVMA who works with Spay ASAP, a mobile veterinary clinic providing affordable spay and neuter services. "PetSmart® Charities has a long and generous history of funding spay/neuter trainings for veterinarians to increase the availability of services throughout the country and help reduce the homeless pet population by preventing unplanned litters, and we appreciate their wonderful support."

PetSmart® Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that saves the lives of homeless pets. More than 400,000 dogs and cats find homes each year through their adoption program in all PetSmart® stores and their sponsored adoption events. PetSmart® Charities grants more money to directly help pets in need than any other animal welfare group in North America, with a focus on funding spay/neuter services that help communities solve pet overpopulation. PetSmart® Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization, separate from PetSmart®, Inc.

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