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Virginia Federation of Humane Societies Announces Grant Program

Arlington, VA - The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies (VFHS) announces a spay/neuter grant program for 2010. While VFHS promotes the spaying and neutering of all companion animals, its 2010 grant program will target two distinct kinds of spay/neuter projects: 1) the spaying and neutering of animals in a targeted community prior to their adoption; and 2) the spaying and neutering of free roaming cats as part of a targeted community trap-neuter-return (“TNR”) program.

To be eligible for funding, an organization must have 501(c)(3) non-profit status, with operations in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and working within the community to assist companion animals. Funds may be used only to assist Virginia animals. Proposals will be evaluated for their scope, the need being addressed, the overall project design, the collaborative effort involved, the sustainability of the project after the grant term, and the ability to provide 50% of the grant amount in matching funds.

A Request for Proposals, containing terms and conditions, evaluation criteria, and an application form, may be downloaded from the VFHS website (www.vfhs.org). Proposals must be postmarked no later than February 27, 2010 and applicants will be notified by March 31, 2010.

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About the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies: The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies (VFHS) is a non-profit organization founded in Virginia in 1959. Membership includes animal welfare organizations such as humane societies, SPCAs, rescue groups, sanctuaries, and animal control agencies, as well as animal caregivers and individual supporters across Virginia. Primary among our goals is reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals in Virginia. We believe this to be possible and strive to work with our members to create the resources to reach this goal: increasing access to affordable spay/neuter options; increasing access to education and information; supporting trap-neuter-return (TNR) as a humane means of caring for and controlling our feral and stray cat population; and advocating for legislative and other solutions to the problems of animal cruelty and pet overpopulation. For more information, visit our website at www.vfhs.org.

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