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**Spokane Humane Society Receives \$95,000 Grant
from the ASPCA to Support Access to Veterinary Care**
Funding will assist with expenses related to Veterinary Care

Spokane, WA — Spokane Humane Society has been awarded a \$95,000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) through the 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grants. This funding will support the expansion of veterinary clinical services for local low-income community members, covering essential care such as dental procedures, spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, microchipping, end-of-life services, and facility improvements, including necessary sanitary and monitoring equipment.

In addition to enhancing veterinary care access, the grant will help fund lifesaving services through rehoming and transport efforts, volunteering and foster care programs, and providing a no-barrier pet food pantry for families and their pets in need. This support is crucial in ensuring animals receive the high quality of care they deserve while offering a helping hand to families facing financial barriers.

"We're incredibly grateful to the ASPCA for recognizing the critical need for accessible veterinary care," said Kim Reasoner-Morin, Executive Director at Spokane Humane Society. "This grant empowers us to broaden our support, reaching low-income families and assisting other animal welfare organizations in outlying areas considered a desert zone of animal care resources. Together, we're making a lasting impact on animals and the families that care for them."

"ASPCA grant funds are intended to help alleviate the many challenges shelters are currently experiencing by providing them with the resources, staffing, or services they need to care for the animals and pet owners in their communities," said **Christa Chadwick**, vice president of shelter services at the ASPCA. "Through our grant funding, along with our extensive shelter partnerships and lifesaving initiatives, the ASPCA is working in and with communities to build strong programs that support vulnerable animals. We look forward to seeing the positive impact Spokane Humane Society continues to make in their community."

The funding will support vital programs, including low or no-cost spay/neuter, vaccine, and microchip services for pets, as well as critical veterinary care for animals from low-income households. Additionally, the grant will cover medical care for displaced animals, including urgent treatment prior to adoption and specialized care for those with extreme medical needs through the organization's STAR (Specialized Treatment and Recovery) program. The funding will also help replace essential clinic equipment, such as a commercial dishwasher and laundry machines, and support the launch of a new in-house dental care service with the purchase of an EKG machine. Spokane Humane Society is grateful for the ASPCA's support, which will ensure more pets receive the care they deserve, enabling them to stay with their loving families.

For more information about Spokane Humane Society, please visit SpokaneHumaneSociety.org

Since 2001, the ASPCA has provided more than \$200 million in grant funding to over 3,500 organizations and programs nationwide dedicated to helping vulnerable and victimized animals. Grants are just one example of how the ASPCA is helping animals and communities in need, with funds supporting a variety of programs ranging from increasing pet adoptions to helping communities build strong programs to rescue, shelter, transport, and support animals during natural disasters, improving access to veterinary care and partnering with food banks to serve more than 4.3 million pet food meals since 2017. For more information about the ASPCA's grant-making and current initiatives, visit www.aspcapro.org/grants.

About Spokane Humane Society

Spokane Humane Society is the oldest local non-profit dedicated to animal welfare in Spokane, with a 127-year legacy of compassion. As a 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization, they've been serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area. Spokane Humane Society receives zero government funding and relies entirely on community support to sustain its mission. In addition to adoptions, they offer veterinary clinical services to low-income community members, helping keep pets healthy and with their families. To view adoptable animals or provide life-changing support, visit www.spokanehumanesociety.org and stay connected through Instagram and Facebook @SpokaneHumaneSociety.

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