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**Capital Area Humane Society issues more than 500 vouchers
for subsidized spay/neuter services...vouchers still available**

In partnership with Franklin County, private donors and local veterinary clinics, the Capital Area Humane Society is offering vouchers for subsidized spay/neuter services for cats. Vouchers can be presented at participating veterinary clinics, where they will perform the spay/neuter surgery and administer a rabies vaccine free of charge to the client. Clinics then submit the voucher to the Capital Area Humane Society for reimbursement at a reduced rate.

Since the program launched in July, the Capital Area Humane Society has issued more than 500 vouchers. Individuals with an unaltered owned cat or Good Samaritans who find or are given a homeless cat they are willing to keep are eligible for vouchers. Vouchers are still available. The Capital Area Humane Society can offer one voucher per household for those who qualify.

“Ultimately, increasing the number of altered owned cats will also help decrease the thousands of stray and feral cats taken to the Humane Society each year by preventing the birth of unwanted kittens vulnerable to abandonment,” said Jodi Lytle Buckman, Executive Director of the Capital Area Humane Society.

More information about the AdvoCAT Spay & Neuter Program and how to get a voucher visit www.cahs-pets.org or call (614) 777-7387, ext. 298.

The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. It is our mission to fight animal cruelty, help animals in need and advocate for their well-being. More than 95 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services, we are not a government

agency and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit www.cahs-pets.org.

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