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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Volunteers For Animals is proud to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the ASPCA to provide low cost spay and neuter of canines and felines belonging to NYS residents who receive public assistance. The ASPCA administers the New York State Animal Population Control Program on behalf of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The grant, via a voucher system, will cover the spaying or neutering of the pet, a rabies vaccine, a distemper vaccine and deworming.

Since 1984, Volunteers For Animals has assisted with the care, treatment, and adoption of animals residing at our area's municipal shelter, the Genesee County Animal Shelter in Batavia, NY. We provide care and services that would not be available if not for our involvement. Prior to our participation, sick animals were euthanized and none were spayed or neutered. Our group is staffed completely by volunteers, some of whom have been involved for over a decade. We are a dedicated group of volunteers who coordinate all the the necessary care and treatment for the animals at the shelter.

For many years, Volunteers For Animals has been committed to spaying and neutering all animals prior to adoption at the Genesee County Animal Shelter. We are now expanding that commitment to help pet owners in the community. We understand the pressing need to spay and neuter dogs and cats to alleviate the pet over-population epidemic. Volunteers For Animals has partnered with local veterinarians and their staff to provide quality, low cost services to low income residents in Genesee and surrounding counties. We believe that not only will this program help to reduce the pet over-population problem but will benefit the quality of life for both pet owners and pets. We believe that sterilized pets present a win-win situation. The pet is generally healthier and the pet-owner relationship is generally less stressful and, therefore, more enjoyable.

To receive a voucher, the pet owner must speak with a member of Volunteers For Animals. The pet owner can call the Shelter at 585-343-6410 to leave a message for a volunteer - please leave name and phone number where a volunteer can call the pet owner. An email can also be sent to [info@vol4animals.org](mailto:info@vol4animals.org).