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MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES \$100,000 FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO SUBSIDIZE LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES ON MAUI

(Puunene, HI) – [January 19, 2018] – Maui Humane Society today announced it received \$100,000 from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to help continue to fuel its spay and neuter efforts on Maui. With the help of this donation, the organization will be able to continue to offer subsidized low cost spay and neuter services to Maui County residents.

Since 2016, Maui Humane Society's Community Spay/Neuter Program has been able to provide subsidized spay and neuter surgeries to the Maui Community thanks to grant funding. A total of 11,588 animals have benefited from the Maui Humane Society Spay/Neuter program since then.

"We're very grateful for the generous grant from PetSmart Charities," said Jerleen Bryant, CEO, Maui Humane Society. "This grant will allow us to continue our work to decrease the number of homeless animals on Maui through our aggressive spay and neuter efforts."

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness through increased spay and neuter efforts. With the help of animal welfare partners, such as Maui Humane Society, PetSmart Charities has helped facilitate over 1.7 million spay and neuter surgeries in the U.S. since 2009.

"Maui Humane Society has shown its dedication to the people and pets of Maui, and in just two years, has been able to make a significant impact in the community by making spay and neuter surgeries accessible to area residents," said David Haworth, DVM, Ph.D., and president of PetSmart Charities. "We're glad to lend support to its continued effort to end pet homelessness throughout Maui County."

For more information about Maui Humane Society, please visit www.mauihumanesociety.org or call (808) 877-3680 ext. 3 to make an appointment for your pet to be spayed or neutered.

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About Maui Humane Society

Maui Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serving the community for over 60 years and is Maui's only open admission shelter. Our mission is to protect and serve the lives of Maui's animals, accepting all in need, educating the community and inspiring respect and compassion toward all animals. Each year the Maui Humane Society helps thousands of animals, taking in over 6,300 animals to the shelter and serving many times that number through community outreach programs. Equally important,

through the many programs and services offers, MHS provides support for Maui's approximately 90,000 pet owners as well as Animal Management Services for the County of Maui.

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. In addition to finding homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities provides funding to non-profits aligned with its mission through four key areas of grant support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets; and Emergency Relief and Disaster Support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the pin pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses 90 cents of every dollar donated and has become the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, donating about \$300 million to date. PetSmart Charities, a 501(c)(3) organization, has received the Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 14 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more visit www.petsmartcharities.org.

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