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PRESS RELEASE

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Bedford Humane Society Inc. announces reduced spay/neuter costs for area pet owners

8/1/08 - The Bedford Humane Society Inc. has recently received additional funding for their low cost spay neuter program from both The Irene C Evans Charity and The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust. These additional subsidies will enable the Society to reduce their already low fees. All Bedford County and City of Bedford residents are eligible. Pricing is based on the pet owner's income and ranges from \$5 to \$43 for cats, \$10 to \$53 for dogs. Low cost vaccinations are also available for pets undergoing surgery. This special pricing is subject to change, either until funds are gone or additional funding, which is being pursued, is received.

The Bedford Humane Society would like to remind all residents that:

- The cost of spay or neuter surgery is less than the cost of properly caring for a litter.
- Spaying a female dog or cat eliminates the heat cycle, and problems associated with it.
- Neutered males are less likely to roam.
- Altered animals are less likely to bite.
- Neutered cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- It's good for the community.
- It's the right thing to do.

Every animal that passes through the Bedford County shelter costs taxpayers about \$ 59, excluding costs for Animal Control, which were an additional \$204,262 in the last fiscal year. In 2007, 1512 homeless animals were euthanized in Bedford County. "Spay/neuter is a proactive step that every pet owner can take now to address the root causes of pet overpopulation. The Bedford Humane Society is here to help. Our stated goal is the elimination of pet overpopulation in Bedford and we will continue to aggressively pursue our goal through the application of humane methods, such as spay/neuter." said Doreen Ehasz, the Society's Executive Director.

For more information, please visit the Society's website at www.bedfordhumanesociety.petfinder.com or call 540-586-6100 for a spay/neuter appointment application.

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