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LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, START YOUR ENGINES!

(Columbus, OH) This June, three local animal shelters are coming together to make a difference in the lives of cats in our community. The Capital Area Humane Society, Cat Welfare and CHA Animal Shelter will be working in partnership for the Franklin County 500 – to bring awareness to the needs of homeless cats in our community.

June 14 – 21 is Franklin County 500 week at each of the shelters. By working together, our goal is to help 500 cats through adoptions, micro chipping and spay/neuter.

The warmer weather and longer days bring more cat breeding and an increase in homeless and unwanted cats and kittens brought to local shelters. Our goal is not only help 500 cats but to also bring awareness to the cat overpopulation challenge in our community.

Events the week of June 14 include:

- **Adoptions** – Cats make great pets! To celebrate the Franklin County 500 each participating shelter will offer a special adoption fee of \$30 for adult cats for the week. On Saturday, June 19 we will offer a very special \$5 adoption fee for adult cats.
- **Micro chipping** – Thanks to the generosity of PetPeople stores, each participating shelter will host a micro chip clinic for cats at a PetPeople location.

- **Spay/neuter**– The Capital Area Humane Society has dedicated our surgery schedule the week of the Franklin County 500 to our Feral Fix program and will be providing spay/neuter services to feral cat care givers (by appointment only) for the week.

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.

The Cat Welfare Association was founded in 1945 by a small group of people who saw the need for an organization designed specifically to help the many stray and abused cats in the Columbus area. We are a non-profit organization that's objective has always been to promote better care and understanding of cats while providing for the physical welfare of homeless cats and kittens. The cats taken into our care are strays and frequently have been abused or injured. We give them plenty of tender loving care along with any necessary medical treatment they might need. Our shelter provides a home for these cats and kittens until they are adopted-- whether it is for a short time or if they live out the rest of their lives in our shelter. To learn more about Cat Welfare Association, please visit www.catwelfareohio.com.

CHA Animal Shelter is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit organization in northeast Columbus, dedicated to ending pet overpopulation through public awareness, spay and neuter, and owner education. CHA has been helping homeless animals find new homes in central Ohio since 1975. More information about the shelter and its adoptable animals can be found at www.CHAAAnimalShelter.org.

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