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Animal Welfare Association Receives \$10,250 Spay/Neuter Grant from BISSELL Pet Foundation to Reduce the Homeless Pet Population in Camden County, NJ

Voorhees, NJ, January, 6, 2020 — Animal Welfare Association is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$10,250 grant from <u>BISSELL Pet Foundation</u> for spay and neuter procedures. AWA hopes to address overcrowding in shelters and rescues by preventing unwanted litters of cats and dogs.

"Through no fault of their own, wonderful pets end up in the shelter, said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. It's a heartbreaking reality that BPF works to prevent through funding for spay and neuter. We are committed to helping our partners save lives."

AWA will have specific Spay & Neuter Days in the coming months including on Valentine's Day, February 14th, 2020. Additional dates will be scheduled on AWA's website, <u>awanj.org</u>.

"With the grant from the Bissell Pet Foundation we will be able to spay and neuter over 350 animals in Camden County and reduce the overpopulation of homeless animals," said Maya Richmond, AWA's Executive Director who is excited about the grant and how it will impact our local community.

With a mission to find every pet a home, BPF focuses their efforts on adoption, spay/neuter, microchipping and emergency support.

For more information, visit: bissellpetfoundation.org and awanj.org.

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2018 over 22,000 pets were served by AWA. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.

About **BISSELL Pet Foundation**:

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with over 4,800 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.