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### **Ravitz Family Markets Cares Program “Adopts” the Animal Welfare Association**

**November 17, 2017- Voorhees, NJ-** (AWA) The Animal Welfare Association is honored to be a charitable partner of the Ravitz Family Markets Cares program. During the month of October, Ravitz Family Markets ShopRite stores collected cash donations and animal-related supplies for AWA.

The Ravitz Family Markets Cares program was created in 2006 and since inception has provided over \$1,000,000 to local charities. AWA’s Executive Director, Maya Richmond, shared that the organization was thrilled when Ken Brahl, Senior Director of Labor Relations, contacted AWA to form a multi-year partnership with them. “AWA’s programs give so much back to the community. I was impressed by all they do to help pets and people. We couldn’t be happier supporting them,” said Brahl.

According to Richmond, “for a local charity like AWA, the support of Ravitz Family Markets helps us reach our fundraising needs and makes a huge difference.” The yearly expenses needed to provide shelter, pet food, and veterinary care to over 2,600 dogs and cats is significant shared Richmond. “And, then we have the animal programs AWA does out in the community to keep pets safe.”

Richmond is referring to AWA’s Camden Pet Care Days and AWA’s Vets on Wheels programs which provide pet food, vaccines and spay/neuter to pets living in the City of Camden, NJ.

In October employees of Ravitz Family Markets’ PriceRite store in the City of Camden volunteered at AWA’s Camden Pet Care Day. “The employees loved it! They knew many of the pet owners they assisted at the event,” says Richmond. “We are just honored to be a part of the Ravitz Family Markets Cares charitable efforts.”

To learn more about AWA’s lifesaving programs, visit [www.awanj.org/programs](http://www.awanj.org/programs)

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## **About AWA**

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 2016 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey’s leader in progressive companion animal care.