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***The Co-operative for Companion Animals Announces a
Non-profit 'High Volume Spay and Neuter Service' Initiative***

The Co-operative for Companion Animals, a 'grass roots' consortium of London-based animal rescue groups, is launching plans to develop a non-profit 'High Volume Spay and Neuter Service' in the City of London for feral & roaming community cats and dogs, as well as for pets of low-income families. We anticipate serving animals originating from the City of London as well as those from the counties of Middlesex, Oxford, Huron, Lambton, Elgin, Perth, Brant, and the Region of Waterloo.

Overpopulation of dogs and cats is at a crisis level in Ontario, including within London and the surrounding region. Rescue groups are overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of homeless animals requiring their care, while awaiting their new, adoptive homes. Many animals end up in shelters where thousands of healthy, adoptable animals are killed. As one facet of responsible pet guardianship, this problem is best addressed by sterilizing as many dogs and cats as possible and encouraging owners to spay and neuter their pets.

The Co-operative for Companion Animals needs to raise at least \$300,000 for this endeavour. We are currently seeking an appropriate clinic site that will be developed to support the 'High Volume Spay and Neuter Service' activities. Animal Outreach (a registered charity), is a member of the Co-operative for Companion Animals and donations made to Animal Outreach through the Canada Helps donation button on the Animal Outreach web site or by personal cheque payable to 'Animal Outreach' will go toward this project. Donations are gratefully accepted and will go towards the cost of renovations, equipment and initial start-up expenses & can be made:

- By the internet. Go to the Animal Outreach web-site (www.animaloutreach.ca/) and click on the "CanadaHelps" link;
- By cheque. Please make cheque payable to "Animal Outreach", and mail to Animal Outreach, 803 Waterloo Street, London, ON N6A 3W5.

All donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

Check back to The Cooperative for Companion Animals website frequently (www.thecooperative.ca) since announcements about the 'High Volume Spay and Neuter Service' will be updated as this initiative develops.

*Please feel free to contact The Cooperative for Companion Animals
with any questions regarding our
Non-profit 'High Volume Spay and Neuter Service' Initiative
By email (spayneuter@thecooperative.ca) or call David Ennis at 519-672-2922*