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Frederick County Animal Control Participates in Third Annual Statewide Cat Adoption Event

*21 Maryland Animal Shelters Waiving Adoption Fees to Find Homes for
More than 2,000 Unwanted Felines*

FREDERICK, MD -- To save and find homes for the thousands of homeless cats and kittens in Frederick County and all across Maryland, the Frederick County Animal Control is teaming up with 20 other shelters in the state to participate in the third annual *Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland* adoption event.

Throughout the month of July, FCAC and the following shelters will waive adoption fees for felines with the goal of finding homes for at least 2,000 unwanted cats and kittens across the state: Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's County, Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control, Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society, Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter, Caroline County Humane Society, Cecil County Animal Services, City of College Park Animal Control, Howard County Animal Control & Adoption Center, Humane Society of Carroll County, Humane Society of Harford County, Humane Society of Washington County, Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter, Maryland SPCA, Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center, Prince George's County Animal Services Division, Talbot Humane, The Animal Care Shelter for Kent County, Tri-County Animal Shelter and Wicomico County Humane Society.

The standard adoption fee for cats and kittens at FCAC is \$97.50. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchipping, rabies and distemper vaccines, dewormer, flea and tick preventative, a county license and a free well visit to a participating vet. The \$15.50 fee during the *Maryland 2,000* contributes towards rabies vaccinations and county licensing.

Cats of all ages and personalities will be available for adoption, including kittens who are born during the warm summer months, known as Kitten Season.

"Kitten season is a busy time for animal shelters in Maryland," said FCAC Director Linda Shea. "This surge of kittens and moms coming into our already full shelters makes it critical that we find them all homes so we can continue to take in other cats and kittens who need our help."

The Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland is being organized by members of the Baltimore Animal Welfare Alliance partnering shelters -- Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter, Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society and the Maryland SPCA.

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Presenting sponsor Cat Hospital At Towson and the following veterinary practices in Maryland will be offering free wellness exams to *Maryland 2,000* adopters: All Pets Veterinary Hospital (Talbot County only), Animal Health Clinic, Anne Arundel Veterinary Hospital, Boston Street Animal Hospital, Carroll County Veterinary Clinic, Cat Sense Feline Hospital and Boarding, Inc. (Harford County only), College Park Animal Hospital, Community Animal Hospital (Talbot County only), Denton Animal Hospital, Easton Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation Center (Talbot County only), Glade Valley Animal Hospital, Highway Veterinary Hospital, Mid-Atlantic Cat Hospital (Talbot County only), Mid-Atlantic Cat Hospital in Queen Anne's County, Prince George's Animal Hospital, The Village Vet, Towson Veterinary Hospital, VCA Animal Hospital at Hickory Ridge, VCA Calvert Veterinary Center, VCA Columbia Animal Hospital at Centre Park, VCA Elkton Animal Hospital, VCA Lewis Animal Hospital, VCA North Rockville Animal Hospital, VCA Park Veterinary Hospital, VCA Peachtree Animal Hospital, VCA South Arundel Animal Hospital, VCA St. Mary's Animal Hospital, VCA Three Notch Animal Hospital, Veterinary Medical Center (Talbot County only), and West Friendship Animal Hospital. (Visit www.maryland2000.com for updates to the list.)

Last year, participating shelters collectively surpassed the goal of the *Maryland 2,000* and found homes for 2,590 cats and kittens.

Regular adoption procedures still apply. For more information about adopting from the Frederick County Animal Control, visit www.frederickcountymd.gov/FCAC. For information about the *Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland*, visit www.maryland2000.com.

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About Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center:

Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center is the only animal shelter in Frederick County, Maryland. Our mission is three fold. We work to prevent cruelty, abuse and neglect of animals in the county by enforcing all state, county and city ordinances. We shelter homeless animals and place them in safe and loving home environments. We also educate the public on all animal issues to foster a more aware and caring community.

About the Baltimore Animal Welfare Alliance BAWA:

In order to better serve the animals and people of the Baltimore community, the major animal welfare organizations in Baltimore -- Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society and the Maryland SPCA, came together to form the Baltimore Animal Welfare Alliance in 2008. The founding organizations work together to save animals' lives. Joint efforts include adoption events, spaying and neutering animals, and transporting animals in need from one shelter to another so that fewer pets are euthanized.