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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Cat Action Team Receives Grant of more than \$20,000 from PetSmart Charities™ of Canada**

The Cat Action Team (CAT) is pleased to announce the receipt of a [PetSmart Charities of Canada](#) grant in the amount of \$20,500. The grant will be used to carry out a Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program for non-owned cats in the Southern West Prince County area of Prince Edward Island.

The Cat Action Team is a volunteer-run, registered charity offering a TNR program to members of the public who are caring for outdoor, stray, feral, barn and community cats. Since its incorporation in 2001, CAT has spayed and neutered over 11,600 cats on Prince Edward Island.

PetSmart Charities of Canada is a non-profit animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness and supporting the bond between people and pets. By providing grants to fund local spay/neuter programs in provinces across Canada, the organization helps communities to deal with pet overpopulation.

Since 2010, PetSmart Charities of Canada has funded five TNR programs for the Cat Action Team, with donations totalling more than \$93,000. With the completion of this latest grant, the Canadian animal welfare charity will have provided funding for approximately 900 spay/neuter surgeries, most of them to cats in the West Prince area.

“We are extremely grateful to PetSmart Charities of Canada. Their support has allowed CAT to improve the lives of so many cats, some of which were living in horrible conditions without adequate food or shelter. The spaying/neutering of community cats not only reduces the number of unwanted litters thereby preventing further pet homelessness, it also makes non-owned cats better neighbours by reducing nuisance behaviours such as fighting and spraying. Ultimately, this program will lead to a healthier non-owned cat population in West Prince County,” says Gayle Adams, the West Prince project co-ordinator.

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**About Cat Action Team (CAT):**

The Cat Action Team of Prince Edward Island is an all-volunteer registered charity established to work with the public in caring for stray, feral and barn cats throughout Prince Edward Island. To date, the Cat Action Team has: trapped, neutered, vaccinated, treated and returned 11,600 feral, stray and barn cats, placed over 100 wooden shelters in feral cat colonies, provided cat food to community cats when in need and responded to innumerable concerns related to feral, stray and barn cats from communities across PEI. To learn more visit [www.cats-pe.ca/](http://www.cats-pe.ca/)

**About PetSmart Charities of Canada:**

PetSmart Charities of Canada is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that saves the lives of homeless pets in Canada. Each year more than 20,000 cats and dogs find Canadian homes through our adoption program in nearly all PetSmart stores across Canada and our sponsored adoption events. A leading funder of animal welfare, PetSmart Charities of Canada has granted more than \$10 million to help pets in need with a funding focus on adoption and spay/neuter programs that help communities solve pet overpopulation and providing emergency relief funds and supplies to pets and pet parents impacted by natural or man-made disasters. PetSmart Charities of Canada is a registered charity, independent from PetSmart. To learn more visit [www.petsmartcharities.ca](http://www.petsmartcharities.ca)