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**SUBJECT: Health Department announces partnership with C.A.R.E.**

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is pleased to announce a newly formed partnership with Castaway Animals Rescue Effort, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) No-Kill Shelter. The C.A.R.E. organization has agreed to add the City of Springfield Animal Shelter to its shelter assistance program. Under the cooperative plan, C.A.R.E. will provide adoption services for as many of the City's unclaimed animals as it can properly care for.

We are convinced that the C.A.R.E. organization has the experience and expertise to provide the greatest opportunity for homeless animals to be successfully placed in good homes. The organization is widely recognized as a leader in animal adoption services.

In addition, C.A.R.E. spays or neuters all animals prior to adoption, and aggressively promotes spaying and neutering to reduce the number of unwanted animals. Reducing the animal population by spaying or neutering can provide the ultimate solution to the problem of homeless and neglected animals.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department will contribute to this joint venture by providing an in-kind contribution of transportation for animals, participation at adoption outlets, and promotion of the C.A.R.E. programs.

The Health Department and C.A.R.E. believe this partnership will be mutually beneficial and in the best interest of the castaway animals in our community.

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