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**C.A.R.E.S. SHELTER TO COMBAT CAT OVERPOPULATION IN THE
FRASER VALLEY WITH A NEW GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES™ OF CANADA**

Feb. 14, 2017—Surrey, B.C.—As highlighted by the CBC, the National Post and BC SPCA, the City of Surrey alone is estimated to have over 20,000 stray, community and feral cats. This estimate triples as the area expands to include the entire Fraser Valley.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies recognizes that Canada is currently in a cat overpopulation crisis and notes that one of the best ways to manage this crisis is by spaying or neutering companion pets.

Canadian Animal Rescue and Extended Shelter Society (C.A.R.E.S. Cat Shelter) in Langley, B.C. has received a grant of more than \$20,000 from [PetSmart Charities of Canada](#) to do just that. The grant will help to provide approximately 240 low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for owned cats located in the Fraser Valley.

"We are so pleased to have received this grant," says C.A.R.E.S. president, Marian Haney. "PetSmart Charities of Canada has always been a strong partner to us over the years. With their support, we'll be able to spay or neuter more companion cats at a very small cost to pet parents. In turn, this will help to reduce unplanned litters and better control the stray and feral cat population in the Langley area."

A Spay/Neuter voucher program will be launched by C.A.R.E.S. in the near future. Please check our website www.carescatshelter.com for further details on how to access subsidized spay and neuter services.

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About C.A.R.E.S.:

C.A.R.E.S. is a not-for-profit organization reliant on public donations. Our mission is to rescue,

shelter and find loving homes to stray, abandoned, and unwanted cats. In 2016 alone, C.A.R.E.S. has found homes for more than 450 cats and has assisted with the health and well-being of countless other cats in the community. To learn more visit www.carecatshelter.com.

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