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**Humane Society of Wicomico County Participating in Second Annual State-wide Cat Adoption Event**

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

**Salisbury, MD**—(June 26, 2018)—To save and find homes for the thousands of homeless cats and kittens in Salisbury and all across Maryland, The Humane Society of Wicomico County is teaming up with 19 other shelters in the state to participate in the second annual *Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland* adoption event.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, The Humane Society of Wicomico County and the participating shelters will be waiving adoption fees for felines with the collective goal of finding homes for at least 2,000 unwanted cats and kittens across the state:

Allegany County Animal Shelter, Animal League of Queen Anne’s County, Anne Arundel County Animal Control, Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society, BARCS, Baywater Animal Rescue, Cecil County Animal Services, City of College Park Animal Control, Frederick County Division of Animal Control & Adoptions, Howard County Animal Control & Adoption Center, Humane Society of Carroll County, Humane Society of Harford County, Humane Society of Kent County, Humane Society of Washington County, Maryland SPCA, Prince George County Animal Services Division, Talbot County Humane Society, and Tri-County Animal Shelter.

The Humane Society of Wicomico County will still charge fees associated with Rabies Vaccine and License (\$15 total)

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 Aaron Balsamo, Executive Director, Humane Society of Wicomico County. “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 (BAWA) partnering shelters, Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter (BARCS), Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society and the Maryland SPCA.

Presenting sponsor Cat Hospital At Towson (CHAT) and the following veterinary practices in Maryland will be offering free wellness exams to *Maryland 2,000* adopters: A Cat Clinic, Arnold Veterinary Hospital, Brentwood Animal Hospital, Calvert Veterinary Center, Cat Sense Feline Hospital, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Homeward Bound Mobile Vet, Metropolitan Cat Hospital, VCA Columbia Animal Hospital @ Hickory Ridge, VCA Lewis Animal Hospital and VCA Peachtree Animal Hospital.

Last year, participating shelters collectively surpassed the goal of the *Maryland 2,000* and found homes for 2,395 cats and kittens during the inaugural year.

Regular adoption procedures, license fee, and rabies vaccination fee still apply. For more information about adopting from The Humane Society of Wicomico County or more information about the Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland, visit [www.wicomicohumane.org](http://www.wicomicohumane.org)

About The Humane Society of Wicomico County:

The Humane Society is working to make a difference in the lives of animals and the people who love and care for them, and is dedicated to relieving the pain and suffering of animals through education and direct intervention.

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(BARCS), Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society and the Maryland SPCA, came together to form the Baltimore Animal Welfare Alliance (BAWA) 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.

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