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Angels for Animals Receives Donation from Home Savings Charitable Foundation

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (August 28, 2009) – Angels for Animals has been awarded a grant from the Home Savings Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$7,000 to purchase IV Infusion Equipment and assist with costs associated with its Farm/Clean-Up Programs. “We are pleased to support Angels for Animals in its efforts to positively affect the futures of companion animals through adoption, public education and sheltering,” said Darlene Pavlock, Executive Director, Home Savings Charitable Foundation.

Angels for Animals often treats stray animals with unknown medical histories and the ability to use IV fluids and drugs at regulated times is the best stabilization tool available to sustain animals while options are evaluated. “We wish to thank Home Savings for their generosity in helping to finance our new IV Fluid Pump and Fluid warmer,” said Dr. Cheryl Whitfield, Veterinary Medical Manager of Angels for Animals. “This equipment upgrades our surgical technology and allows us to better treat some of our more critical patients.”

The Farm/Clean-Up Programs are designed to help people with large acreage and/or a large number of cats. The Farm program is an ongoing relationship between local farmers and Angels for Animals where farmers can qualify for ½ priced spay/neuter surgeries to control their cat population by agreeing to provide the surgery for every cat on their property, as well as for any new cats that “arrive” on their farms in the future. The Clean-Up Program is very similar in scope, except that it’s used on a one time basis for people dealing with 10 or more cats.

“Abandoned cats and farm cats are the biggest part of the cat overpopulation crisis,” said Diane Less, co-founder of Angels for Animals. “Most people don’t realize that 70% of Americans get their pet cats from free roaming cats, which makes it very difficult for shelters to place homeless cats. Grants like this help to provide spay/neuter surgeries as part of our cat population control efforts, which in turn, help us to place the friendly adoptable cats we have at the shelter.”

Since 1990, Angels for Animals has been dedicated to ending the needless suffering of stray and abandoned companion animals by offering: spay/neuter surgery to reduce future unwanted populations, adoption of rescued animals, and education programs to inform and teach the public about proper animal care. Prior to adoption, every animal is spayed or neutered. In 2008, over 5,000 surgeries were performed and nearly 1500 cats and dogs were adopted. Angels also encourages active public participation in the effort to reduce the overpopulation of abandoned animals by offering low-cost spay/neuter surgery for new found strays.

With current assets of \$2.6 billion, Home Savings operates 39 banking offices and six loan production offices throughout Ohio and western Pennsylvania, employing over 600 people.

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Angels for Animals is a privately funded nonprofit working since 1990 to end the needless suffering of stray and abandoned companion animals. We achieve this by offering three services: spay/neuter surgery to reduce future unwanted populations, adoption of rescued animals, and education programs to inform and teach the public about proper animal care. We support early spay/neuter because it is our hope to stop unwanted animals from being born in the first place. There is not another shelter spay/neuter clinic like Angels in this area; we are recognized as one of the most innovative shelters in the state of Ohio.