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TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO SPAY DAY CLINIC
42 ANIMALS HELPED

Wainscott, New York February 28, 2011-- For the second year in a row, **The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, Inc. (ARF)** participated in National Spay Day, partnering with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). During the four day clinic, which offered free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries for pets of local families in need, a total of 42 pets participated. The economy continues to be a challenge for many people in our community and neutering a family pet is not their main concern at the moment. ARF offered these services free of charge or at low cost to those who would otherwise not be able to afford this important procedure. Too many unwanted kittens and puppies are still born each year in the United States and neutering the family pet is part of the solution.

Over the course of the four day clinic, February 24-26 and February 28, ARF Veterinarian Dr. Sarah Alward with help from Shinnecock Animal Hospital and East Hampton Vet Group, successfully performed 42 surgeries on 11 cats and 31 dogs. Dr. Alward is very passionate about this issue stating “Millions of animals in this country are needlessly euthanized each year due to pet over population. Spay/neuter is the answer; it is the responsible thing to do. It’s one of the most important things you can do for your family pet. Your cat or dog will be healthier and better behaved because of it.” When Kevin Jennerich of Sag Harbor dropped off his one year old chocolate Lab, “Kiedis” for his surgery on Thursday he said that ARF’s clinic was an “awesome opportunity because the cost was a concern.” All recipients of the clinic were extremely grateful for this opportunity.

Since Spay Day’s inception in 1995, participants have altered an estimated 1.4 million animals. It has been a proud achievement of Spay Day participants like ARF and other spay/neuter programs that the number of homeless animals euthanized in the U.S. has fallen from approximately 13.5 million in 1973 to about four million currently.

The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons was founded in 1974 and is the leading animal welfare organization on the East End of Long Island. Each year we take in over 800 cats and

dogs and during their stay provide nutritious food, exercise, a warm place to sleep and excellent veterinary care in our state-of-the art Adoption Center. ARF is dedicated to finding loving homes for our precious cats and dogs not only to improve their lives but also the lives of the people who adopt them.

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