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### SAAFhouse “SNEAK PREVIEW” to be held July 30

SPRINGFIELD, MO, July 16, 2010—Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation (SAAF) is hosting a “**Sneak Preview**” at SAAFhouse, its new high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic, on Friday, July 30 from 4 to 8 pm. This is a ticketed fundraising event with unlimited seating. **Exciting Coming Attractions** include a reduction in unwanted animals in the Greene and Christian County area. SAAF's **Featured Presentation:** guided tours of the new facility with refreshments and live entertainment.

Suggested ticket price is \$10. Funds raised will help complete renovations that have transformed the former Center for the Blind at 1600 North Washington into Missouri's first Humane Alliance Model high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

The SAAFhouse staff consists of five members: Clinic Director Mary Crawford; Veterinarian Amie Burling; Associate Veterinarian Cynthia Hagenhoff; Veterinary Assistant Sarah Gillespie; and Office Manager Liz Tracy.

SAAFhouse will open for business on August 24. A formal dedication will be held on Monday, August 30, from 5-7 pm. Supporters will be honored, staff and board members recognized, and a ribbon cutting will take place as the facility is dedicated.

Clinic director Mary Crawford said “We look forward to providing a service that is much needed in the community.”

Board President Janet Martin said “The Humane Alliance Model is unique; they have been guiding groups like ours across the country to open clinics that make a real impact on pet overpopulation. Our volunteers have been fantastic and have worked incredibly hard on this project.”

Building Committee Chair Mary Collette said “We are fortunate to have so much support by so many in the building trades. Without the support of these suppliers and professional contractors, many who have donated some or all of their professional services, the renovation of this facility could never have taken place so quickly. A plaque honoring each and every one will be installed for the dedication ceremony.”

SAAF’s mission is to lead a collaborative effort in Greene County to improve animal welfare, promote accountability in pet ownership, and reduce animal overpopulation. For more information on SAAF and the Humane Alliance Model, visit [www.saaf2018.org](http://www.saaf2018.org).

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