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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPCA Call to Action at Town Hall on Stray and Feral Cats

Further to a press release dated May 5, 2009 ("SPCA Call to Action on Stray Cat Issue"), the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty (NS SPCA) wishes to reiterate the details of a community call-to-action town hall.

In addition to its core mandate of prevention of cruelty to animals, the NS SPCA also works hard to take in abandoned and unwanted animals whenever space and resources allow, accepting over 5,000 unwanted cats per year provincially. While the function of animal control falls under City/Municipal responsibility in Nova Scotia, there is minimal legislated responsibility for the management of stray cats. The NS SPCA cares about the welfare of all animals and wants to be part of the solution. Unfortunately, this problem is much bigger than the charity can handle on its own without public support and funding. This is a community social issue and therefore must be addressed by our community as a whole.

To that end, the NS SPCA has invited all concerned residents, City/Municipal staff, veterinarians, and anyone who wishes to be a part of the solution to attend a community town hall. There will be presentations on feral cats and TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return/Release) as well as stray cats and low cost spay/neuter programs, followed by an open discussion/Q&A with a panel of local residents/experts who are involved in various programs such as TNR, low-cost spay/neuter, rescue, etc.

Date: Saturday, May 30th

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Saint Mary's University, Sobey Building, Room 265, 903 Robie Street

The NS SPCA asks concerned residents to please consider being part of the solution and join them for this interactive session.

Media requests and interviews may be directed to media@spcans.ca or by calling 835-4798.