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## PRESS RELEASE

### MADACC Announces 100 Free Cat Spay/Neuter Surgeries Sponsored by Friends of MADACC

**Milwaukee, February 1, 2018:** Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC), Wisconsin's largest open-admission animal shelter, is excited to announce that through the funding and support of Friends of MADACC, they can perform 100 free spay and neuter surgeries for cats that are owned in Milwaukee County in the month of February. You can help MADACC fight the over population of cats in Milwaukee County by having your cat spayed or neutered. Unplanned litters come in to MADACC every year, overwhelming the shelter every summer and fall.

MADACC, which faces constant capacity challenges during the warmer months, is asking the community to share the importance of spay/neuter with their friends, family, and neighbors and by being part of the solution by committing to have your cat spayed or neutered.

"Through the funding provided by Friends of MADACC, the financial barrier stopping people from being able to alter their cat has been removed. This will allow people to have a healthier cat and will stop the hundreds of unplanned kittens that come into the shelter every year." said Karen Sparapani, MADACC's Executive Director.

"It is very important to the community that cats be spayed and neutered, MADACC took in over 4500 stray cats in 2017, a good percentage of them being litters of kittens and

unaltered cats” said Kathy Shillinglaw, Outreach Coordinator for MADACC. “MADACC is attempting to get ahead of the kitten explosion curve by reaching unaltered female and males before they go in to heat and reproduce this year.”

All cats will need to be up-to-date on rabies and have current Milwaukee County license. All cats must reside in Milwaukee County. The rabies and license will be offered for a discounted rate of \$20 for both (\$12 license and \$8 for rabies). If your pet is up-to-date on rabies, please bring proof of rabies.

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MADACC currently rescues and assures safe, temporary shelter, veterinary and humane care for over 10,000 stray, unwanted, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals each year — more than any other animal control shelter in Wisconsin. MADACC provides a central location for owners to find and recover their lost pets at 3839 W. Burnham St. in West Milwaukee and is open seven days a week, including evening hours on weekdays. MADACC rescues strays and removes dangerous animals from public areas providing effective animal control services by active enforcement of Wisconsin State Statutes pertaining to animal welfare. For more information call (414)649-8640 or visit the MADACC website at [www.madacc.org](http://www.madacc.org). MADACC is open to the public 7 days a week.