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Bringing C.A.R.E. To The Classroom

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EDWARDSVILLE – Last year alone, over three million cats and dogs were adopted from animal shelters. In the same year, over three million cats and dogs were also euthanized by animal shelters, due to the increasing problem of pet overpopulation.

C.A.R.E. expects to significantly decrease this problem by educating our next generation of animal caretakers.

A cooperative group of humane educators from area animal shelters and rescue groups have joined forces to develop the Companion Animal Resource Education (C.A.R.E.) Team.

Volunteers throughout Madison and Bond Counties have made it their mission to bring humane education into classrooms, developing age-appropriate presentations for students that stress the responsibilities and needs of our companion friends. Programs are available for students as young as Pre-K and go upward to 12th grade.

Information presented by C.A.R.E. includes topics such as homeless animals, animal cruelty, solutions for pet overpopulation, and respect for animals and all living things.

“Helping stray, abused, and abandoned animals in our community is one of our primary goals,” exclaims Cindy Orscheln, Humane Educator for C.A.R.E.

Orscheln and her C.A.R.E. Team plan on reaching as many classrooms as possible to teach the youngest citizens in the community the basics of responsible pet care and the value of treating people and animals with kindness and respect.

C.A.R.E. is an extension of the Spay Neuter Illinois Pets Alliance (S.N.I.P.). This non-profit organization located in Madison County has a mission to reduce pet overpopulation by developing a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in the future. The success of building this non-profit clinic depends on private donations and fundraising.

To receive more information on how to bring C.A.R.E. to the classroom, please contact Cindy Orscheln at 659-40074 or 334-8733.

To donate, volunteer, or to find out more information about S.N.I.P. Alliance, please visit www.snipalliance.org or call 618-488-2656.

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