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"Safe Paws" program to be unveiled Wednesday

Program offers safety for the family pets of domestic violence victims

For Immediate Release (Fargo, ND) – On Wednesday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m., the FM Humane Society, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, and the YWCA Cass Clay will unveil the Safe Paws program, specifically designed to offer safe foster care for the family pets of victims of domestic violence fleeing abusive relationships. Directors of the three collaborating agencies will be in attendance; additionally, Walter the therapy dog from the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, will be on hand to represent the strong, unconditional human-pet bond.

WHO: Walter the Therapy Dog, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center
Greg Diehl, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center
Nukhet Hendricks, FM Humane Society
Erin Prochnow, YWCA Cass Clay

WHAT: Safe Paws program unveiling

WHEN: Wednesday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: YWCA Emergency Shelter
3000 South University Drive, Fargo

Fargo Moorhead Humane Society

The Fargo Moorhead Humane Society is a privately-funded, non-profit limited access shelter, proving a second chance at happiness to lost, abandoned and owner-surrendered animals. Over the past 44 years, the Fargo Moorhead Humane Society has placed over 16,000 animals in lifelong homes. Find out how you can support the Fargo Moorhead Humane Society, visit <http://www.f-mhumanesociety.org>.

Rape and Abuse Crisis Center

The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center provides crisis intervention, advocacy, and counseling services to victims of child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Services are provided free-of-charge to all persons in need of help. Emphasis is placed upon providing education and prevention programs in an effort to change society's attitudes, norms and behaviors in regard to personal violence. The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center helped 2,917 individuals in 2009.

YWCA Cass Clay

The YWCA Cass Clay is a nonprofit organization serving women and children facing homelessness in our community. Programs include emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing, shelter children's services, education and employment programming, racial justice work and a nationally accredited public childcare center, A Child's World. It is through these programs the YWCA Cass Clay carries out its mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

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