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Central Vermont Humane Society Awarded \$40,000 Grant from Animal Welfare Foundation

EAST MONTPELIER, VT: Central Vermont Humane Society (CVHS) is pleased to announce the acceptance of a \$40,000 grant from The Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare® to fund veterinary care expenses for shelter animals at CVHS to prepare them for adoption.

Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation is *An Animal-Centered Philanthropy*®, whose mission is to protect, care for, and support vulnerable, at-risk animals, and to address animal-related human conditions, connections, and bonds. Serving both animal and human needs through grants to 501(c)(3) organizations, the Foundation provides financial assistance for many animal welfare needs, which are included within Foundation giving categories of Animal Care, Shelter/Capital Support, Veterinary Aid, Outreach, and Education/Training.

The Foundation's grant to CVHS will offer considerable support in veterinary care for shelter pets in the face of an increasing need in the Vermont community, through routine spay and neuter procedures in addition to "extra-mile" care. Extra-mile care may include, but is not

limited to, surgery and surgical costs, radiographs, ultrasounds, biopsies, blood work, dental surgery, urinalysis, electrolytes/IVs, medications, and urgent care veterinary fees.

“We are grateful to be awarded this sizable grant that will support our mission of going the extra mile for the animals in our care. Said Laurie Garrison, Co-Executive Director of Finance and Development of CVHS. Over 45% of the local pets who come to us require extraordinary vet care, or as we like to call it, ‘extra-mile care.’ This grant will help so many animals become healthy and pain-free so they can be ready for adoption into a loving home.”

In the first quarter of this grant, 37 animals were directly helped by the Foundation’s funding. Pets like Moss, who needed six teeth extracted, many rounds of medication for ear infections, and four suspicious lumps removed. Now a healthy dog, Moss has been adopted. Many more pets will benefit from the Foundation’s support in the coming months.



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About Central Vermont Humane Society

CVHS is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization with no state or federal funding. We are not affiliated the he Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. We are entirely supported by individual donors, local business, fundraising events, grants, and small fees for some services. CVHS shelters and adopts domestic dogs, cats, and small furry animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs. We offer dog training classes, community clinics for low-cost rabies vaccinations and microchips, and education to animal guardians. CVHS also works to prevent and address animal cruelty and neglect, and supports legislative efforts to protect animals in Vermont.