

Old Fella Receives \$7,680 Grant from PetSmart Charities to Spay/Neuter 160 Pets

(WAYNESBORO, Ga) **September 9, 2009.** Old Fella received a \$7,680 grant this week to provide for 160 spay/neuter operations. Old Fella's Litter Patrol program, established in 2006, has provided for the spay/neuter of 377 pets to date. This generous grant by [PetSmart Charities](#) will allow Old Fella to continue this important work to proactively fight Burke County's dire pet overpopulation problem. Qualifying recipients must provide proof of need, which may include:

- (1) Food stamps,
- (2) Federal SSI, AFDC or TANF,
- (3) Rental Assistance,
- (4) Medicaid,
- (5) Soc. Security (as main income),
- (6) Unemployment,
- (7) LIHEAP,
- (8) Disability.

Or applicants may submit proof of income level. The following annual income levels will qualify an applicant for free surgery:

- Family Size 1 – 26,000,
- Family Size 2 – 29,700,
- Family Size 3 – 33,400,
- Family Size 4 – 37,100,
- Family Size 5 – 40,100,
- Family Size 6 – 43,050,
- Family Size 7 – 46,050,
- Family Size 8 – 49,000.



Surgery room at Dogwood Park Spay-Neuter clinic.

As of August 31, 2009, Old Fella has provided for the spay/neuter of 146 Burke County cats and dogs. This generous grant from PetSmart Charities will allow us to double that number! Old Fella transports Burke County companion animals to and from two low-cost spay-neuter clinics, CSRA Lifesaver in North Augusta, SC and Dogwood Park Clinic in Grovetown, GA. Old Fella also works with Dr. Sarah Ford at the Burke County Animal Hospital to provide for these spay and neuters.

“We are excited to increase the total number of spay/neuter surgeries provided for by Old Fella,” said Butch Storm, President of the group. “We hope that our spay/neuter program will assist with the dire pet overpopulation program in Burke County.”

ABOUT PETSMART CHARITIES: PetSmart Charities, Inc., is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that creates and supports programs that save the lives of homeless pets, raise awareness of companion animal welfare issues, and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. Since 1994, PetSmart Charities has funded more than \$70 million in grants and programs benefiting animal welfare organizations and, through its in-store pet adoption program, has helped save the lives of more than 3.4 million pets. To learn more about how PetSmart Charities is working to help find a lifelong, loving home for every pet, visit www.petsmartcharities.org or call 1-800-423-PETS.

ABOUT OLD FELLA BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE: Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue, Inc. exists to improve the quality of life of forsaken companion animals by giving them medical care, food, water, shelter, and love via a foster home network and through efforts to find suitable forever homes. We strive to reduce the number of homeless companion animals in Burke County by providing spay and neuter surgeries and by raising community awareness about responsible pet ownership. The prevention of animal cruelty is central to all we do.