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REMY FUND ANNOUNCES 2018 GRANTS FOR COMPANION ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS

Birmingham, AL (for immediate release) – The Remy Fund for Pets and Animal Services has announced $50,000 in grants to 10 companion animal (dogs, cats and horses) nonprofits serving Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount and Walker counties. Since 2010, the Remy Fund has provided over $235,000 to support diverse animal organizations improving the lives of pets and humans.

Organizations receiving funds this year:

- **Shelby Humane Society, $10,000**, for the agency’s Quick Fix program, providing deeply discounted or free spay and neuter services to Shelby County residents; note that this is the largest award the Remy Fund has ever made.
- **Walker County Humane Society, $6000**, for the “Fix the Momma” program, providing no-cost spay services for dogs and cats in Walker County and the Kitty Fixin’ Program (new last year) that provides deeply discounted spay and neuter services during a short, defined time period.
- **Bama Bully Rescue, $5000**, to provide care for pit bulls and other “bully” breeds that have been abandoned, abused or neglected.
- **Hand in Paw, $5000**, to support the agency’s training and volunteer program with a goal of improving human health and well-being through animal-assisted therapy.
- **Kitty Kat Haven and Rescue, $5000 (new)**, to support this free-roaming cat sanctuary and adoption center with food, litter, and spay and neuter surgeries.
- **Special Equestrians, $5000**, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program.
- **MomaKat Rescue, $4000**, to provide adoption support for at-risk kittens, including medical care and socialization.
- **Adopt A Golden, $3000**, to support spay and neuter surgeries, routine and specialist veterinary services, and boarding for Goldens with special needs.
- **The Red Barn, $3000**, to provide care for the special needs horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program, many of which have specific dietary and medical requirements.
- **Two by Two Rescue League, $3000**, to support free spay and neuter days organized for high-need rural areas in and around Helena.
- **K9ResQ, $1000 (new)**, to provide spay and neuter and other veterinary services for animals in the program as well as spay and neuter for low income community, $2000, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program.
The Remy Fund Grant Committee visits with all grant finalists. Remy Fund Grant Committee members include: Committee Chair, Debra Linton, Cathy Adams, Beth Franklin, Brenda Bell Guercio, Sandy Logan, James “Murphy” Lynch, Beverly Virciglio and Cameron Vowell. Mr. Jackson serves as an Ex Officio member of the Committee.

In 2010, Ken Jackson established the Remy Fund, a Field of Interest Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, honoring his late dog, Remy. Jackson has provided $750,000 to the fund which, along with generous contributions from community donors, has enabled additional grant-making dollars to go to animal related programs this year. Ken, who is an active member of the grant committee says, “These grants improve the lives of countless companion animals, and the humans they touch.”

If you share a passion for pets and animal services, you can be part of the Remy Fund by making a gift on-line at www.cfbham.org or by check. The grant cycle for 2018 grants from the Remy Fund for Pets & Animal Services will open for applications March 15, 2018. For more information about grants contact Kim Rogers at 205.327.3804 or krogers@cfbham.org.

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The Community Foundation unites the power of philanthropy with innovative strategies and connects people from all walks of life to understand community issues and create opportunities for positive, lasting change and improve the life of our region. The Foundation has served as permanent, charitable endowment for Jefferson, Blount, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties since 1959. We awards grants to nonprofits throughout the area from donor-advised funds as well as through a biannual competitive grant process. Through grantmaking, convening and leading, the Community Foundation empowers donors to pursue their own personal passions and to collaborate with us in transforming the Greater Birmingham area. For more information, visit www.cfbham.org or call 205-327-3806.

Thank you all for your hard work on the 2018 Remy Fund Grants Committee. Many of you have been on the Remy Committee since the beginning and thanks to your hard work and dedication, over the past 8 years the Remy Fund has been able to grant almost $300,000 to animal related agencies serving pets and their people in Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties. Our grant allocation meeting yesterday was a wonderful end to the past 3 months of the grant-making process. It’s always so much fun to reward often small, under-the-radar organizations who make a big impact for their hard work. The $50,000 in grant funding awarded this year to these 11 agencies will make a huge difference in the lives of companion animals and their “people.” All agencies not receiving a grant award will be encouraged to keep in touch with me throughout the year and all of the organizations are encouraged to reapply. All agencies receiving grant awards are required to submit an annual report, detailing their use of the funds.

A special thanks to Debra and Beverly as well as Warren Averett for hosting our meetings throughout the grant cycle.
And a huge thank you to Sandy Logan for her additional contribution that allowed the Remy Fund to award $50,000 in grants again this year!