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**REMY FUND ANNOUNCES \$50,000 IN 2018 GRANTS FOR COMPANION ANIMALS**

Birmingham, AL (for immediate release) – The Remy Fund for Pets and Animal Services has announced \$50,000 in grants to 11 companion animal (dogs, cats and horses) nonprofits serving Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount and Walker counties. Since 2010, the Remy Fund has provided over \$280,000 to support diverse animal organizations in our community.

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**, 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 Golden Retrievers 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**, to provide spay and neuter and other veterinary services for animals in the program as well as spay and neuter for low income community

The Remy Fund Grant Committee visits with all grant finalists. The Remy Fund Grant Committee members include: Committee Chair, Debra Linton, Cathy Adams, Beth Franklin, Brenda Bell Guercio, Sandy Logan, James “Murphy” Lynch, Beverly Viriciglio, Cameron Vowell and Laura Wainwright (Mr. Jackson serves as an Ex Officio member).

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 over **\$750,000 to the fund**, and is also the donor of Remy's Dog Park at Red Mountain Park. Along with generous contributions from community donors, the Remy Fund provides grants for animal related programs. Ken, who is an active member of the grant committee says, "The grants awarded this year will make a positive difference in the lives of dogs, cats and horses, 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](http://www.cfbham.org) or by check. The grant cycle for 2019 grants from the Remy Fund for Pets & Animal Services will open for applications March 15, 2019. For more information about grants contact Kim Rogers at 205.327.3804 or [krogers@cfbham.org](mailto:krogers@cfbham.org).

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#### **About The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham:**

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham has served as permanent, charitable endowment for Jefferson, Blount, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties since 1959. The foundation awards grants to non-profits throughout the area from donor-advised funds as well as through a biannual competitive grant process. Through grantmaking, convening and leading, the Community Foundation serves as a vehicle to ignite passion for transformational change in the Greater Birmingham area. For more information, go to [www.cfbham.org](http://www.cfbham.org) or call 205-327-3806.