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## UCAN TO ADDRESS LACK OF AFFORDABLE VETERINARY CARE IN GREATER CINCINNATI WITH \$90,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES®



**Sept 29, 2022— Cincinnati, OH** – Nearly 50 million pets in the U.S. cannot access even the most basic veterinary care. Due to cost and other barriers, pets in under-resourced communities often do not receive essential services such as preventative care, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, dental and other medical care. In the U.S., [70 percent](#) of homes include pets. As research continues to reveal the benefits of the human-animal bond, a movement is underway to connect pet parents to the health care their pets need to keep them and their families healthy.

With a \$90,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), UCAN Nonprofit Pet Care Clinic will support pets and pet parents in need of these veterinary services by providing subsidized essential veterinary services such as spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, parasite treatment and preventative, heartworm testing and preventative, and other medical care to pets of families

struggling financially in the Greater Cincinnati community.

“We are so excited to help keep more pets healthy, out of shelters, and with the families that love them by subsidizing the costs of basic veterinary care for families struggling financially in our community,” said Melanie Corwin, executive director at UCAN.

“Oompa, the sweetest cat ever, is just one of the many beloved pets already helped by the grant. Oompa came to us after being attacked by a dog which resulted in a fractured leg. We took x-rays and determined amputation was the best solution for the leg. We also discovered with the x-ray a hernia that could have caused Oompa life-threatening gastrointestinal issues in the future. Thanks to grant funding from PetSmart Charities, we were able to diagnose Oompa’s ailments, amputate his leg, fix the hernia, and provide antibiotics and other needed medications. Oompa’s owner could never have afforded the thousands of dollars these services would have cost at a for-profit veterinary facility and would have had to surrender him to a shelter to get the medical care he needed.”

According to the Human-Animal Bond Research Institute, pets make a significant impact in the health and wellness of the people they love. This grant funding will help more families in need receive the veterinary care that ensures pets live long, healthy lives.

“Oompa’s story represents those of millions more just like her,” said Kate Atema, director of community grants and initiatives at PetSmart Charities. “When pet parents are connected to the resources they need, the impact is profound. A beloved pet is given a chance to live a longer and healthier life in a loving home without causing further financial stress. Strong families build strong communities, and we’re glad to support UCAN’s important working in improving accessible veterinary care in Greater Cincinnati.”

To find out more information about UCAN’s basic pet care services and make an appointment, please visit [www.ucancincinnati.org](http://www.ucancincinnati.org).

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### **About UCAN**

The mission of UCAN Nonprofit Pet Care Clinic, an Ohio nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is ending the euthanasia of cats and dogs in local shelters and keeping pets in their loving homes by providing professional and affordable spay/neuter and wellness services. UCAN has sterilized over 158,800 cats and dogs in Greater Cincinnati since opening in April 2007, preventing hundreds of thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens from being born and surrendered to local shelters, and provided affordable vaccinations and other basic veterinary care to thousands of pets to keep them healthy and with the families who love them. UCAN has received a Gold Star rating from Guidestar, a third-party organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability, and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 10 years in a row. For more information about UCAN and the services it offers:

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