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QCAWC Celebrating New Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic on Monday

MILAN – The Quad City Animal Welfare Center (QCAWC) is celebrating opening a second location on Monday, Aug. 8, 2016 at the nonprofit's new Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic, located at 612 West 1st St., Milan, Ill.

All supporters and community members are welcome to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m., and the open house which will immediately follow and last until 7 p.m.

“This is an incredibly exciting chapter in the shelter’s history,” QCAWC executive director Patti McRae said. “This expansion means we will be able to help thousands of additional animals in the community every year, while also increasing the amount of homeless animals we can save.”

The second location is the 7,000 square foot former Abel-Keppy Animal Hospital building. QCAWC was able to purchase the building and make renovations with funding supporters left in their wills to help continue the shelter’s mission.

QCAWC continues to fundraise for equipment, and those who make a contribution of \$1,000 or more will have their donation recognized on a permanent display at the second location. More information is available at <https://qcawc.org/capital-campaign.html>.

The shelter’s low cost, high quality spay/neuter program operations and wellness clinics have moved to the new location. The decision to open a second location was made due to demand for services. The building will soon also include isolation and quarantine areas for shelter animals.

QCAWC’s location at 724 W. 2nd Ave. in Milan, Ill. remains open as QCAWC’s Adoption & Education Center. Once the funds are raised, the vacated space where the clinic used to be will be used for shelter animal housing and enrichment.

The shelter expects to increase the amount of spay/neuter surgeries to more than 6,000 a year and will add additional walk-in wellness clinic hours. The shelter spayed/neutered more than 3,300 cats and dogs in 2015, and had 3,349 visits to its wellness clinics.

The mission of the Quad City Animal Welfare Center is to operate a shelter for homeless animals, to offer a spay and neuter program, and to provide humane education to the community.

QCAWC was founded in 1977 and is the only full-service, no-kill shelter serving the Quad Cities area. QCAWC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2017.

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