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10th anniversary of Kahnawà:ke's Spay and Neuter clinics

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(Kahnawake – 16, Ohiarí:ha/June 2022) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke is pleased to congratulate Animal Control Services (formerly Animal Protection Department) on the tenth anniversary of their successful Spay & Neuter Clinics.

The program was launched on June 16th, 2012, to assist in promoting responsible pet ownership and reduce the number of animals. Since the first clinic a total of 1,461 dogs and cats have been either spayed or neutered by certified veterinarians.

"We have been very pleased with the ongoing support of this program by our pet owners," said Deidra Whyte, the Assistant Animal Control Officer who has spearheaded the program since its inception. "It was designed to provide an affordable and convenient clinic for the community, which has been much appreciated. I'm pretty sure that just about every clinic has been booked solid."

Additionally, Kahnawake Animal Control is pleased to announce that a donation of \$3,932 has been received from one of the veterinarians - Dr. Danielle Fisher from the Timberlea, the veterinary clinic that has been working with Kahnawà:ke.

"She had approached me a couple months ago with an idea of a fundraiser to benefit Kahnawake Animal Control Services," said Ms. Whyte. "Her fundraising goal was \$1,000. She not only hit her goal but went far beyond. The funds raised will be used through Community Outreach to help assist community members who may be experiencing financial difficulties with spaying and neutering their pet."

Future Spay & Neuter Clinic dates for July, August and September are forthcoming, and will be announced when available.

For further information on the Spay & Neuter Clinics, please contact Ms. Whyte at 450-632-0635 or deidra.whyte@mck.ca.