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SPCA CINCINNATI – MANAGED ADMISSIONS EQUALS BETTER DECISIONS FOR YOUR PETS!

Cincinnati, OH – To better serve the pets in our community, the **SPCA Cincinnati** is updating the procedures for unwanted pets AND where pets should be taken.

Mirroring nationally recognized animal welfare industry procedures, on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 the SPCA Cincinnati will operate its shelters as a "Managed Admissions" facility. This program will improve and streamline the current relinquishment process.

Managed Admissions" is a 'best practice' in animal sheltering across the country. This approach will reinforce the SPCA Cincinnati's mission to rescue, heal and advocate for our communities sick, injured, abused and homeless animals. "Managed Admissions" requires appointments for owner turn-in to ensure proper time and resources for each pet. Managed Admissions places the best interest of both the owner & the pet at the forefront.

The Sharonville shelter of the SPCA Cincinnati will only admit owned/personal companion animals from Hamilton County Residents. The Northside shelter of the SPCA Cincinnati will only admit stray animals from Hamilton County.

The Managed Admissions Specialist will focus on each pet's specific needs to make an informed decision about each pet's future. After contacting the Managed Admissions hotline, a one-on-one consultation will provide the options regarding the pet's proper placement. Additionally, the SPCA Cincinnati will provide or give direction to, free & low-cost resources to maintain the care of pets at their home. This creates an ideal opportunity for the best possible pet care.

"Managed Admissions" key points to consider:

- It reduces misinformed surrenders
- It reduces stress-exchange on owner/pet
- It improves the behavior, health and happiness of each relinquished pet

Guidelines:

- SPCA Cincinnati will ONLY admit Hamilton County pets (Stray and Owner Relinquished)
- Stray animals will ONLY be admitted into the Northside shelter. 3949 Colerain Avenue,
 Cincinnati, OH 45223
- Hamilton County Owner surrenders will ONLY be admitted into the Sharonville shelter and ONLY by appointment. 11900 Conrey Road, Sharonville, OH 45249

For more information, please contact the **SPCA Cincinnati**'s Public Information Officer, Nyketa Gaffney at (513) 526-3767 or ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org.