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Animal House Fund will enter RFP Process with St. Louis City

A New Door Opens for Animal House Fund as St. Louis Closes the Doors of Animal Care and Control

St. Louis, MO: Animal House Fund received news that the City of St. Louis would announce plans to outsource the management of an Animal Care Facility through an RFP selection process. Chairman of the Board, Ed Throop, has responded to the Mayor's announcement in saying, "We have been made aware of the situation. It was our hope that the building project would be further along at this point, but we are still committed to building a better life for the City of St. Louis' animals. We look forward to participating in the City's RFP process and are confident we can make a positive impact."

The organization, founded in 2003, and later taken over by Throop, was created to make a new location for an Animal Care Facility in the City possible, to reduce the number of strays, to give homeless and abandoned animals a better chance to find families, and to help St. Louis become a more pet-friendly city. The City's current Animal Control Center, located at Gasconade and Highway 55, was constructed in 1941 and was intended for short-term use only – to catch or receive animals and dispose of them quickly. Animal House Fund has worked tirelessly over the years to form a partnership with the City, the animals and the residents, in furtherance of the organization's vision.

Animal House Fund has the support of a strong board, dedicated volunteers and a passionate community of animal lovers. The organization will be an enthusiastic participant in the RFP process and is excited about continuing its work to find a greener solution in compassionate care for the City's animals.

While the City's announcement changes the original hope of constructing a new, state-of-the-art facility, it provides Animal House Fund with an opportunity to explore other options, including retrofitting an existing building, which would reduce the required level of project funding and allow the organization to have a hand in bringing about, more quickly, a brighter future for animals in the City.

For more information on Animal House Fund, visit www.animalhousefund.org.

For more information on the decision made by the City of St. Louis and to read the Mayor's statement, visit www.mayorslay.com/desk.

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