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### **The Tupelo Lee Humane Society Receives \$50,000.00 Grant from PetSmart Charities® to Sterilize 1000 Pit Bull or Pit Bull Mixes for residents of LEE and PONTOTOC Counties in the next 2 years.**

Tupelo, Ms.-August 18, 2011- The Tupelo Lee Humane Society received a \$50,000.00 grant from PetSmart Charities® for its “Pit Pals Spay/Neuter Program.” The organization's 1 ½ year old pet sterilization program successfully alters more than 2200 pets per year on average to pro actively fight the area's homeless- pet overpopulation and reduce shelter euthanasia.

The Pit Pals Spay/Neuter program offers \$15.00 spay/neuter services for pit bull and pit bull mixes in the Lee and Pontotoc County area only. Proof of residency is required. The Tupelo Lee Humane Society's goal is to reduce the increasing number of pit bull and pit bull mix surrendered to the shelter by 10% the first year (800 animals) and 20% (1600 animals) the second year. To find out more information about this program call the North Mississippi Spay & Neuter Clinic at 662-210-7729. Open 9-5, Monday-Friday.

*“Our “Pit Pals Program” will help reduce the number of unwanted litters born each year. Spaying or neutering your pit bull will also reduce aggressive behavior and bring your pit back into your family home. No more fighting over a female dog in heat, and no more unwanted litters,” said Debbie Hood.*

*“With dedicated focus and a plan like Tupelo's Pit Pals Spay/Neuter Program, we are able to make strides toward helping end homeless-pet-overpopulation,” said Susana Della Maddalena, vice president and executive director of PetSmart Charities, Inc. “Successful, low-cost spay/neuter programs like this one are so valuable to local communities, and PetSmart Charities is proud to be able to support these life-saving initiatives.”*

For More information visit [www.tupeloleehumane.org](http://www.tupeloleehumane.org) or stop by our Spay Clinic at 1508 S Gloster St. Tupelo.

### About PetSmart Charities®:

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