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SENIOR DOGS IN WEST MICHIGAN FETCH GRANT

Subsidized dental care now available for senior dogs will eliminate pain and prevent disease.

Grand Rapids –Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs in West Michigan are among the winners.

CSNIP is one of 78 animal welfare groups chosen from 344 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received more than \$705,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

“Earlier this year we were able to add reduced-cost dental care to the list of crucial veterinary services CSNIP offers the public. This grant will allow us to slide our already reduced fees lower for clients like Shadow giving her the dental care she needs,” said Sharon Caldwell-Newton, Executive Director of CSNIP. “No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we’re looking forward to helping more senior dogs get the veterinary care they all deserve.”

It is estimated that 80 percent of all pets have periodontal disease by the time they are 3 years of age. Periodontal disease is a progressive disease that affects more than pet’s mouth. Diabetes, heart disease and sinus problems are often related to dental issues. And dental disease is painful for pets, affecting their quality of life and the human/pet bond.

“It is our vision to empower caregivers to break the heart wrenching cycle of health-related pet surrender by providing high-quality, reduced cost wellness services. We believe that accessible veterinary care improves the lives of the animals, the people who love them, and the community in which they live. And we know that dental care is a critical component of veterinary care, especially for senior dogs,” says Caldwell-Newton.

Over the past 14 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.8 million in grants to support its vision of “a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.”

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’re delighted to help deserving organizations like CSNIP make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities,” Grey Muzzle’s Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. “Many senior dogs in West Michigan are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of CSNIP.”

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About CSNIP:

C-SNIP is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit veterinary clinic serving the pets and people of West Michigan since 2001. Our mission is to prevent pet overpopulation and improve the quality of life for dogs, cats, and their caretakers with accessible, high-quality, reduced cost veterinary care. Since opening our doors in 2001, we have spayed and neutered more than 204,000 animals. C-SNIP operates three clinics, a spay/neuter clinic and a well-pet clinic in Kentwood and a spay/neuter clinic in Fruitport. Annually C-SNIP serves approximately 20,000 dogs and cats living in the West Michigan region. To learn more visit www.csnip.org.

About Grey Muzzle:

The national nonprofit The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit www.greymuzzle.org

About Shadow the Dog:

Shadow became a patient at C-SNIP’s Community Well Pet Clinic when her human, Della, could no longer afford the full-service veterinarian she used in the past. Adopted at five years old, the veterinary bills were growing as Shadow and her canine sister, Gypsy, were aging. C-SNIP vets diagnosed both dogs with severe dental disease. Della could afford the low-cost dental basics allowing Shadow and Gypsy to have preliminary dental appointments including X-rays, cleaning, and polishing in March 2022. However, C-SNIP discovered that they both need several extractions. Della will need the additional help from Grey Muzzle Foundation funds to access additional dental services.

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