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First Coast No More Homeless Pets Announces Grand Reopening of Norwood Spay/Neuter Center

Jacksonville, FL (April 29, 2025) – First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) proudly announces the grand reopening of its Norwood Spay/Neuter Center and Community Clinic, a milestone made possible through the success of its recent \$2 million capital campaign. The reopening will be formally celebrated during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Thursday, May 8, at 4:30 PM**, held at the Norwood facility, located at 6817 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

The extensive renovations mark a significant expansion and transformation of FCNMHP's flagship facility, reflecting its continued commitment to compassionate, accessible veterinary care for all.

“Thanks to our generous supporters, we’ve made critical improvements that will directly impact the health and well-being of pets across our region,” said Jennifer Barker, CEO of FCNMHP. “This isn’t just a building upgrade—it’s an investment in every family and animal we serve.”

Our renovations are designed to improve patient care and client experience. With client experience and medical excellence at the forefront, the \$2 million in upgrades include:

- Separate, dedicated intake areas for dogs and cats to improve efficiency and reduce stress.
- Expanded surgical, post-op, and holding areas to increase daily capacity and improve health outcomes.
- Enhanced air conditioning and filtration systems for better air quality and comfort in all working and recovery spaces.
- Design improvements to separate pet cats from community cats, lowering the risk of infectious disease.
- Upgraded medical equipment for procedures and improved diagnostic capability.
- Additional parking for clients and staff, with enhanced lighting and outdoor safety features.

These changes ensure that FCNMHP can meet rising demand while delivering even higher-quality care in a safe, clean, and welcoming environment.

FCNMHP currently serves approximately 68,000 clients annually, including pet owners across 15 counties, over 17 animal rescue organizations, and the City of Jacksonville's Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS). FCNMHP also provides one of the region's largest pet food distribution programs, delivering over 122,000 pounds of food each year to families in need.

With the new facility upgrades, FCNMHP will be better equipped to meet growing demand, reduce wait times, and deliver life-saving services to thousands more pets and the people who love them.

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About First Coast No More Homeless Pets:

The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) is to make veterinary care affordable and accessible to all as we save lives by keeping dogs and cats in homes and out of shelters, provide low-cost spay/neuter services with emphasis on feral/community cats, and deliver a broad range of related programs and services.

In 2024, FCNMHP delivered \$521,058 in charitable care to help ensure that no animal would be relinquished or euthanized due to an owner's inability to afford care. It provided services to 68,145 clients, performed 21,212 spay/neuter surgeries (11,597 – 55%- of which were on community cats), distributed over 122,000 pounds of free pet food, and served 17 rescue organizations throughout 15 counties in NE Florida and SE Georgia that were working to prepare animals for adoption. To learn more visit www.fcnmhp.org.

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