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The Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation receives \$250,000 donation toward Phase II of Blount County Animal Shelter from PetSafe.

(Onsite Press Conference at the Animal Shelter 10am-February 23rd)

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Phase II of the Blount County Animal Center reached its campaign goal of \$490,000 with a landmark donation of \$250,000 from PetSafe. The Phase II *“Campaign for Compassion”* officially launched September 1st with a \$50,000 donation from long time Blount County residents Don and Carol Story in honor of their current and past pets. In January The Charles and Sue Fouche Charitable Trust donated \$200,000 to the campaign raising the reserve to over the halfway mark. The Phase II estimated cost of \$490,000 includes the Adoption Center portion of the Blount County Animal Shelter comprised of the Public Lobby, Surgery Center, Adoption rooms, Featured Pet rooms, Educational area, Director Office, Kitchen, Bathing/Grooming room.

Chris Protzman, President of Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation stated “Randy Boyd and his talented staff at PetSafe have been with us from the start dating back to March of 2007. This grant has been a goal of theirs for the last several years and we are delighted to have this support at this critical time of the project. We are honored to celebrate this gift today February 23rd **National Spay Day** in honor of the hard work and committed effort PetSafe has shown to pet owners over the years and to the needs of our local shelters here in East Tennessee.” Spay Day is about educational outreach on the benefits of Spay and Neutering to reduce unwanted pets and reduce shelter populations.

This Adoption Center will be at the epicenter of that effort here in Blount County thanks to the Story’s, Fouche’s and now PetSafe.

About PetSafe®

Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, PetSafe® is the industry leader in the management of pet behavior, offering pet training, containment, safety and lifestyle product solutions. PetSafe® introduced the first do-it-yourself electronic fence to the pet market in 1991 and the first wireless fence in 1998. PetSafe's product line up includes: kennels and electronic underground fences; bark control systems; a selection of remote training products; pet doors; pet identification collars; heated wellness products; pet feeders and a growing line of lifestyle products. For more information about PetSafe®, visit: www.petsafe.net.

The Blount County Animal Shelter project original estimate of 1.6 million dollars was established mid-2007 when the initial Phase I was started with seed money of \$350,000 from the Blount County Commission, Since that initial allocation the Commission authorized another \$197,000 to get Phase I operational in a “bare bones” state so basic County Animal Control services can begin based in Blount County and no longer require daily trips to Loudon County which had offered their shelter services as stop-gap for the county to use until the Center was operational. Phase I was defined as basic Animal Control services including kennels, administrative office(s), bathroom facilities and storage.

Upon Phase II completion Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation will have contributed over \$1,080,000 to date toward the total 1.6 million dollar construction project. The major construction donor Brunton Masonry has lead the group along contributions by Willocks Block, Harrison Concrete, Vulcan Materials, Ameristeel, Tindell's Supply, Webb Plumbing, Garage Doors of Maryville and Anderson Truss filling out the list of significant material and gift-in-kind donors.

Donations can be made to: Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation
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