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The Deadline For Banfield Charitable Trust Grant Application Approaches

November 30th is the last day to apply

PORTLAND, Ore –**October 2008** - The Banfield Charitable Trust is accepting grant applications until November 30, 2008. Organizations focused on strengthening the Pet-human bond by creating healthier and happier lives for Pets and families are encouraged to apply. Applicants who are awarded Banfield Charitable Trust grants during this grant cycle will receive funding in late January or early February, 2009.

During 2008, the Trust awarded worthy organizations over \$281,000. *“The Banfield Charitable Trust is pleased to offer this grant funding opportunity to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that enable Pets to live healthy, happy lives and help to strengthen the human-Pet bond,”* said Sandy Campbell, Banfield Charitable Trust President & Board Chair. *“We are proud to continue supporting rewarding Pet-related programs.”*

Established in 2003, The Banfield Charitable Trust selects its top grant candidates twice a year, choosing the final recipients based on programs that promote preventive healthcare for Pets, educating children about veterinary medicine and the pets they love, programs based on the human-pet bond, and advancing veterinary medicine. Organizations that focus on Pet disaster response preparedness are also encouraged to apply for a grant. Application packets and an explanation of the grant guidelines can be downloaded from the website:

www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org.

Banfield Charitable Trust, a 501 (c) (3) public charity founded in 2003, is always on the look out for community-wide projects that make life better for Pets and their families. Funding consideration is only given to registered nonprofit organizations and accredited educational institutions. Special consideration will be given to Pet related organizations and veterinary education programs collaborating with Banfield, Pet Hospitals; aimed at furthering and upholding the Banfield mission. By encouraging collaboration between our hospitals and their local community-based organizations, the Charitable Trust brings together the people, skills, equipment and commitment to advance veterinary medicine, providing a better quality of life for Pets and their families.