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### **Save-A-Pet Works to Rescue More Than Just Local Pets: Save-A-Pet Leads Oil Spill Relief Materials Drive**

*JUNE 17, 2010 (GRAYSLAKE, IL):* The Deepwater Horizon oil spill is now considered the worse ecological disaster the nation has ever faced. As millions of gallons of oil continue to flow into the Gulf of Mexico, Save-A-Pet, an animal adoption center in Grayslake, IL, is leading the local effort to help clean up the spill and save the Gulf Coast's precious ecosystem.

Animal fur collected through grooming the hundreds of homeless cat & dog residents at Save-A-Pet will be donated to Matter of Trust. Matter of Trust is an organization using natural fiber oil booms to absorb the spilled oil sitting on top of the Gulf of Mexico. The oil booms are nylons stuffed with oil soaking materials such as hair and fur. This is an environmentally friendly alternative to the hundreds of thousands of gallons of dispersant being used in an attempt to dilute the spill.

Save-A-Pet is partnering with area residents and local business to collect as much of the oil soaking materials as possible. Save-A-Pet Board Vice President Lisa Velez urged others to get involved. "Save-A-Pet is proud to be able to help with this relief effort, but we can't do it alone. We ask area residents and businesses to work with us as we try to make a difference in the face of this disaster."

Materials can be donated at the Save-A-Pet Adoption Center (31664 N. Fairfield Rd. Grayslake, IL) through the end of July. Acceptable materials include animal fur & hair, human hair, alpaca fleece, feathers, and nylons. Save-A-Pet is also accepting monetary donations to help with the cost of shipping the oil spill relief supplies. All donations received in excess of the shipping costs will be donated back to Save-A-Pet. If you would like to help, please visit the Save-A-Pet website at [www.saveapetil.org](http://www.saveapetil.org) or call them at 847-740-7788 for more information.

"The oil spill isn't just effecting the environment," said Renee Robbins, a Save-A-Pet volunteer with family who lives in the Gulf area. "It has an economical impact as well. One of the largest industries in this area, outside of oil drilling, is fishing and that really isn't possible anymore. As a result of the spill many Gulf residents have had to give up their pets to area adoption centers. The secondary effects of an oil spill like this go much farther than anyone can truly imagine."

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