

Humane Society receives foundation grant

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NEWARK – The Licking County Humane Society has received a grant from the Licking County Foundation to provide senior citizens and people with special needs a pet at a reduced cost.

Researchers have found positive benefits to a person's physical and mental health when they own a pet, including companionship, unconditional love, lower blood pressure, increased physical activity, improved mood and decreased anxiety.

Seniors age 60 and older and people with identified special needs or developmental disabilities qualify for the grant. Applicants must be Licking County residents and must have approved adoption applications with the Licking County Humane Society.

The grant provides an adult cat with an adoption fee of \$22 or an adult dog for \$95. Younger animals have additional fees. To get started, visit the Humane Society to apply. Staff will assist with a pet match that meets the needs of the person or family.

The project is being offered through a partnership with the Licking County Foundation. For more information, visit LCHSpets.org or stop by the Humane Society after noon every day except Wednesday.