



Greenville County Animal Care

Helping People Help Animals

Date: August 3, 2021

From: Shelly Simmons, CAWA
Division Manager for Animal Care

To: Ruth Parris
Budget Director

CC: Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator

Re: *Bissell Pet Foundation \$20,000 Healing Heartworm Program Award*

Greenville County Animal Care is being awarded \$20,000 by the BISSELL Pet Foundation to help in our efforts to treat adoptable dogs for heartworm disease. South Carolina is one of the top 10 states in the nation for heartworm infection in dogs. Heartworm disease is spread via mosquitos and warm weather states such as our state face disease risk in dogs – especially dogs living outdoors. Left untreated, heartworm disease is deadly in dogs. Treatment for heartworm disease is available, but expensive. Greenville County Animal Care Clinic veterinary team treats hundreds of dogs annually for heartworm disease. This awarded funding will be used to treat up to 100 heartworm positive adoptable dogs.

The award will be paid in two disbursements, 50% upon completion of a signed grant acceptance agreement and 50% after submitting an acceptable progress report. This grant-funding request does not require a matching grant from the County.