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### **SENIOR DOGS AT SPOKANIMAL FETCH GRANT**

Spokane, Washington—Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at SpokAnimal are among the winners.

SpokAnimal is one of 77 animal welfare groups chosen from 266 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received more than \$616,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

“We are thrilled The Grey Muzzle Organization is helping us launch our new Pearly White Initiative, which is a program to provide dental care for pets. Over 90% of senior dogs entering our shelter need dental care to make them ready to go to a forever home. For many, that care is pretty extensive and involves numerous extractions. The goal of the Pearly Whites Initiative is to eliminate painful dental conditions and prevent ancillary health issues that can stem from poor oral health,” stated SpokAnimal executive director, Dori Peck. “No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we’re looking forward to helping more senior dogs get the second chance they all deserve.”

Over the past 13 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.1 million in grants to support its vision of “a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.”

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we’re delighted to help deserving organizations like SpokAnimal make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities,” Grey Muzzle’s Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. “Many senior dogs in the Spokane area are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of SpokAnimal.”

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**Photo file: Luke-GreyMuzzle.jpg**

**Photo caption: Dogs Like Luke to Benefit from The Grey Muzzle Organization Grant.**

*Luke is an 11-year-old Dapple Dachshund and one of the first senior shelter dogs to receive grant-funded dental care. For more information, please visit <https://www.spokanimal.org/adopt-a-dog.html> or call: 509-534-8133.*

**About SpokAnimal:**

*SpokAnimal is a humane society offering programs and services to advance animal welfare. Like many other humane societies, it is a private shelter funded by public donations and does not receive government funds. Last year, the organization saved the lives of more animals than any other private shelter in Washington State. [www.spokanimal.org](http://www.spokanimal.org)*

**About The Grey Muzzle Organization:**

*The national nonprofit [The Grey Muzzle Organization](http://The Grey Muzzle Organization) improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit [www.greymuzzle.org](http://www.greymuzzle.org)*

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