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### **SpokAnimal Receives \$75,000 Grant From PetSmart Charities® to Help More Pets Find Homes Faster**

**Spokane, Wash., – May 2, 2022** – SPOKANIMAL has received a \$75,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to implement its Find Homes Faster program, which is an effort to provide the public with greater access to adoptable animals at all of Spokane’s area PetSmart stores.

According to SpokAnimal executive director, Dori Peck, the Find Homes Faster program has a goal of facilitating over 2,100 pet adoptions at PetSmart stores. That’s in addition to adoptions done directly from the shelter, via other adoption partner locations and at special events.

Some of the funds are also earmarked to improve canine kennels at the shelter and that capital investment will benefit shelter dogs for years. It will be early to mid-2023 before the new digs open though. Supply chain issues have pushed deliveries out an estimated 60 weeks.

“It’s an honor to partner with PetSmart Charities and the local stores,” stated Peck. “We’re incredibly grateful for their support. This award is just another example of how they are helping both shelter animals and owned pets in our community. Last year our humane society found homes for 3,478 animals and we’re now providing shelter and public pets with dental care. That’s due in large part to their support.”

“Some five million animals find their way to shelters each year,” said Heidi Fulcher, Adoption Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities. “As an organization dedicated to promoting the human-animal bond, we’re thrilled to support local partners like SpokAnimal. Together, we can help adoptable pets receive vital care, along with the best chance of finding loving homes — which builds healthier families and communities.”

Those interested in adopting a pet are invited to follow SpokAnimal on Facebook to see posts of available animals and their locations. Pets are also listed on the humane society’s website at [www.spokanimal.org](http://www.spokanimal.org).

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#### **About SpokAnimal**

SpokAnimal is a privately funded nonprofit dedicated to the placement, protection and health of animals through programs for pets and their people. It is the largest humane society in Eastern Washington for pet adoptions. Last year, 3,478 animals found homes through the organization. This year it’s already processed 1,700 adoptions. Its vet clinic serves shelter and public pets with spay/neuter surgeries and dentals. SpokAnimal partners with a variety of social



service organizations with programs aimed at ensuring pets have access to food and affordable care.

### **About PetSmart Charities®**

PetSmart Charities is committed to making the world a better place for pets and all who love them. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps up to 600,000 pets connect with loving families each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to support organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families. Our grants and efforts connect pets with loving homes through adoption, improve access to affordable veterinary care and support families in times of crisis with access to food, shelter and emergency relief. Each year, millions of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities directly at [PetSmartCharities.org](http://PetSmartCharities.org), while shopping at [PetSmart.com](http://PetSmart.com), and by using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart® stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, granting more than \$500 million since its inception in 1994. Independent from PetSmart LLC, PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization that has received the Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for the past 18 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of rated charities. To learn more visit [www.petsmartcharities.org](http://www.petsmartcharities.org).

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