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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SPOKANIMAL ENCOURAGES ADDING A NEW FAMILY MEMBER  
DURING PETSMART CHARITIES NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK AND KITTEN SEASON**  
*In-Person Adoption Events to Take Place at All Area PetSmart Stores July 10 - 16*

**Spokane, Wash., July 7, 2023** – With local shelters being inundated with kittens, and larger dogs are experiencing longer shelter stays, SpokAnimal is proud to partner with PetSmart Charities® to bring adoptable pets to every area PetSmart store in support of National Adoption Week, taking place July 10 to 16, 2023.

“If you’re looking to do something good for your family, community and even country, consider opening your home to a new best friend,” said Heidi Marston, director of Pet Placement Initiatives at PetSmart Charities. “We continue to learn more about the benefits of the human animal bond, and adopting a pet not only adds to the quality of life, it’s also a significant contribution you can make to your local community. We’re proud to work alongside partners such as SpokAnimal to make meaningful connections, giving more pets in need people to love.”

“This is a great opportunity for anyone with room in their hearts and homes to come out to meet adoptable pets,” stated SpokAnimal Executive Director, Dori Peck. “We encourage people to watch our Facebook page to see which specific animals will be available at the South Hill, North Side and Valley locations.”

“If you’re not able to adopt, but would like to help, donations of food, supplies, and monetary support are essential support too,” she added.

SpokAnimal’s website provides a link to an Amazon wishlist with details about items needed, which can also be purchased locally and dropped off at the shelter Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4pm. The website also has a link for monetary donations.

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### **About SpokAnimal**

SpokAnimal was founded in 1983 and has become Eastern Washington's largest humane society for pet adoptions. Last year, it found homes for 4,031 animals. Over 60 percent of the shelter's intake was from owner-surrendered animals and transfers from the local municipal shelter, SCRAPS. The other portion of animals arrives through its vibrant transport program, which allows it to save pets from areas where overcrowding and euthanizing for space are still unfortunate realities. SpokAnimal's foster program helps it care for fragile and vulnerable animals. Its vet clinic supports both shelter and public pets with spay/neuter services, microchips, vaccines and dentals. Ad hoc care for pets, such wound care, pregnancy complications, and digestive issues, is provided for public pets as staffing and finances allow. The Guardian Angel emergency boarding service and Pet Food Bank are other programs that support the local community. To further enhance animal welfare in the community, partnerships with organizations such as Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, Meals on Wheels Spokane, The Salvation Army (TRAC shelter), The Red Cross, Family Promise and Best Friends are core to SpokAnimal's outreach. Those interested in supporting our nonprofit's work can contribute online at [www.spokanimal.org](http://www.spokanimal.org).

### **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 400,000 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).