



710 N. Napa St. • Spokane WA 99202 • Ph: (509) 534-8133 • www.spokanimal.org • Tax ID: 91-1223929

July 18, 2022

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Seniors with Senior Dogs to Fetch Benefits from The Grey Muzzle Organization's Grant to SpokAnimal**

Spokane, Wash., – July 18, 2021 – Thanks to grant funding from The Grey Muzzle Organization, senior citizens that have dogs seven years and older can now get those pets deeply discounted doggie dentals from SpokAnimal.

"We're so thankful that The Grey Muzzle Organization is helping us address this need in our community," stated SpokAnimal's Executive Director, Dori Peck. "Roughly 90% of all senior dogs seen at our vet clinic need some level of dental care, and many pet owners don't realize their pet needs care because dog's are adept at hiding pain. Poor dental conditions left untreated can fester into other life-threatening health issues in pets. However, many seniors on limited incomes haven't been able to afford to provide this care – until now."

Seniors with senior dogs are encouraged to call the SpokAnimal Vet Clinic to book a pre-procedure appointment. The appointment will allow a licensed vet to determine the level of care required, and ensure the pet is healthy enough for anesthesia. That assessment, and the pet owner's income, will be used to determine the cost of the treatment. During the procedure complete dental X-rays will be obtained to ensure even below-the-gum line issues are resolved.

"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 are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of SpokAnimal."

SpokAnimal is one of 78 animal welfare groups chosen from 344 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received more than \$705,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

Over the past 14 years, the national nonprofit, based in Raleigh, North Carolina, has provided more than \$3.8 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

###

**About SpokAnimal:**

*SpokAnimal is a privately funded nonprofit humane society 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 and found homes for 3,478 animals last year. In addition to its shelter operations, SpokAnimal's low-income vet clinic provides spay/neuter services and dental care for both shelter and public animals. The nonprofit has earned national attention for its work to expand pet-friendly housing through a joint project with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington. Most recently, the humane society launched the Hearts and Paws program, which enables seniors living in skilled nursing residences to time-share the fostering of a dog. Its pet food bank already has distributed over 10,000 pounds of food to aid public-owned pets this year.*

**About The Grey Muzzle Organization:**

*The national nonprofit [The Grey Muzzle Organization](http://www.greymuzzle.org) 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)*

**Media Contacts:** Dori Peck, Executive Director, SpokAnimal:  
[dori@spokanimal.org](mailto:dori@spokanimal.org) or 509-995-6010

Lisa Lunghofer, Executive Director, The Grey Muzzle Organization:  
[lisa@greymuzzle.org](mailto:lisa@greymuzzle.org) or 240-631-2894