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SpokAnimal and Spokane Benefit from PetSmart Charities' Benevolence

Spokane, Wash., – March 28, 2021—COVID has presented us all with challenges, and yet, there have been unprecedented achievements too. Today, on behalf of PetSmart Charities, managers of local PetSmart stores presented SpokAnimal with a check for \$122,230. It represents the cumulative grant awards made to SpokAnimal between February 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021.

“We are incredibly thankful for our store partnerships and thrilled with PetSmart Charities’ support, and we need our community to know this would not have been possible without their support too. Last year, area residents adopted 1,769 pets from our adoption sites at PetSmart stores. That accounts for \$37,230 in PetSmart Charities adoption-related rewards,” stated SpokAnimal’s executive director, Dori Peck.

Paul Spring, PetSmart Charities’ District Leader for Idaho, Montana and Washington, stated, “Adoption rewards are our way of thanking our in-store adoption partners for their work. Here in Spokane, between the PetSmart stores on the South Hill, Northpointe and the Valley, SpokAnimal has 24 kennels to showcase pets. Their FY2020 adoption record is an impressive achievement and it builds upon their FY2019 success. That year, they were our fifth highest adoption partner in the nation.”

In addition to adoption rewards, SpokAnimal received a \$50,000 grant to cover costs related to making at least 700 animals adoption-ready. The grant also paid for a new surgical light for the low-income spay/neuter clinic, which, over its service life, will benefit thousands of animals.

PetSmart Charities does more than fund efforts related to helping animals find homes. It is also committed to finding solutions that keep pets in the homes they have.

“Almost everyday we get a call from someone that can’t afford vet care. We do what we can, but we see a need to do more. We’re working to expand our clinic’s capabilities so that later this year we can open an urgent pet care clinic. Thanks to a \$30,000 grant, we were able to purchase an x-ray unit, which was a critical component for improving access to care,” Peck stated.

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The remaining \$5,000 in PetSmart Charities funding was a field grant, which is awarded by the district manager based on the recommendations of local store managers.

“Last year, COVID threw us a lot of curveballs. Now, over a year later, we see the silver linings. We are still grateful to our community for helping us clear our shelter at the start of the pandemic so that homeless pets got the best care possible. We’re thankful our adoption store locations have weathered the storm. And, we are thrilled that PetSmart Charities has provided financial support that’s benefitting a lot of animals right here in Spokane,” stated Peck.

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Additional Support Information:

SpokAnimal

Founded in 1984, SpokAnimal is the area’s largest animal shelter operating without a government contract. Last year 3,018 animals found a home through SpokAnimal. It performed 3,515 spay and neuter surgeries, and administered 2,272 microchips and 5,190 vaccines.

PetSmart Charities

Since 1994, PetSmart Charities has granted over \$451 million to change-making organizations that help transform the lives of pets and those who love them. They are the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, and return 90 cents of every dollar donated to animal welfare causes.

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