



## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

### **SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO HELP MORE HOMELESS PETS FIND HOMES IN SPOKANE**

*Improving the lives of over 2,350 shelter animals before they find their forever homes*

**SPOKANE, WA – 1/27/2022** – SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY has received a \$50,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#) to help prepare more shelter pets in Spokane for adoption and ensure they are ready to find loving homes. With the help of this grant, the organization will help prepare pets for adoption through shelter & veterinary care to support its efforts to help homeless pets find homes.

Pet overpopulation in Spokane is a concern, that's why spaying/neutering every shelter animal that comes through our doors is a commitment we make in improving the lives of the animals. Just last year, our clinic spayed/neutered over 1590 cats and 814 dogs in hopes of providing a brighter future for the animals in our area. This grant not only helps increase our capacity in caring for them, but also helps many injured/ill animals get the care they need before being placed for adoption.

"We are deeply grateful to be recipients of a grant from PetSmart Charities that will improve the lives of companion animals in our community. The grant funds will be used to prepare over 2,350 companion animals for adoption with micro-chipping, spay/neuters, vaccination, and other clinical and shelter services before they enter their loving forever home in the Inland Northwest," said Kim Reasoner-Morin, Executive Director of the Spokane Humane Society.

"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 Spokane Humane Society. Together, we can help adoptable pets receive vital care, along with the best chance of finding loving homes — which builds healthier families and communities."

As a no-kill shelter, this grant also helps pets like Akiva remain safe and sheltered until they are placed in loving homes. Akiva is a 7-year-old long-term shelter dog who came to SHS in August of 2021. He's a large, goofy boy who creates strong bonds with the people he loves. After arriving at the shelter, he awaited his forever home for five months before finding his perfect match. When he finally did, he wriggled and leaped for joy as they greeted him one last time before making him a member of the family.

Spokane Humane Society is thankful to PetSmart Charities for their generous donation, so more pets in need will have a second chance at love.

Find out more info at [spokanehumanesociety.org](http://spokanehumanesociety.org).

###

### **About Spokane Humane Society**

The Spokane Humane Society is a privately funded nonprofit who has been improving the lives of companion animals through Support, Education, Advocacy & Love (SEAL) for almost 125 years. Thank you to the generous supporters in the Spokane area.

### **ABOUT PETSMAART 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).

Follow PetSmart Charities on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PetSmartCharitiTs](http://www.twitter.com/PetSmartCharitiTs)

Find PetSmart Charities on Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/PetSmartCharities](http://www.Facebook.com/PetSmartCharities)

Follow PetSmart Charities on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/PetSmartCharities](http://www.instagram.com/PetSmartCharities)

See PetSmart Charities on YouTube: [www.YouTube.com/PetSmartCharitiesInc](http://www.YouTube.com/PetSmartCharitiesInc)

### **Media Contact:**

Gail Golden  
Director of Marketing & Development  
(509) 467-5235 ext. 209  
[Gailg@spokanehumanesociety.org](mailto:Gailg@spokanehumanesociety.org)

24-Hour PetSmart Charities  
Media Line: 623-587-2177