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SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY CONNECTS ADOPTABLE PETS WITH LOVING HOMES DURING PETSMART CHARITIES NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK

Local adoptions at PetSmart stores take place Nov 6-12, potential pet parents are encouraged to consider the joys of senior pets

Nov 06, 2023 – SPOKANE, WA— Every year, 6.2 million pets enter shelters, and today many across the nation are overflowing. Spokane Humane Society is proud to partner with [PetSmart Charities®](#) to bring adoptable pets to Spokane Northpointe PetSmart in support of PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week, taking place **November 6-12**.

While puppies enjoy a 60% adoption rate, older dogs' rates lag behind at just 25%.¹ PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week in November coincides with National Adopt a Senior Pet Month. Older pets are often overlooked because of potential future health risks and concerns about ingrained behaviors. But just like people, pets age differently. Aside from doing something wonderful for older pets in need, there are so many reasons why they make ideal companions. Here are just a few benefits to consider:

- Bonding with senior pets can be a bit easier because they're more likely to be calmer, more experienced and house-trained.
- For those in search of a fellow "couch potatoes" to watch movies with or even to lay low while working, senior pets can be the perfect match.
- Whether it's their preferences or their personalities, pets in their golden years may be more transparent.
- Living with senior pets can inspire their people to slow down and take time to stop and smell the roses.
- Adopting senior pets ensures peace and better health in their final years and helps shelters to ease the overcrowding.

"Some of the most heartwarming stories we hear are from those who have adopted a best friend who is in their prime. They are able to enjoy life, at a slower pace with an appreciation and desire for quality time spent together," says Kristi Soto, director of marketing at Spokane Humane Society. "We love that PetSmart Charities is recognizing our senior pets this month, and we hope to open some eyes in our

community and shed light on those who get passed by because they have a little more white and grey in their face.”

During the in-store event, Spokane Humane Society invites potential pet parents to meet adoptable pets in their area. Opportunities will be given to spend time with pets in spacious meet-and-greet areas. Staff and volunteers will help potential adopters learn about caring for pets and point to welcome resources.

Aren't sure if you're ready to adopt? Please consider fostering a senior pet! This not only gets them out into loving homes, but helps alleviate overcrowding at shelters, and can be an ideal opportunity to really get to know the animals.

To view all available pets for adoption, please visit spokanehumanesociety.org/adopt-all-animals/. All adoptable animals are vaccinated, microchipped, and come with an adoption bag including toys, treats, medical records, and a small bag of their current dog food.

“This special week is a call to action, and an opportunity to bring new love into your home,” said Heidi Marston, director of pet placement at PetSmart Charities. “Shelters across the nation are overflowing, and we’re encouraging folks to consider the unique joys of older pets, who bring a special kind of lowkey, loyal comfort to their people. Some of my deepest bonds have been with pets who came into my life when they were in their golden years – it really is a gift. We’re thankful for Spokane Humane Society’s partnership in helping make perfect matches!”

Banjo, a handsome orange cat, arrived at Spokane Humane Society back in 2014; after spending eight and a half years with his adopted family, he was returned to the shelter. Now, Banjo is almost ten years old trying to find a forever family. Banjo is gentle and sweet, he would thrive in a quiet environment where he can snuggle up in blankets and relax in the warm sun.

WHEN/WHERE:

Adoptable pets will be available at the following times and PetSmart locations:

November 6-12, Mon-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm and Sun 10:00am-5:00pm

PetSmart Northpointe at 9950 N Newport Hwy, Spokane, WA 99218

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 disaster response. Each year, millions of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities directly at PetSmartCharities.org, while shopping at 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.

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ABOUT SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY

Spokane Humane Society is the oldest animal shelter in Spokane with an over 126-year legacy. They are a 501c3 private, non-profit serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and placement into loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area through adoptions. To view adoptable animals or provide life-changing support to furry friends, please visit the SHS website at www.spokanehumanesociety.org. Stay updated by following the Spokane Humane Society Facebook page <https://facebook.com/SpokaneHumaneSociety/>.

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