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**Spokane Humane Society ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO ADOPT A NEW BEST FRIEND
DURING PETSMART CHARITIES NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK March 24–30**

*Spokane Humane Society receives \$30,000 grant to help more adoptable pets find
people to love*

Spokane, WA – 3/24/2025 – Pets are family, and can bring hope, companionship and unconditional love to their people. Adopting a pet in need of a home can bring joy to people and also impact communities, alleviating strain on overcrowded shelters. That's why **Spokane Humane Society will bring adoptable pets to Northpointe PetSmart, 9950 N Newport Highway, Spokane, WA 99218**, for PetSmart Charities® National Adoption Week, taking place **March 24 – 30, 2025. Spokane Humane Society aims to find homes for 65 companion animals during the event.**

Thanks to the \$30,000 PetSmart Charities Adoption Prep Grant, Spokane Humane Society can provide vital care that sets animals up for success in their new homes. These funds help cover the cost of preventative veterinary care like vaccinations and spaying/neutering, nutritious food, foster care, behavioral enrichment, and personalized attention for each animal during their stay.



One remarkable example is Misty, a resilient cat who came into our care underweight with a severe URI (upper respiratory infection), which we suspect contributed to a diagnosis of megaesophagus — a condition that can make eating and swallowing difficult. With the help of these grant funds, Misty received specialized care, nutritious food, and a loving foster home. Over the past two weeks, Misty has gained weight and shown no clinical signs of her condition. After a recheck of her radiographs, we're thrilled to see improvement, and Misty was spayed last week as the final step in her adoption prep journey. Now,

Misty is ready to find her forever family and will make her big debut at National Adoption Week!

[PetSmart Charities](#) connects adoption partners such as Spokane Humane Society with local PetSmart stores to bring adoptable pets in for adoption events and meet and greets. These include pets of all ages, breeds, temperaments, and energy levels. Staff and volunteers are available to help make ideal matches considering lifestyle and other preferences such as energy levels, personalities, sizes, etc.

“Support from PetSmart Charities helps us create life-changing connections between people and pets,” said Kristi Soto, Director of Marketing and Development at Spokane Humane Society. “When you adopt a pet, you’re not just saving their life — you’re enriching your own. Studies show that pet companionship can reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and ease depression. Spokane Humane Society is a lifeline for animals not only in our local community but also in outlying rural areas where access to veterinary care and resources is scarce. With the help of partners like PetSmart Charities, we’re able to extend our reach, providing medical care, shelter, and second chances to pets who might otherwise be left without options. Each adoption is more than a fresh start for a deserving animal — it’s a ripple effect of compassion that strengthens families and entire communities.”

“Our local shelter and rescue partners are overflowing with animals looking for people to love. Adopting or fostering a pet not only enriches your life but is the best way to support your community and local partners like Spokane Humane Society in their lifesaving work,” said Heidi Marston, director of pet placement at PetSmart Charities. “There is nothing like the unconditional love of a pet! Please stop by your neighborhood PetSmart store and meet your new best friend.”

Please visit spokanehumanesociety.org/naw0325 for more information.

WHEN/WHERE:

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

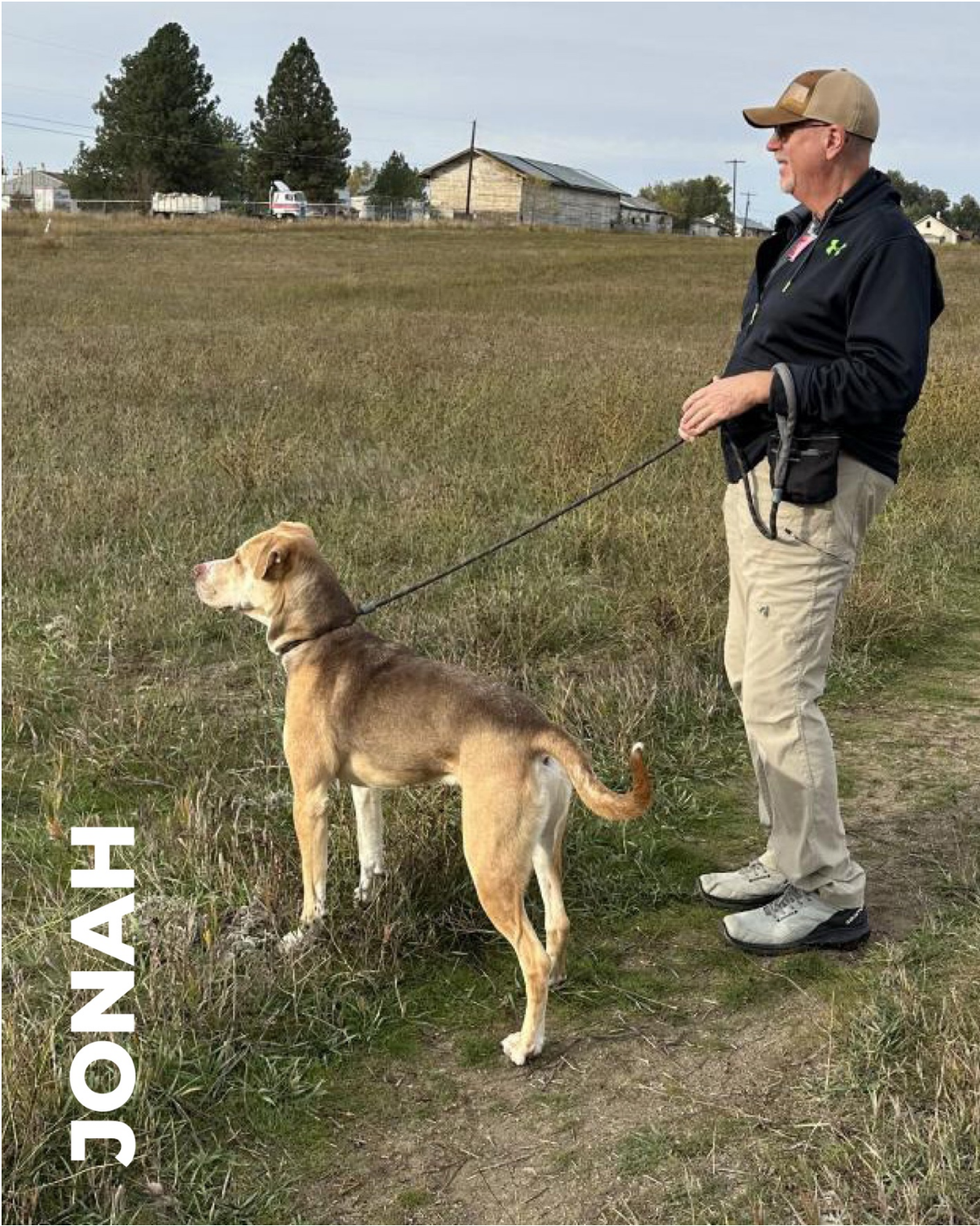
March 24-30, 2025, daily between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm for the event, and Monday-Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm regular hours, Sunday closing at 5:00 pm.

Northpointe PetSmart, 9950 N Newport Highway, Spokane, WA 99218

For the entire week Spokane Humane Society is highlighting companion animals who have resided with the SHS team for over 45 days. These incredible animals are looking for that one person to say ‘yes’. Adoptable animals who have been available over 45 days go home with zero adoption fees. Photos included are of Dr. Pepper, Dee Dee, DD and Jonah. Also pictured (first) is Lilly, who was sent to an extended K9 Board and Train program to work on her manners, including leash manners, commands and reactions around other animal

companions. Lilly was able to join a foster home exiting the Board and Train, to avoid reverting back to previous habits while in a shelter environment. Lilly is ready for her forever home and hoping National Adoption Week is her lucky break!





JONAH



DD



DEE DEE



DR. PEPPER

Note to Editors: Photos and b-roll footage of adoptable pets are available upon request. To view request editorial materials, please contact Kristi Soto, kristi@spokanehumanesociety.org, call/text (509) 216-0348.

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About Spokane Humane Society

Spokane Humane Society is the oldest local non-profit dedicated to animal welfare in Spokane, with a 127-year legacy of compassion. As a 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization, they've been serving the public since 1897 by providing care, shelter, and loving homes for homeless, neglected, and unwanted animals in the greater Spokane area. Spokane Humane Society receives zero government funding and relies entirely on community support to sustain its mission. In addition to adoptions, they offer veterinary clinical services to low-income community members, helping keep pets healthy and with their families. To view adoptable animals or provide life-changing support, visit www.spokanehumanesociety.org and stay connected through Instagram and Facebook @SpokaneHumaneSociety.

About PetSmart Charities®

Pets are family. For 30 years, PetSmart Charities has remained committed to making the world a better place for pets and all who love them. Through in-store adoptions at PetSmart® stores, local shelter partners help hundreds of thousands of pets find loving families each year. PetSmart Charities also delivers grant funding to support animal and human welfare organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families to improve access to veterinary care, alleviates pet hunger and integrates the needs of pets into disaster response. Each year, millions of generous supporters support the mission by donating at PetSmart® registers in-store or online at Petsmart.com, or directly at PetSmartCharities.org. 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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