



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **LAST CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE RECEIVES \$75,000 GRANT FROM PETSMA CHARITIES TO HELP MORE ADOPTABLE PETS FIND FAMILIES IN DC, MD AND VA**

*PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week In-Person Events to Take Place at Local PetSmart Stores*

*March 18-24*

**Waldorf, MD – March 14, 2024** – Last Chance Animal Rescue, Inc. has received a \$75,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#)® to help prepare more pets in the Eastern U.S. for adoption. Some four million pets find themselves in U.S. shelters each year. In partnership with [PetSmart Charities](#), Last Chance Animal Rescue will bring extra adoptable kitties and staff to more than 20 PetSmart locations in support of National Adoption Week, taking place **March 18 - 24, 2024**.

With the help of this grant, the organization will be able to help some 1,600 animals prepare for adoption and find permanent loving homes by providing additional financial support for vaccines, testing, vet care, and spay/neuter. Our unique combination of rescue and full-service vet hospital allows us to also help animals in need of extra medical care. One such example is Siren, a gorgeous 3-year-old Shepherd who found herself in a shelter with an excruciating eye injury. We were able to perform a much-needed eye enucleation. This sweetheart was also Heartworm and Ehrlichia positive. We treated her for both, and she found the perfect loving home. The best part was that her new family was able to foster her as we prepared her for adoption!

"We are thrilled to partner with PetSmart Charities to launch this program initiative, which will connect more pets with loving homes faster than ever before," said Cindy Sharpley, Executive Director of Last Chance Animal Rescue, "By working together, we are not only transforming the lives of animals in need but also strengthening our community by promoting responsible pet ownership and reducing pet homelessness."

"Shelters across the U.S. are struggling to keep pace with the number of animals coming in and need support from their communities to bring pets and people together," said Heidi Marston, director of pet placement at PetSmart Charities. "We're proud to support Last Chance Animal Rescue and the essential work they do to care and advocate for the animals that come through their door in need of loving families. Please consider supporting their lifesaving work through volunteering, fostering, adopting, or by making a donation."

PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week is a special time during the year. PetSmart stores feature adoptable pets to meet and cuddle in spacious areas, and staff and volunteers are on-

hand to make introductions and answer questions. Potential pet parents can also learn about the products and services they'll need for the best possible start with their new family members.

To learn more about our programs and services follow: [lastchanceanimalrescue.org](http://lastchanceanimalrescue.org) or [facebook.com/LCARMD](https://facebook.com/LCARMD)

#### **WHEN/WHERE:**

In addition to cats at our in-store adoption centers at PetSmarts, we will be adding the following cat adoption events:

March 22-24, 12-4 pm  
Catonsville PetSmart, 6501 National Pike Catonsville, MD

March 22-24, 10:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Rockville PetSmart, 5154 Nicholson Lane, Kensington, MD

March 22-24, 10 am to 5 pm  
Reston PetSmart, 11860 Spectrum Center, Reston, VA

March 22, 5pm to 7 pm  
Pasadena PetSmart, 24 Mountain Road, Glen Burnie, MD

March 23-24, 1 pm to 3 pm  
Pasadena PetSmart, 24 Mountain Road, Glen Burnie, MD

March 23, 11 am to 3 pm  
Alexandria PetSmart, 3351 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA

March 23, 12 to 2 pm  
Annapolis PetSmart, 2601 Housley Road, Annapolis, MD

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#### **About Last Chance Animal Rescue**

Last Chance Animal Rescue is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to saving homeless pets from unnecessary euthanasia due to overpopulation. The organization achieves this goal through high quality, high volume spay/neuter, adoptions, and animal care. Last Chance rescues and rehomes approximately 10,000 animals annually and has been in operation for 24 years. The organization provides spay/neuter services to more than 20,000 animals a year. We offer high quality, affordable veterinary care as well as spay/neuter services for the public and other rescue groups at Paw Prints Animal Hospital and the Spay Spot.

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### **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 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).

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