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TAILS FROM THE CITY RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT FROM PETSMA RT CHARITIES TO HELP MORE ADOPTABLE PETS FIND FAMILIES IN NORTHEAST OHIO

Cleveland, Ohio – March 15, 2024 – Tails From The City has received a \$40,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities®](#) to help prepare more pets in Northeast Ohio for adoption. Some four million pets find themselves in U.S. shelters each year. In partnership with [PetSmart Charities](#), Tails From The City will have adoptable pets in many PetSmart locations in the area in support of National Adoption Week, taking place **March 18 - 24, 2024**.

“The number of homeless animals that need assistance is heartbreaking, and the cost for veterinary care for animals is at an all-time high. The funds we received from PetSmart Charities will help offset the costs of getting them the medical care they need as well as the care they need while they are waiting to go up for adoption,” said Michelle Wheadon, President. “Many of these animals have advanced medical needs, such as our adoptable cat named Paul, a year-old stray cat that the Cleveland City Kennel reached out to us to ask us to help. Paul needed a leg amputation that many small rescues might have had to turn away due to the cost of the surgery. However, Tails had the funds to help him, and he is available for adoption right now at the Mayfield Heights PetSmart.”

“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 Tails From The City 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 find out more about Tails From The City and the good work that they do to help homeless animals, please visit their website at www.TailsfromthecityCleveland.org or follow them on Facebook at Tails From The City – Cleveland.

Tails From The City has adoptable pets available every day at the PetSmart stores located in Avon, North Olmsted, Willoughby, Mayfield Heights, South Euclid, and Niles, Ohio.

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About Tails From The City

Tails from The City is a non-profit, no-kill, all volunteer rescue that was founded in 2011 when a group of acquaintances responded to a call for help. Over 100 cats were rescued and brought to their hastily acquired shelter located on the near west side of Cleveland. Most of the original cats found their forever homes, but Tails has not stopped helping new cats in need. Tails is excited to report that they have helped over 5,500 cats over the past decade and helps approximately 600 cats annually.

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, 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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