



FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT RECEIVES \$7500 GRANT FROM PETSMA RT CHARITIES® TO SUPPORT SHELTER OPERATIONS AND HELP LOCAL PETS IN NEED

January 28, 2019— DEARBORN, MICH. – [Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit \(FAMD\)](#) has received a \$7500 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America. The grant has been earmarked to support the daily operations of FAMD so they can continue helping homeless pets in southeast Michigan.

More specifically, FAMD’s shelter operations grant is designed to enhance the kitten foster program to support sustainable \ health and increase adoption of healthy, socialized kittens. More than 600 kitten lives were saved in 2018 based on the volunteer foster parents’ efforts and funding from PetSmart for these life-saving kits that contained food, medicine, and supplies.

“The PetSmart Charities funding comes at a critical time,” said Elaine Greene, FAMD executive director. “With a record number of animal adoptions in 2018, we need to be able to maintain our intake center on Greenfield Road until Phase Two of the shelter is complete. This program assists our kitten population and we are very grateful.”

In the field of animal welfare, grant funding to support shelter operations and improvements can be challenging to come by. That’s why PetSmart Charities created this stream of funding that supports an animal welfare organization’s core sheltering operations and practices with a focus on programs that are both innovative and sustainable.

Shelter Operations is just one of PetSmart Charities’ seven grant categories designed to support nonprofits that share a commitment to finding lifelong loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets closer together.

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About FAMD

After 25 years of nurturing more than 50,000 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has launched their “More Love than Humanly Possible” capital campaign to construct Phase Two of their

complex, adjacent to the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption & Education Center. For more information about FAMD, a 501 (c) 3 organization, visit metrodetroitanimals.org

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is committed to finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps to find forever homes and families for more than 500,000 shelter pets each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to nonprofits aligned with its mission under four key areas of support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets and Providing Emergency Relief and Disaster Support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities 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 almost \$340 million since its inception in 1994. Independent from PetSmart Inc., PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization that has received the Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a third-party organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 15 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more visit www.petsmartcharities.org.

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