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FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT RECEIVES \$66,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES TO PREPARE MORE PETS FOR ADOPTION DURING NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK AT PETSMART TAYLOR FOR DOGS MARCH 28 AND ALL WEEK FOR CATS AT PETSMART WOODHAVEN

Local PetSmart stores will host adoptable pets March 23-29 as part of PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week

March 24, 2026 – Dearborn, MI – Thanks to a new grant from PetSmart Charities®, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit will help more pets in Metro Detroit get healthy, adoption-ready, and into loving homes. The \$66,000 grant will support National Adoption Week events at local PetSmart stores in Taylor, located at 23271 Eureka Rd. in Taylor, MI, Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and PetSmart Woodhaven, located at 23470 Allen Rd. in Woodhaven, taking place **March 23- 29, 2026**.

Millions of pets find themselves in U.S. shelters each year, adding strain to many local shelters coping with stretched resources. At Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, we roughly see 2,500 homeless animals every year with 1,800 of those being cats and kittens. This influx stretches our capacity and resources especially during warmer months. Funds from PetSmart Charities support our organization and the local community by helping us provide quality service and care to each and every animal we see brought to our doors. The funds help us prepare each animal for adoption and will support the initiative to get more adoptable animals to PetSmart stores, along with more adoption events.

“Because of this funding, more pets will have more opportunities at a better life. The ability to have more resources to get more animals ready for adoption, expand our partnership, adoption events, and presence at PetSmart stores only means we can help even more. This support will make a huge impact on the animals in our care” said Cory Keller, President and CEO of Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit.

“Our animal welfare partners in local communities are determined to keep pace with the need, and deserve support,” said Aimee Gilbreath, president of PetSmart Charities. “We’re proud to work alongside Friends for Animals and appreciate the critical steps they take to advocate for the animals that come through their doors in need of love, safety, care and nutrition. Please consider supporting their lifesaving work through volunteering, fostering, adopting, or by donating.”

PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week is a special time during the year. Neighborhood PetSmart stores will host adoptable pets to meet and cuddle in spacious areas, and staff and volunteers are ready 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 view all available pets for adoption, please visit <https://www.metrodetroitanimals.org/adopt-a-pet/>

Most adoptable animals can be found in the new MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center at 16121 Reckinger Road in Dearborn, although some are in foster homes or Cat Adoption Centers. Each animal's current location is listed in their information online, or for the up-to-the-minute information on availability, please call the shelter at 313-943-2697 ext. 6001 during shelter adoption hours. All Friends for Animals adoptable pups and kitties go home spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on age-appropriate vaccinations. The dogs are also heartworm tested (if at least 7 months old).

WHEN/WHERE:

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

Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
PetSmart Taylor
23271 Eureka Rd. Taylor, MI 48180

March 23- 29 Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
PetSmart Woodhaven
23470 Allen Rd. in Woodhaven, MI 48183

Chewy, the large-and-in-charge goofball with a heart as big as his zoomies, is one of many dogs available for adoption with sponsored adoption fees. This handsome boy believes every day should include three essential things: making new friends, chasing toys, and celebrating the arrival of any human within a 20-foot radius.

Note to Editors: Photos and b-roll footage of adoptable pets are available upon request. To view or request editorial materials, please contact Nova Zorok at nzorok@metrodetroitanimals.org.

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About Friends for Animals

Friends for Animals is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals is dedicated to the rescue, protection, and adoption of companion animals in need, while inspiring the human-animal bond. Friends for Animals was founded in 1996 by volunteers who believed that homeless animals in our region deserve a second chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, Friends for Animals has grown in the past 30 years to an

organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community. The organization helps find homes for approximately 2,500 dogs and cats each year.

Connect with Friends for Animals on social media:

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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 has helped more than 11 million pets find loving homes. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to local animal welfare organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families. This critical support fuels adoption, access to veterinary care, pet hunger and disaster response programs that make a meaningful impact in local communities. Each year, millions of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities directly at [PetSmartCharities.org](https://www.petSMARTcharities.org), while shopping at [PetSmart.com](https://www.petSMART.com), and by using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart® stores. PetSmart Charities efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its mission, granting more than \$600 million since 1994. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, PetSmart Charities has received a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator consecutively since 2003 — placing it among the top one percent of rated charities.

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