



For Immediate Release

**LAST CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE RECEIVES \$75,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES
TO HELP TRANSPORT PETS FOR ADOPTION AHEAD OF NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK
JULY 21 - 29**

*Moving adoptable pets to shelters with more space to improve their chances of finding
loving homes*

July 24, 2025 — Waldorf, MD — Some six million pets enter animal shelters in the U.S. each year in need of loving homes. To improve chances of adoptions, shelters in regions with too many adoptable pets are often moved to shelters with more plentiful space. Last Chance Animal Rescue recently received a \$75,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities®](#) to support its pet transport program ahead of PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week July 21 – 29. Last Chance Animal Rescue will have adoptable pets at some 20 locations in Maryland, Virginia and DC.

[PetSmart Charities](#) connects adoption partners such as Last Chance Animal Rescue with local PetSmart stores to bring adoptable pets in for 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 allows us to help more homeless pets and shelters in underserved, overpopulated areas,” said Cindy Sharpley, Executive Director of Last Chance Animal Rescue. “Post-COVID, shelters and rescues are in crisis mode—often taking in more animals than they have runs for on a daily basis. These transports give at-risk pets the second chance they deserve. After they are vetted and spayed or neutered, they’re adopted into loving homes locally at PetSmarts across Maryland, Virginia, and DC.”

This generous grant will help support the transport and adoption of approximately 3,000 pets—playing a vital role in Last Chance’s mission to rescue and rehome homeless animals. Among them is Misha, a 3-year-old cat rescued from an overcrowded shelter on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. After arriving through the transport program, she found her forever home through the Rockville PetSmart. Her journey is just one example of the powerful impact made possible through this ongoing partnership and shared commitment to saving lives.

“Animals are continuing to stay in shelters longer, which can impact their stress levels,” said Heidi Marston, a director of pet placement initiatives at PetSmart Charities. “As long-term solutions are built out, partnerships with shelters in regions with capacity to serve more are critical in our shared efforts to save more lives. We’re proud to support Last Chance Animal Rescue and their work to ensure adoptable pets find their families as quickly as possible.”

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

Dog Adoption Event

Arundel Mills PetSmart 7663 Arundel Mills Boulevard, Hanover, MD

Saturday, July 26; 12 pm to 3 pm

Cat Adoption Events:

In addition to cats available at our in-store adoption centers at [PetSmarts](https://www.petsmart.com), will be adding the following kitty adoption events/hours:

Annapolis PetSmart, 2601 Housley Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Friday, July 25- Sunday, July 27; 12 pm to 4 pm

Arundel Mills PetSmart 7663 Arundel Mills Boulevard, Hanover, MD

Monday, July 21-Saturday, July 26; 9 am to 7 pm

Sunday, July 27; 10 am to 5 pm

Bethesda PetSmart, 6800 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD

Wednesday, July 23 & Friday, July 25; 4pm to 7pm

Saturday, July 26; 2pm to 6 pm & Sunday, July 27; 2 pm to 5 pm

Bowie PetSmart, 4500 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, MD 20716

Monday, July 21- Sunday, July 27; 11 am to 5 pm

Catonsville PetSmart, 6105 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville, MD

Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 27; 12 pm – 4 pm

Dunkirk PetSmart; 10400 Southern Maryland Blvd, Dunkirk, MD 20754

Monday, July 21- Saturday, July 26; 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, July 27; 11 am to 6 pm

Gaithersburg PetSmart, 218 Kentlands Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Friday, July 25 & Saturday March 26; 1 pm to 3 pm

Sunday, July 27; 1 pm to 3 pm

Glen Burnie PetSmart, 597 E Ordnance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Monday, July 21- Friday, July 25; 10 am to 8 pm

Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26; 11 am to 6 pm

Greenbelt PetSmart, 7475 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25; 10 am to 7 pm

Sunday, July 27; 11 am to 4 pm

Laurel PetSmart, 13600 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, MD 20707

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27; 9 am to noon

Saturday, July 26; ; 9 am to noon & 5 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, July 27; 9 am to noon & 5 pm to 6 pm

Pasadena/Glen Burnie PetSmart, 24 Mountain Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Monday, July 21 -Friday, July 26; 4 pm to 6 pm

Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27; 1 pm to 3 pm

Reston PetSmart, 11860 Spectrum Center, Reston, VA 20190

Friday, July 25; 9 am to 7 pm

Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27; 10 am to 5 pm

Rockville PetSmart, 5154 Nicholson Lane, Kensington, MD 20895

Friday, July 25- Sunday, July 27; 9 am to 7 pm

Waldorf PetSmart, 3045 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601

Monday, July 21- Sunday, July 27; 9 am to 7 pm

White Marsh PetSmart, 9921 Pulaski Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21220

Monday, July 21- Sunday, July 27; 1 pm to 3 pm

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About Last Chance Animal Rescue, Inc.

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 25 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. To learn more visit: www.lastchanceanimarescue.org

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About PetSmart Charities®

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