



In-Store Adoption Program Fast Facts

In 1987, PetSmart, Inc. made a conscious choice not to sell dogs or cats in its stores, but rather to create partnerships with animal welfare agencies across North America, providing them with retail space and supplies to operate on-site adoption centers. More than 20 years later, PetSmart® continues this caring tradition, celebrating over 3 million adoptions at PetSmart Charities® Adoption Centers.

A History of Finding Pets Lifelong, Loving Homes

- The first part-time Luv-A-Pet® Adoption Center opened in a PetSmart store in 1992; 44 pets found homes in the first four days
 - After retrofitting all PetSmart stores with adoption centers that same year, 6,300 pets found new homes within one month
 - In 1993, the first full year that PetSmart stores had permanent adoption centers, the lives of 21,000 homeless pets were saved
 - The following year, PetSmart increased its commitment to the future welfare of homeless pets by creating PetSmart Charities, Inc., a national nonprofit organization
 - The 1 millionth pet, a retriever mix named Elsie Bradford, was adopted from the Lexington, KY store on June 6, 2001
 - The 2 millionth pet, a beagle mix named Louie Armstrong, was adopted from the O'Fallon, IL store on Oct. 2, 2004
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Programs That Continue the Tradition of Caring

- Through an expanded adoption rewards program, 3,400 adoption partner agencies have the opportunity to earn a grant of up to \$15 per pet adopted out of a PetSmart store
- National adoption events held twice a year at PetSmart stores encourage these agencies to bring and adopt more pets than usual; in 2006, these two events alone found homes for more than 27,000 pets in just six days

To learn more or to make a donation to PetSmart Charities, visit petsmartcharities.org or call 1-800-423-PETS.