

About PetSmart Charities®



PetSmart Charities, Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that creates and supports programs that save the lives of homeless pets, raise awareness of companion animal-welfare issues, and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. Since 1994, PetSmart Charities® has funded more than \$88 million in grants and programs benefiting animal welfare organizations and, through its in-store pet adoption program, has helped save the lives of nearly 4 million pets.



Vision

A lifelong, loving home
for every pet

Mission

To improve the quality of life for all companion animals by creating and supporting programs that save the lives of homeless pets and promote healthy relationships between people and pets.

To learn more about
how PetSmart Charities®
is working toward
a lifelong, loving home
for every pet, visit
www.petsmartcharities.org
or call **1-800-423-PETS.**

Programs and Services

Spay and neuter efforts nationwide — PetSmart Charities® provided more than \$6.4 million in spay/neuter funding in the United States during fiscal year 2008; this includes funding clinic construction, renovation and equipment; innovative training and continuing education for shelter-veterinary professionals; and research into best practices for low-cost, high-quality, high-volume services.

Pet adoptions — PetSmart Charities® has an Adoption Center in all 1,145 PetSmart® stores in the United States and Canada where local animal-welfare agencies can find homes for dogs and cats. Since 1994, more than 3.8 million pets have found homes via PetSmart Charities' Adoption Centers. PetSmart Charities also funds "adoption rewards" for its adoption partners (\$5 for every adoption at a PetSmart Charities' Adoption Center; \$10 if the pet is spayed or neutered prior to adoption; and \$15 if the shelter or animal-welfare agency conducts a follow-up interview with the adopter). During fiscal year 2008, PetSmart Charities funded more than \$8.5 million in support of pet adoption efforts nationwide.

Rescue Waggin'® Program — PetSmart Charities® created the Rescue Waggin' program to save the lives of adoptable dogs and puppies slated for euthanasia at over-crowded shelters. Since its establishment in 2004, Rescue Waggin' vehicles have transported more than 29,000 dogs and puppies from areas of high pet overpopulation to shelters in areas where adoptable dogs and puppies are in demand. The program also provides capacity-building grants in areas of overpopulation to expand spay/neuter services for cats and dogs, and to fund professional consultation to improve shelter facilities and operations for participating animal welfare agencies.

Emergency Relief Waggin'® Program — PetSmart Charities® launched its Emergency Relief Waggin' program in March 2007 to assist the animal victims of natural or man-made disasters. PetSmart Charities® provides immediate emergency relief funding and supplies to assist pets affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, fire and other natural disasters, and for pet victims of man-made emergencies including pet hoarding situations and puppy mill rescues.

Education — PetSmart Charities® strives to professionalize the animal-welfare field. Valuable and useful information is provided via its free "webinars" (web seminars) taught by subject matter experts. PetSmart Charities® also hosts conferences aimed at teaching best practices in the animal-welfare and shelter industries. In 2007, PetSmart Charities® hosted the Fix-It Forum to address best practices for spay and neuter efforts; and in 2009, hosted the Feline Forum to explore the growing needs of cats and kittens in shelter environments, from medical care and environmental enrichment to successful adoption programs.

