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PAWSTER NASHVILLE RECEIVES \$45,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES®
TO HELP KEEP PETS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER

December 2, 2021 - Nashville, TN - Pawster Nashville received a \$45,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#) to help keep more pets in loving homes and out of shelters in Nashville.

What would happen to your pet if you went to the hospital unexpectedly? If you lost pet-friendly housing? If you left a domestic violence situation? Pet parents in these and other at-risk situations often determine they have no options beyond surrendering their beloved pet to a local shelter. In Nashville alone, over 500 pets were surrendered to Metro Animal Care & Control in the last year. But Pawster Nashville, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in May 2020, is working to reduce that number.

With this grant, distributed over the next two years, Pawster Nashville will help preserve the bond between pets and their people by providing Crisis Foster Care for Middle Tennessee families. When a pet owner is in crisis, Pawster Nashville places their cat or dog in a foster home, until the owner is back on their feet and ready to be reunited. Crisis Foster Care keeps pets out of shelters, and it keeps families together.

“When crises strike, people have a right to be with their pets,” said Kelly Balthazor, Senior Community Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities. “When people are displaced, undergoing medical treatment or fleeing domestic violence, all members of the family need help. We’re proud to partner with Pawster Nashville as they work to find innovative solutions that keep pets and people together when they need comfort the most.”

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About Pawster Nashville:

Pawster Nashville’s mission is to end pet homelessness before it begins. In its first year, the organization has fostered over 45 dogs and cats for families in crisis. In order to serve more Middle Tennessee families, Pawster hopes to expand its pool of foster families. Volunteers can sign up to foster a dog or cat at pawsternashville.org/foster.

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About PetSmart Charities®

[PetSmart Charities, Inc.](http://www.petSMARTCharities.org) 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 helps nearly 600,000 pets connect with loving families each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to support organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families. Our grants and efforts connect pets with loving homes through adoption, improve access to affordable veterinary care and support families in times of crisis with access to food, shelter and emergency relief. Each year, millions of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities directly at PetSmartCharities.org, while shopping at PetSmart.com, and by 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 more than \$475 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 for the past 17 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of rated charities. To learn more visit www.petSMARTCharities.org.

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