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KIRKLAND FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM PETSMA CHARITIES® TO HELP CENTRAL VALLEY HOMELESS PETS FIND HOMES

Grant will help support the treatment, care and adoption of 1,000+ area cats and dogs

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA – February 9, 2023 -- [Kirkland Foundation](https://www.kirkland.org) is thrilled to announce that it has received a \$50,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to help ensure more shelter and homeless pets in the Central Valley find homes in 2023. With this grant, Kirkland Foundation will expand its existing rescue, nurturing and adoption efforts benefitting over 1,000 animals each year.

California's Central Valley has a serious animal overpopulation problem with thousands of homeless cats and dogs at risk of abuse, injury and disease, stray colonies in many neighborhoods and parks and overcrowded conditions in area animal shelters. Kirkland Foundation believes in no-kill solutions to animal overpopulation and provides hands-on rescue, treatment, care and adoption for the Central Valley's homeless pets and supports other rescues in their no-kill efforts.

"We believe all homeless pets deserve kindness, health and loving homes, and our team of dedicated animal lovers is committed to providing rescue, care, transport and adoption for the Central Valley's at-risk animals and working to reduce area euthanasia rates," said Kyle Kirkland, President of the Kirkland Foundation. "We're proud to be a PetSmart adoption partner and deeply appreciate PetSmart Charities generous support for our local efforts. This latest grant will help hundreds of at-risk animals find safety in homes across California."

"Some five million animals find their way to shelters each year, said Heidi Fulcher, Adoption Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities. "As an organization dedicated to promoting the human-animal bond, we're thrilled to support local partners such as the Kirkland Foundation. Together, we can help adoptable pets receive vital care, along with the best chance of finding loving homes, which builds healthier families and communities."

Since 1994, through its partnership with nearly 4,000 humane societies, SPCAs and pet rescues across North America, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 10 million pets to find loving homes via its in-store adoption program in over 1,650 PetSmart® stores. The leading funder of animal welfare has also donated nearly \$400 million to positively impact communities, to help preserve families, to improve access to veterinary care and to connect people and pets through initiatives like this with Kirkland Foundation.

For more information about Kirkland Foundation, visit www.kirkland.org or www.facebook.com/kirklandorg.

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About Kirkland Foundation

Kirkland Foundation is a 501c3 public charity committed to improving the health and welfare of at-risk animals in California's Central Valley and driving euthanasia rates to zero. Kirkland Foundation believes Central Valley animals deserve to enjoy health and kindness in loving homes and its team of animal lovers is dedicated to that task. Kirkland Foundation supports area rescue, spay/neuter and transport efforts, provides hands on treatment, care and adoption and helps educate the public and community leaders on the problem and no kill solutions. Learn more at <https://www.kirkland.org> and follow Kirkland Foundation on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/kirklandorg>.

About PetSmart Charities®

[PetSmart Charities](https://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](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. 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 \$500 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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