

Press Release

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MCPAWS Receives More Than \$35,000 from PetSmart Charities®

Grant will help the McCall-based organization provide comfortable housing for kittens and cats in need as they await forever homes

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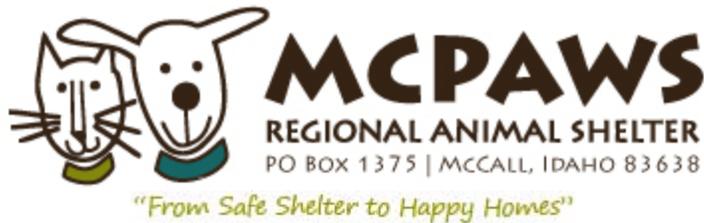
MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter in McCall has received a grant for \$35,535 from PetSmart Charities to upgrade the cat housing at the shelter.

The wire dog crates that have been used to house kittens and nursing mothers will be replaced with state-of-art, humane cat housing units from Mason Company, a leading cat kennel manufacturer. Replacing the deteriorating plastic and wire cat kennels will create cleaner, safer, and more humane housing for the cats at MCPAWS.

Over the past few years, MCPAWS has seen an increase in cat intakes, making the upgrade of cat housing a top priority. This increase is, in part, due to the recent expansion of their service area to include Adams and Idaho Counties.

With this generous grant from PetSmart Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, cat housing at MCPAWS will be dramatically improved, leading to happier, healthier cats, and more cat adoptions.

“MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter is taking great strides to help comfort and care for homeless cats in the McCall community,” said Jenny Aho, regional relationship manager



at PetSmart Charities. “With the help of this grant, we hope that they will be able to secure the necessary upgrades to house local kittens and cats in need as they await the lifelong, loving forever home they deserve.”

Shelter Operations is just one of PetSmart Charities’ ten grant categories designed to support animal welfare organizations and nonprofits as part of their newly expanded mission to find lifelong loving homes for all pets by supporting programs that bring people and pets together. Funding from PetSmart Charities supports best practices that help pets thrive in a shelter environment until they find their forever family and offers funding for shelter-based programs that improve adoptions, reduce pets’ length of stay and strengthen shelter infrastructure. For more information, please visit www.PetSmartCharities.org.

About MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter

Located in McCall, Idaho, MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter has provided loving and compassionate care to abandoned, surrendered and lost dogs and cats since 2002. MCPAWS is a humane, no-kill cat and dog rescue organization that is able to provide comfortable and safe shelter, medical care and vaccinations, healthy food, socialization and companionship to the many homeless animals that need our help finding loving forever homes. MCPAWS finished 2016 with a 97.9% save rate of our adoptable animals.

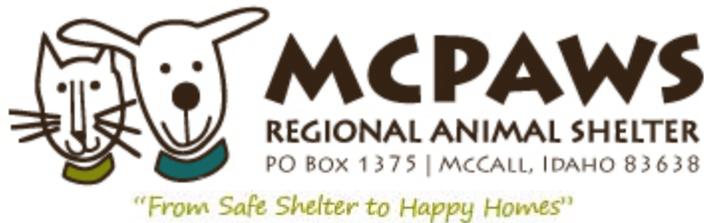
The mission of MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter is to provide safe shelter for abandoned, surrendered and lost cats and dogs, to find loving homes for all adoptable animals, to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce overpopulation through spay and neuter services. For more information about MCPAWS visit www.mcpaws.org.

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PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. In addition to finding homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities provides funding to non-profits aligned with its mission through four key areas of grant support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets; and Emergency Relief and Disaster Support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the pin pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses 90 cents of every dollar donated and has become the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, donating about \$300 million to date. PetSmart Charities, a 501(c)(3) organization, has received the Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 14 years in a row -- placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more visit www.petsmartcharities.org

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