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PetSmart Charities® Film Follows Two Dogs' Cross-Country Ride to Find Hope and Forever Homes

Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter Plays a Key Role in Life-Saving Rescue Waggin'® Program

(PHOENIX) - We are a nation of pet lovers, yet sadly, four million adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized every year simply because there are not enough homes. In an inspiring new documentary, "[The Journey Home: A Rescue Waggin'® Story](#)," [PetSmart Charities](#) depicts how its Rescue Waggin' program is working to change this statistic by giving adoptable dogs and puppies a second chance at life.

The film tells the uplifting story of two homeless dogs, Izzy, a shepherd-chow mix, and Kane, a hound, on what was literally the ride of their lives from the streets of Chattanooga, Tenn. to a shelter in Milwaukee, Wis. where the dogs found their forever homes.

"The day I met Izzy, she immediately jumped into my lap. There's an emotional bond you develop with a dog; we have the perfect chemistry, and to have a dog in your life is a way of life," said Jim Kelly, who adopted Izzy.

As for Kane, his new owner says she fell in love after just one look into his big brown eyes. "Kane was born hundreds of miles away, but he's now part of our family. To be able to provide a home to a rescue dog is very important and good for our souls," said Heather Miller.

"Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter is proud to participate in the PetSmart Charities Rescue Waggin' program that improves the lives of adoptable pets in our community," said, Valerie Robinson, Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter Manager. "The film shows how the Rescue Waggin' program helps more than 10,000 dogs, like Izzy and Kane, find forever homes every year."

The Rescue Waggin' program has saved more than 60,000 dogs and puppies since 2004 by moving dogs and puppies from communities with more pets than adopters to communities where adoptable pets are in demand. The Rescue Waggin' vehicle travels up to 3,000 miles a week to transport pets to places where they get adopted, often within days.

ABOUT TERREBONNE PARISH ANIMAL SHELTER

The Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter's mission is to balance the health, safety, and welfare of the people and animals by: protecting the rights of people from the dangers and nuisances caused by uncontrolled animals, insuring the protection of animals from mistreatment, and promoting and motivating responsible pet ownership. Animal Control Officers provide a variety of services including catching stray, lost, or dangerous animals. The Animal Shelter also houses unwanted pets, has an adoption program, and assists the public in animal related problems. Animal Control responds to eminent situations regarding animals and works in conjunction with local law enforcement for after hour, weekend and holiday emergencies.



RESCUE WAGGIN™



ABOUT PETSMART CHARITIES®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that saves the lives of homeless pets. More than 400,000 dogs and cats find homes each year through our adoption program in all PetSmart® stores and our sponsored adoption events. PetSmart Charities grants more money to directly help pets in need than any other animal welfare group in North America, with a focus on funding spay/neuter services that help communities solve pet overpopulation. PetSmart Charities is a 501(c)(3) organization, separate from PetSmart, Inc.

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