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Cleveland Animal Care & Control Receives \$150,000 Grant From PetSmart Charities®

CLEVELAND, OHIO - Cleveland Animal Care & Control is the recipient of a \$150,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America. The grant has been earmarked to support the daily operations of Cleveland Animal Care & Control so they can continue placing pets in loving forever homes.

Specifically, Cleveland Animal Care & Control's shelter operations grant is designed to enhance the city's new kennel, which is currently under construction. The new kennel is scheduled to open in December 2018.

"Thanks to this generous grant, the city's new kennel will become an even better place for dogs waiting to be adopted or reunited with their owners," said Michelle Harvanek, Shelter Operations Manager. "We are always doing everything we can to get animals back home or adopted as quickly as possible – but we strive to make their stay with us as nice as possible in the meantime. The new kennel is a huge step in that direction."

"At PetSmart Charities, we understand it can be challenging for animal welfare organizations to secure the funding they need for general shelter operations and improvements," said David Haworth, DVM, Ph.D. and president of PetSmart Charities. "But creating spaces where shelter pets can feel safe, healthy and happy while they await adoption into a new forever home or family is something we believe in and something we're pleased to support through this grant to Cleveland Animal Care & Control."

Adoptable CITY DOGS can be viewed at www.petango.com/cacc or at the kennel, located at 2690 West 7th St. Visit the [kennel website](#) for hours and other information.

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving quality of life its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work and play. For more

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About CITY DOGS Cleveland

CITY DOGS is a program of Cleveland Animal Care and Control. The CITY DOGS mission is to increase adoptions from the City Kennel by changing the image of the pitbull-type dogs who make up the majority of the kennel population, by preparing all adoptable dogs in the kennel for lives in loving homes and by creating as many opportunities as possible for the public to meet and get to know our dogs for the terrific pets they are meant to be.

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is committed to finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities helps to find forever homes and families for more than 500,000 shelter pets each year. PetSmart Charities also provides grant funding to nonprofits aligned with its mission under four key areas of support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets and Providing 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 more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, granting almost \$340 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, a third-party organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 15 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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