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Great Plains SPCA's Best in Show Named to The Independent Magazine's Top Ten Impact Players

Kansas City, MO – Great Plains SPCA is proud to announce that its signature fundraising event, *Best in Show*, has been recognized as one of **The Independent Magazine's Top Ten Impact Players**, honoring events and initiatives that make a significant difference across the Kansas City community.

Best in Show has grown into one of the region's most anticipated philanthropic celebrations, bringing together corporate partners, donors, volunteers, and animal lovers to raise critical funds for shelter operations, veterinary care, adoption services, and community outreach programs. This recognition highlights the event's creativity, energy, and tangible impact on animal welfare in Kansas City.

"Being named a Top Ten Impact Player is truly a reflection of our community," said Hathaway Maranda, Vice President of Philanthropy and Engagement at Great Plains SPCA. "Best in Show is powered by supporters who believe deeply in lifesaving work. Their generosity fuels daily care, medical treatment, and programs that keep pets and families together."

Save the Date! The 2026 *Best in Show* event will be held at the shelter Thursday, October 15th, 2026.

Great Plains SPCA serves thousands of animals each year through sheltering, adoption, veterinary services, and community-based initiatives. Funds raised through Best in Show directly support the organization's mission to provide compassionate, accessible care for animals and the people who love them.

For more information about Great Plains SPCA or to support its mission, visit www.greatplainsspca.org.

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About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA is the highest rated animal shelter in the Kansas City area serving 500,000 residents and 7,000 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior training. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).