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Great Plains SPCA Celebrates 15 Years of Saving Lives and Serving Johnson County

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Merriam, KS — Great Plains SPCA is proud to announce the celebration of its 15th Anniversary, **marking fifteen years of lifesaving work, community impact, and compassionate care for pets and people across the Kansas City region.**

While the organization's **official anniversary is June 16**, Great Plains SPCA is kicking off the celebration one month early with a yearlong campaign honoring the thousands of pets, adopters, donors, volunteers, fosters, and supporters who have made the mission possible.

"This milestone belongs to our entire community," said **Tam Singer, CEO, Great Plains SPCA.** "For fifteen years, our supporters have shown up for pets in extraordinary ways. We are incredibly proud of what we've built together and even more excited about the future."

As part of the celebration, Great Plains SPCA will host a stakeholder celebration on June 15 and unveil expanded plans for its signature fundraising event, **Best in Show, taking place October 15, 2026.**

The organization's annual **Lend A Paw campaign will officially launch on June 1** with an ambitious fundraising goal of \$670,000. To help inspire community giving, **the first \$250,000 donated will be matched dollar-for-dollar by The Quinn Foundation.**

In honor of the shelter's 15th Anniversary, **The Quinn Foundation has also pledged an extraordinary \$1.5 million commitment over the next three years** to support Great Plains SPCA's lifesaving mission and future growth.

Community supporters are embracing the anniversary spirit in meaningful ways throughout the year, including \$15,000 matching gifts, \$15,000 Best in Show sponsorships, and special \$15,000 contributions tied to the organization's major fundraising campaigns.

Every dollar raised directly supports the daily care of thousands of animals in need. It currently costs approximately \$15,000 per day to operate the shelter, with more than 80% of the organization's operating budget funded through charitable donations.

"Every adoption, every foster home, every volunteer hour, and every donation has helped shape the last fifteen years," added Singer. "This anniversary is not only about celebrating where we've been, it's about building what comes next for animals in our community."

Throughout the year, Great Plains SPCA will share special anniversary stories, community events, fundraising opportunities, and ways for supporters to become part of the next chapter of impact.

For more information, visit www.greatplainsspca.org.

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About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA (GP) is the highest rated animal shelter in the Kansas City area serving 500,000 residents and 7,000 community pets annually. GP 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. GP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).