

The Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes Campaign

How Your Adopted Pet Changed Your Life

Is the pet featured in your story currently living? Yes

Tell Us About Yourself:

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About Your Pet

Name of your pet: Waldo

Type of pet: Dog

Age of pet: 1.5

Title of Your Story: Bald is truly Beautiful

Tell Us Your Story!

(500 words or less) *Remember to tell the story of how your adopted pet changes your life for the better rather than simply reciting facts as they happened. Quality storytelling and supporting photos or videos will make your submission stand out from all the others. You may wish to reach out to the animal welfare organization that you adopted your pet from as they may be willing to assist you with crafting your story and obtaining quality photos and/or video for your submission. Visit our [Past Winners](#) page to view winning stories from last year.

My name is Brianna, I am entering this story because our family has been blessed and forever changed by our dog, Waldo.

Our son Kaleb is 11 and has a neurological disorder called Tourettes. This causes uncontrolled repetitive movements, sounds, or thoughts. At the age of 9, Kaleb developed an anxiety/OCD disorder. Treatment was challenging and stressful. We were in multiple therapies, and tried medication that led to some very scary hospital stays.

After a very trying year for our whole family, my son begged to get a dog. I suffer from very bad dog allergies, and my son unfortunately was blessed with them as well. We met several breeds of dogs, with no luck. I believe it was a miracle that we found Bald is Beautiful, a rescue that specializes in hairless breed dogs. The awesome baldies were allergy friendly for us, and we were able to adopt our very first dog, Waldo.

Waldo has brought so much love, responsibility, comfort, and fun into our home, but he's made the biggest impact on Kaleb. He is always on Kaleb's lap, and it's a soothing feeling for my son when he is stressed, having tics, or worried. He especially likes it when Waldo licks his hands. When Kaleb first wakes up, he has snuggle time with Waldo. When he comes home from school, they get on the floor together, wrestle, and play tug-of-war. Kaleb says that Waldo is "fun and crazy," and he "makes me feel like I'm not alone." My son also likes that Waldo, being hairless, is "different," and he likes to show that off to people. Thanks to Waldo, Kaleb appreciates that being different is okay, and we see his confidence growing.

We are thrilled with the difference it's made to bring Waldo into our family. He is just like one of the kids, we love him so much, and he has an awesome personality. Kaleb has bonded with him and found a best friend. We have since adopted a second dog, Carmen, and plan on adding a third dog soon. We have also begun to volunteer with Bald is Beautiful, and are now fostering. For us, this has brought this all around full-circle, so we can now share our experience and pay it forward for other families.

Upload a photo of your pet by him/herself: *required



**Upload a photo of your pet with his/her human family or a human family member:
*required**



OPTIONAL: Additional photo of your adopted pet that helps support your story



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**How did you hear about the
Holiday Wishes grant campaign?**

Animal welfare organization your pet is adopted from

YOUR ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION

****Important**** Before submitting the information below, please contact the animal welfare organization directly, let them know you are submitting a Holiday Wishes story to the Petco Foundation, which gives their organization an opportunity to win a substantial grant. Ask them for direct contact information (phone # and email) for their Executive Director or someone else who can verify the adoption and respond before the deadline.

The correct contact email is crucial for every Animal Welfare group nominated. It will be needed to verify each submitted adoption story. The Animal Welfare Organization's contact you include in the submission will automatically receive an email with instructions to verify the adoption. The Animal Welfare Organization's contact will also be required to provide additional information on their organization in order to receive a Holiday Wishes grant.

Email for the Animal Welfare Organization you adopted from will be required in the Adoption Verification task.

Animal Welfare Organization You Adopted From:	Bald is Beautiful Hairless and Small Breed Rescue, INC
Phone Number:	864-202-0284
Tax ID:	27-5438819

Date your pet was adopted: 08/2016

City and state where your pet was adopted:

City:	Virginia Beach
State:	Virginia

Was your pet adopted at a Petco store? No

Comments:

(No response)

By submitting this application, and in consideration for participating in the Holiday Wishes campaign:

- 1. I represent and warrant I am submitting this application on my behalf as an individual or as the authorized representative of an organization (“Organization”).**
- 2. I grant, in my individual capacity or in my capacity as an authorized representative of the Organization, as applicable, to The Petco Foundation (“Foundation”) and Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. (“Petco”), the worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, and sublicenseable right: (A) to reproduce, distribute, create derivative works of, publicly display and perform and otherwise use all content (including photographs, video, text, and otherwise) that I submit on my own behalf or on behalf of the Organization (collectively, “Submission”) in all media now known or later developed including for advertising, promotion, trade, other commercial purposes, and fundraising or other charitable purposes of the Foundation; (B) to use my name, voice, and likeness and biographical information or the Organization’s name and other identifying information in connection with use of the Submission; and (C) to authorize others with which Foundation or Petco has a business relationship, such as suppliers to Petco, to exercise any or all of the foregoing rights.**
- 3. I represent and warrant, on my own behalf or on behalf of the Organization, that: (A) the Submission, including the story contained therein, is original and written by me or by an authorized representative of the Organization, is true and correct in all material respects, and does not infringe the rights of any third party; and (B) I or the Organization have obtained all third-party permissions necessary to grant the rights granted (including permission to use the name, voice, and likeness of any other party). I give consent for the Foundation to use my Submission and contact information when reaching out to my nominated animal welfare organization.**
- 4. I acknowledge and agree, on my own behalf or on behalf of the Organization, that the Foundation’s or Petco’s use of the Submission does not imply it is a winning entry and all Foundation decisions concerning the Holiday Wishes campaign are final.**
- 5. I acknowledge that the Petco Foundation and Petco reserve the right to edit all stories submitted for brevity or clarity before being published and to edit any photos or video submitted with the story.**
- 6. I give permission for the Foundation, Petco, and any third party retained by the Foundation to contact me and/or the Organization to obtain or create additional**

content (including photographs, video, text, and otherwise) (together, “Additional Content”) for advertising, promotion, trade, other commercial purposes, and fundraising or other charitable purposes of the Foundation. I acknowledge and agree the representations, warranties, permissions, grants of rights, and releases given in this release made on my behalf or on behalf on the Organization apply to any Additional Content.

7. I acknowledge and agree that if selected as a Holiday Wishes prizewinner, I (on behalf of myself or the Organization, as applicable) irrevocably give the Foundation and Petco exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, create derivative works of, publicly display and perform and otherwise use the story in the Submission (“Story”) in all media now known or later developed and that all other rights and releases granted in this release apply to use of the Story.

8. I hereby irrevocably release (on behalf of myself, my family, executors, administrators, and agents, or on behalf of the Organization, its employees, officers, representatives, shareholders, directors, trustees, and agents) the Foundation and Petco (and their respective employees, officers, representatives, shareholders, directors, trustees, and agents) from all claims of any kind whatsoever, known or unknown, including claims of infringement based on use of my Submission; and I hereby waive, on my own behalf or on behalf of the Organization, all rights under California Civil Code Section 1542, which states: A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor as well as any law of any other jurisdiction that limits any release of unknown claims.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older.

Electronic signature

Please draw your signature on the line below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Harris", is written over a horizontal line.