

## 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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Last Name:	Mountney
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Address 2:	(No response)
City:	feasterville-Trevoise
State:	Pennsylvania
ZIP:	19053

#### About Your Pet

**Name of your pet:** Mr. Truman

**Type of pet:** Dog

**Age of pet:** 11 (ish)

**Title of Your Story:** Mr. Truman Still Has Lots of Love to Give

## 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.

In 2015 I was diagnosed with Mitochondrial Disease. It wreaked havoc on my body and my life. I lost my job as a teacher, my social life, my friends... my identity. It was a difficult time. I was thrown into medical issues, doctors, medications, and chronic daily migraines. I did not think life would get better. Then one day I found a Facebook posting of an adorable Chinese crested hairless dog named Truman. It was love at first sight. Something in my heart told me I needed him as much as he needed me.

We met each other in early August on a sunny day. The moment I held him and he nuzzled his face into my chest, I knew he would never leave my side!

And he has not!

Mr. Truman was officially adopted on August 23, 2015, after I was chosen to be his forever mommy. Since then Mr. Truman has become more than a friend. He keeps me going. He knows when I am not feeling well and the second he senses that I am going to be sick, he jumps up and puts his head on my lap. He has gotten really good at being able to detect a migraine before I even have symptoms! He seems to know exactly when I need him.

Mr. Truman also needed me. He was an 11 year-old (ish) senior dog who came from a dirty home. He was clearly abused and severely underweight. His owner passed away in the home and he was left with his two brothers hurt, hungry, and all alone. I am grateful that the Humane Society and Bald is Beautiful Dog Rescue stepped in when they did. They gave Mr. Truman a second chance. Now he is safe with me and is also the inspiration of a children's book about his story! The book not only teaches children the benefits of rescuing older dogs, but all of the profits go to the Bald is Beautiful Dog Rescue to help save more dogs!

Mr. Truman's love has surpassed anything I could have ever hoped for. He came into my life when I needed him most and he has changed it for the better. He helped me find myself again. He gave me something to live for, and I am forever grateful to be on this journey with him. He still has lots and lots of love to give.... And to get!

**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?**

Petco Foundation social media (Twitter, Facebook or Instagram)

## 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 Dog Rescue
Phone Number:	(No response)
Tax ID:	27 - 5438819

**Date your pet was adopted:** 08/2015

**City and state where your pet was adopted:**

City:	Feasterville- Trevose
State:	Pennsylvania

**Was your pet adopted at a Petco store?** No

### Comments:

Ellen Westkaemper is the contact for Bald is Beautiful Dog Rescue  
[baldisbeautifuldogrescue@gmail.com](mailto:baldisbeautifuldogrescue@gmail.com)



**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.

Handwritten signature: [Illegible signature]