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AREA TEENS UNLEASH TALENT TO HELP PET SAVERS RAISE FUNDS TO AID LOCAL PETS

Students from four high schools build pet housing to be raffled at River Park Square

Spokane, WA–March 27, 2024–Area high school students have unleashed their talents to design and build nine unique entries in this year’s DaugHouse + KATZ Challenge, which is an annual fundraiser for the nonprofit, Pet Savers. Those creations are on display on the second floor of River Park Square from March 30, 2024 to April 13, 2024 and are available to win thru a \$1 per ticket contribution. Proceeds from the event will help Pet Savers ensure all pet owners have access to spay/neuter, vaccine services and pet dentals, even if their income is limited.

“This is the first time we’ve had schools participate in our event and it’s been a fantastic addition. The students bring such great energy and enthusiasm,” stated Pet Savers executive director, Stephanie Napier. “We really hope the public will come down and support the work they’ve put into these projects.”

Over 70 students from area high schools helped make the entries possible, including five, six-student teams from Mt. Spokane High School, and teams at Central Valley, East Valley, and West Valley High Schools. Their creative pet accommodations include some themed-lodgings like the Golden Arches, saloons, a train caboose and more.

Nick Herberger, the civil engineering and architect instructor at Mt. Spokane said, “From design concepts, to construction and finishing touches, the students did it all. It was a purpose-driven way for them to learn valuable skills, while creating a product that gives back to our community. Plus, the students had fun doing it. I had high expectations for the caliber of students I have and they blew me out of the water”!

Also on the line are a traveling trophy and bragging rights. At the end of the event, Pet Savers will name the design with the most raffle ticket entries “Best in Show” and present an engraved trophy for the school to showcase until next year’s event. Runners up will receive commemorative plaques to acknowledge their contributions towards helping to save animals lives.

In addition to the student entries, the DawgHaus + KATZ Challenge showcases deluxe pet accommodations created by RV Craig Construction, Rivercity Cabinets & More, Hops N Drops, Graybar Electric, Neil McKenzie and the Klines, the Duer Family, Outlaw BBQ, the Hawks Family and Crystal Bodeau, Pet Savers board member.

Three specialty gift packages, valued up at up to \$2,700, can also be won with a dollar raffle ticket. The Sports & Brews package includes three tickets to a 2024-2025 men’s Gonzaga basketball game, tickets to a Spokane Indians game, plus an assortment of restaurant and brewery gift cards. The Pamper Yourself basket has hotels stays, spa certificates and other

accouterments tailored to indulge people and their pets. The Family Fun & Food collection offers a variety of restaurant gift cards, plus passes to Triple Play Raptor Reef, Wonderland Golf and Game, Riverfront Park and much more.

“These baskets contain so many great items that we hope folks will visit our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/petsaversspokane>) for a complete listing of what’s included,” stated Napier. “It really shows the community support behind this fundraiser. We’d also like to thank our overall event sponsors Pawpular Companions Pet Supplies, Corwin Ford, and First Interstate Bank, because their backing helps make this all possible.”

This is the third year River Park Square has hosted the event, and Napier hopes the new additions will help Pet Savers raise at least \$20,000. She stated that all of the proceeds will be used to subsidize Pet Savers’ already low-cost services for area pet owners.

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About Pet Savers

Pet Savers Spay/Neuter clinic has worked to provide a solution to pet overpopulation in Spokane Washington since 1995. Last year, the nonprofit relocated to its new location in Spokane Valley, and performed 109,000 surgeries. Its team of licensed veterinarians and support staff that have been trained by the ASPCA, which sets “the gold standard” for high-volume, high-quality spay/neuter surgeries. Pet Savers also offers low-cost vaccines, and microchips, and earlier this year, it began offering low-cost pet dentals.