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## **PetSmart's Gregg Scanlon Joins Pet Partners' Board of Directors**

**Bellevue, Wash.** – Pet Partners, the nation's leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions (AAI), is proud to welcome Gregg Scanlon to its Board of Directors. Scanlon is retiring after a 26-year career at PetSmart, Inc., serving most recently as Senior Vice President of Operations and Services.

“With decades of experience under his belt with one of the leading retailers in the pet care community, Gregg brings with him valuable business and operations expertise,” said C. Annie Peters, President and CEO of Pet Partners. “We’re excited to welcome Gregg to the Pet Partners Board.”

Pet Partners is the leader in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond, registering nine species of animals with their human handlers as therapy animal teams. Pet Partners teams make more than three million visits per year in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, and airports, deploys teams after natural, human-caused, or technological disasters, and provides teams for corporate employee wellness events. Pet Partners also advocates for legislation that promotes human health and well-being through its grassroots advocacy program and educates handlers and the public about the positive impact of animal-assisted interventions.

Scanlon first joined PetSmart in 1994 as a store manager and market coordinator and ultimately ran retail operations in the U.S. including Puerto Rico, and in Canada. During his tenure, Gregg also served as President of the PetSmart Associate Assistance Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides emergency services and short-term financial relief to PetSmart associates facing financial hardship after an unforeseen crisis. He served as President from 2015 to 2020.

“As I close one chapter of my life, I’m thrilled to start a new chapter in growing and advancing the important roles of therapy animals in our lives,” said Scanlon.

Gregg currently resides in Arizona with his three-year-old German Shepherd named Nikki who enjoys hiking and backpacking.

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**Pet Partners** is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education. Since the organization's inception in 1977, the science proving these benefits has become indisputable. With more than 13,000 registered teams making more than 3 million visits annually, Pet Partners serves as the nation's largest and most prestigious nonprofit registering handlers of multiple species as volunteer teams. Pet Partners teams visit with patients in recovery, people with intellectual disabilities, seniors living with Alzheimer's, students, veterans with PTSD, and those approaching end of life, improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond. With the recent release of its Standards of Practice for Animal-Assisted Interventions and international expansion, Pet Partners is globally recognized as the industry gold standard. For more information on Pet Partners, visit [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org).