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## **Furkid's Foster Volunteer Susan Struble Nationally Recognized by the Petco Foundation and BOBS from Skechers for Saving Pet Lives**

*National Foster Heroes Celebrated During Foster a Pet Month*

**Atlanta, GA (June 11, 2020)** – Susan Struble, foster volunteer at Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters has been recognized as one of 22 National Foster Heroes by the Petco Foundation and Skechers' charity footwear collection, BOBS from Skechers in celebration of National Foster a Pet Month in June.

Susan has been instrumental in Furkids' efforts to save even the most seriously injured and ill animals, fostering over 1,200 cats and kittens while focusing on medical cases that need extra care. Susan's efforts don't stop there. Once her fosters are ready, she works to find them the perfect loving home through the Furkids adoption center she manages. She has worked to build referrals and awareness of the center, taking it from 1-2 adoptions per month to as many as 15 in one week. On top of that, Susan is out in the field, helping TNR countless cats, bringing them into the Furkids program when possible. And, she is the primary caregiver for her adult son, who has serious ongoing medical needs.

"Susan is a miracle worker, and Furkids is grateful for every day that she dedicates to our lifesaving efforts," said Samantha Shelton, CEO and Founder of Furkids. "We can't imagine anyone better suited to receive recognition as a Petco Foster Hero, because that is what Susan Struble truly is."

For stepping up and saving animal lives in Atlanta, Susan is receiving a prize pack including BOBS from Skechers shoes and her incredible lifesaving work is being honored along with her National Foster Hero peers on [petcofoundation.org](https://petcofoundation.org). She also received a surprise thank you visit from Furkids CEO and Founder Samantha Shelton and the Furkids team, complete with balloons, a gift card and a lawn sign recognizing her home as a Furkids foster home.



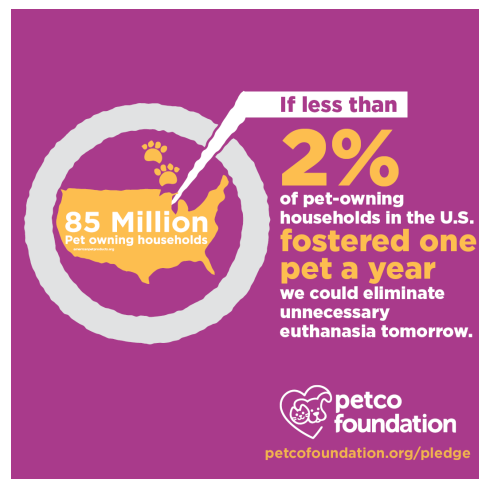
"It is an honor to recognize the Local Foster Heroes who are making a difference in their communities and demonstrating the lifesaving impact of fostering pets," said Susanne Kogut, president of the Petco

Foundation. “During the response to the COVID-19 crisis, we saw a significant spike in the number of people fostering pets. Our goal is to continue this trend, inspire more people to join the pet fostering movement and make pets sheltering in foster homes, versus animal shelters, the new normal. Because, if less than 2 percent of pet-owning households in the U.S. fostered one pet a year, we could eliminate unnecessary euthanasia in animal shelters tomorrow.”

National Foster a Pet Month is part of the Petco Foundation’s [Pledge to Save Pet Lives](#) which encourages animal lovers to adopt, foster, volunteer and/or donate this summer with a goal of inspiring 1.5 million pledges to match the approximate number of pets unnecessarily euthanized in shelters each year in the U.S.

In addition to mobilizing the animal-loving public to help local animal welfare organizations save lives through the COVID-19 crisis, the Petco Foundation’s [Pledge to Save Pet Lives](#) included \$1M in emergency product and cash donations to animal shelters. This commitment follows the Petco Foundation’s recent distribution of more than \$13M to animal welfare organizations nationwide.

For more on the Petco Foundation and to take the Pledge to Save Pet Lives, visit [petcofoundation.org/pledge](https://petcofoundation.org/pledge) and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) using #SavePetLives and #Furkids



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### **About Furkids**

[Furkids](#), headquartered in Atlanta, GA, is a 501c3 nonprofit charitable organization that operates the largest cage-free, no-kill shelter in the Southeast for rescued cats and Sadie’s Place, a no-kill shelter for dogs. Furkids also operates one of the only facilities in the Southeast dedicated to the care of FIV positive cats. The Furkids mission is to rescue homeless animals, provide them with the best medical care and nurturing environment while working to find them a forever home. Furkids heals the whole animal, physically and emotionally, restoring its health and its spirit. Furkids has rescued and altered more than 35,000 animals since its founding in 2002. Approximately 500 animals are in the Furkids program today, in the Furkids shelters, 12 Petco and PetSmart adoption centers, and more than 400 foster homes in the Atlanta area. Furkids is the only animal rescue organization in metro Atlanta that allows children of all ages to volunteer. Furkids volunteer programs are designed to restore the health and spirit of injured and homeless animals while providing healing opportunities for volunteers who are strengthened by the bond of love and care between humans and animals. For more information about our volunteer opportunities and programs, visit [www.furkids.org](http://www.furkids.org).

### **About the Petco Foundation and BOBS from Skechers**

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we’ve invested more than \$260 million in lifesaving work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoption.

So far, we've helped more than 6.5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](https://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.

BOBS from Skechers' charitable collection of footwear, apparel and accessories have improved animals' lives. Over the past three years, Skechers has contributed more than \$5.45 million to help more than one million shelter pets, including saving more than 661,000 rescued pets in the United States. To learn more about BOBS from Skechers' commitment to making a difference and its partnership with the Petco Foundation, visit [www.BOBSfromSkechers.com](https://www.BOBSfromSkechers.com) and follow the brand on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).