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**Petco Foundation Awards Angels Among Us Pet Rescue With \$10,000 Lifesaving Grant
*Rescue Kitten Provides Terminal Cancer Patient, Kylie Myers, With Her Very Last Smiles***

ALPHARETTA, GA. December 10, 2015. Angels Among Us Pet Rescue (AAUPR) received a \$10,000 lifesaving grant this week from the Petco Foundation as part of the foundation's "Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign."

This year, Petco invited adoptive families to submit stories chronicling their rescue experience. Mark Myers, an angels adopter, eloquently shared his family's story of tremendous love and loss. Through the grant application, Myers detailed the gut-wrenching experience of having to watch his child fight cancer and ultimately lose that battle. In the award-winning entry, Myers outlined with inspiration how, even in those dark and tragic final hours, it was Kylie's final wish to please have a rescue kitten brought to her as soon as possible."

"There we were, all crying by her bedside, watching her frail body begin to leave us. When a volunteer arrived from Angels Among Us Pet Rescue with Eliza the kitten in hand, Kylie found unknown strength and sat up. We still believe that kitten gave Kylie her final rally. She loved on that kitten for almost an hour before going back into her comatose state. I will forever be grateful to Eliza for giving our 'Smiley Kylie' her very last smiles here on Earth. No matter how many times we moved that kitten away from Kylie, she found her way back, and nestled patiently in the crux of Kylie's arm even as she took her very last breaths and her soul journeyed to Heaven. Eliza had a purpose for being here and she knew it. We all did."

The Myers family has since adopted the kitten from Angels Rescue and affectionately calls her "Liza."

Funds received through the Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign will be used to support the lifesaving mission of Angels Among Us Pet Rescue. The volunteer-led nonprofit is the largest foster-based rescue in the South East Region, having saved the lives of more than 10,000 homeless animals since its inception in 2009. The organization does not operate a facility. It has received a Guidestar Gold rating, was recently selected as "Atlanta's Favorite Animal Rescue" by *Best Self Magazine* and was voted to be one of the nation's most trusted nonprofits.

To read more about the amazing "Smiley Kylie," and the incredible family who is so passionate about keeping her legacy alive, please click here. <https://www.facebook.com/smileyforkylie/?fref=photo>. A link of Petco's Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign Finalists can be found here: http://www.petco.com/petco_Page_PC_foundationholiday.aspx

