

Senior Dogs Fetch Lifesaving Grey Muzzle Grants

\$1.57 Million in Grants Help Old Dogs Begin New Lives

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- As animal shelters and rescue groups across the country face record numbers of homeless pets, there's some heartening news for older dogs: [The Grey Muzzle Organization](#)—the nation's largest nonprofit focused exclusively on senior dogs—is awarding a record-breaking \$1.57 million in grants to 119 animal welfare organizations in 33 states selected from 440 applicants nationwide.

"If 50 is the new 30 for humans, why not for our older best friends? Senior dogs have so much life to live and love to give, yet they're often the last to be adopted and the first at risk when shelters run out of space," explains Denise Fleck, Executive Director of The [Grey Muzzle](#) Organization. "Our grants help change that by funding medical and dental care, adoptions, foster and hospice programs, and resources that keep senior dogs in the homes they love—giving thousands of older dogs the new beginnings they deserve."

From Forgotten to Forever: What the Grants Will Do

Whether they're found as strays or surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them, most senior dogs entering shelters need medical attention. Thanks to Grey Muzzle funding, dogs like Maya will find love and a soft landing:

For 10 years, Maya lived with an animal hoarder, was bred repeatedly, and confined in a cramped pen. Rescued but at risk of euthanasia due to overcrowding, she was saved by [Forever Loved Pet Sanctuary](#) in Arizona with support from The Grey Muzzle Organization. In foster care,



With the help of a Grey Muzzle grant, Maya's golden years will be happy and healthy.

Maya began to heal, and her rescue freed space for two other dogs on the euthanasia list. But there's more! Molly, Maya's daughter, who had been housed in that same hoarder's pen, was deteriorating in a rural shelter with an undiagnosed illness, but because Grey Muzzle funded Maya's veterinary care, it was discovered she had anaplasmosis—a tick-borne disease treatable with antibiotics. That diagnosis saved both senior dogs. Maya got her second chance, and three other lives were saved along the way.

A Vision Where Every Senior Dog Finds Safety, Love, and a Soft Landing

Since 2008, Grey Muzzle has provided \$7.3 million in grants to support senior dogs across the U.S.

"Thank you to everyone who opens their heart and home to an older dog," says Fleck. Together, we're building a world where new beginnings are possible for older best friends."

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A complete list of Grey Muzzle's 2025-26 pack of grantees is available at www.greymuzzle.org/who-we-help

About The Grey Muzzle Organization

The Grey Muzzle Organization is a national 501(c)(3) that saves and improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue groups, and sanctuaries across the country. Since 2008, Grey Muzzle has provided \$7.3 M in grants and envisions a

time when every senior dog finds safety, love, and a soft landing. Visit www.greymuzzle.org to learn more or support the mission.

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Maya (left) is finally a cherished family member, pictured with her mom and doggie siblings.

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