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Local Retailer Donates 50 Dog Beds to Metro Animal Services

(LOUISVILLE, December 3, 2007) - The owner of a St. Matthews clothing store has purchased 50 dog beds to donate to Metro Animal Services. The purchase brings Metro Animal Services close to its goal of collecting 100 dog beds this holiday season. Terri Cardwell, the owner of Parallel 38, purchased the virtually indestructible Kuranda dog beds online, which will be delivered directly to Metro Animal Services late next week.

“I adopted my dog, Haley, from Metro Animal Services,” Cardwell said. “I know the staff takes wonderful care of the animals there, and I wanted to do something that would keep the dogs safe and warm while they wait for placement in a loving home.”

In addition to the dog bed donation, Cardwell is challenging other business to make donations to the shelter’s Spot Fund. The Spot Fund is a non-profit entity of Metro Animal Services that provides funding and support for the programs and services at the shelter, such as low cost spaying and neutering. Cardwell has pledged to match the first \$1,000 in cash donations to the fund.

“We are thrilled that Parallel 38 has chosen to support Metro Animal Services,” said Jackie Gulbe, assistant director for community relations at Metro Animal Services. “This year, we had more than 15,000 animals come through our shelter. These dog beds are going to get a lot of use.”

Since the Parallel 38 donation nearly fills the shelter’s need for dog beds, Metro Animal Services is now requesting donations of Iams Adult Dog Food as well as dog and cat treats.

“Every dollar we save on food and treats can be used in other areas of the shelter,” said Gulbe. “We go through over 1,000 pounds of dog food a week. That’s a lot of food that costs a lot of money. We’d like to be able to direct that money toward other needs at the shelter.”

Metro Animal Services needs volunteers to help assemble the Kuranda dog beds. Interested volunteers may call Dr. Tami Harbolt-Bosco at 361-1318. Dog bed donations are still being accepted. Those interested in making a purchase can find information on the Metro Animal Services website at www.louisvilleky.gov/animalservices.