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## Small ways to make a difference

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The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates between 500,000 and 1 million pets are at risk

of becoming homeless, as the economic crisis hits more households across the country. This has put extra burden on animal shelters and rescue groups. There has never been a better time to support your local animal rescue group whether that means a financial or goods donation.

But alas, there are unique ways to contribute to Paws4You Rescue including donating your old car for auction or even your old towels to use for bathing the dogs before the adoption events. Giving up time during the week or weekend by volunteering is a great way to assist our dedicated group. Helping to organize fundraisers or hosting an event is a fun way to support all the dogs rescued from euthanasia that are a part of the Rescue.

A small way to make a big difference is to sign up for the exclusive Paws4You Rescue credit card. All

the dogs featured on the Visa cards were rescued from euthanasia at the local pound and represent the hundreds of dogs Paws4You saves every year. CardPartner affinity credit cards are issued by UMB, one of the largest independent banks in the US, which Smart Money recently ranked as "the highest scoring traditional bank among our favorites."

Paws4You Rescue and CardPartner, Inc. (www.cardpartner.com) have joined forces to launch the Paws4You Rescue Visa affinity Platinum Rewards credit card. When a cardholder activates the card, our rescue group will receive \$50. Then once a month for the life of the program, Paws4You Rescue receives a check for a portion of every dollar that every cardholder charges.

So using the P4Y credit card for everyday purchases is an easy way to help us make a difference. All the benefits of a Platinum® Visa Rewards Card will be yours (no annual fee, zero percent interest

for the six-month introductory period on purchases and balance transfers and bonus rewards points), along with the satisfaction of showing your support of Paws4You Rescue's mission every time you use your card.

Make your own statement with your choice of Paws4You Rescue custom Visa cards today. The more of us who participate, the bigger the impact we can make. Visit <paws4you.org/contact> and click on one of the Visa images to apply online. Or send an email to <jen@paws4you.org> to receive an application via email.

Visit Paws4You Rescue every Sunday at the PetSmart across from The Falls from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or at the South Miami Petco on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 12-4 p.m. At these adoption events, there are volunteers on hand to answer any questions you may have about the dogs up for adoption or unique ways you can help the organization.

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