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Re: The TAILS Foundation Inc

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter today to provide a reference for LaRain Saige and the work of TAILS Foundation Inc. LaRain has been a very active member of our community for many years. Her personal "mission is to help pets, which means sometimes you have to help their people to help them." And she has helped so many. LaRain has her own business, Saige LLC, but we know her best as the Executive Director for the non-profit, TAILS Foundation Inc. She guides the foundation through helping families care for their pets by providing services, resources, and education for optimum health and well-being for all animals. If someone can't afford to keep their pet, she will work to find another home for them.

The hours she spends helping over 10 other area pet rescue and non-profit organizations is incredible. She also helps with organizing fundraisers, information sessions and pet training events. LaRain not only helps support pets in the community and their families but she also volunteers on many other community organizations including the Post Falls Chamber as an Ambassador, and the Post Falls Education Foundation as the event photographer to name a few.

Your grant funding will help her to continue working on bringing low-cost veterinary care to our community. She already provides vouchers for spay/neuter, vaccinations & microchips, but there is a tremendous need for affordable services in the community. Recent economic studies have reported that 85% of our community lives below the area median income which means people have to make choices on what they can afford and oftentimes pet care is lower on the list of necessary expenses.

There are over 80k households in Kootenai County that have pets and of those 3% are likely to give up their animals due to the rising cost of living expenses. When pet owners with incomes lower than \$50,000 were asked which service might have helped them the most, the majority indicated free or low-cost veterinary care (40%), free or low-cost spay/neuter services (30%) and free or low-cost pet food (30%).

On behalf of the Post Falls Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support of the work that TAILS Foundation Inc does to help keep families and their pets together and healthy which ultimately leads to the overall well-being of the community. We want Post Falls to be a great place to live, work and play and LaRain and her team at TAILS Foundation Inc help make that happen.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my support of TAILS Foundation Inc and LaRain Saige.

Sincerely,

Christina Petit
President/CEO
Post Falls Chamber of Commerce