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**WISHES COME TRUE IN SMALL PACKAGE FOR CLEVELAND TEEN  
PUPPY ADOPTION CELEBRATION PARTY PLANNED**

**(CLEVELAND, OH)** The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, Northeast Ohio Region in collaboration with Petland, Inc.™ will grant the furry wish of a very special Middlefield teenager.

Eighteen year-old Samantha who is battling Synovial Cell Sarcoma, a type of cancer that affects the major joints, will adopt an English Bulldog puppy thanks to Petland of Mentor, Ohio.

Samantha and her family will be whisked away by limousine to Petland, where her English Bulldog puppy will await her arrival. The Cardinal High School senior, who has always dreamed of owning a bulldog, will meet her new companion and shop for leashes, bowls and all of the essential pet products.

“Samantha’s wish could not have been granted without the generous support of Petland,” remarked Executive Director Kelly Kleinschmidt. “I’ve read that English Bulldogs are affectionate, dependable and gentle but also courageous and strong. Samantha has shown incredible courage in her battle with cancer and it’s wonderful she will have a loving companion that shares her quiet strength.”

“I am happy that we’ve made Samantha’s wish come true,” remarked Petland Program Specialist Lacey Clever. “We are pleased to partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation on the national level to make wishes like Samatha’s come true across the county.”

**WHO:** Petland will grant the wish of Samantha from Middlefield, Ohio

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Petland  
8000 Plaza Blvd. Suite D  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

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***About the Make-A-Wish Foundation®***

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana is *celebrating 25 years of inspiring lives, one wish at a time*. Since the first wish was granted in 1984, this chapter has granted more than 7,300 magical wishes. This milestone year, the chapter will work to fulfill the wishes of a record-breaking 800 local children. There are so many ways that you can help create joyful moments for local wish children. Find out how at [www.makeawishohio.org](http://www.makeawishohio.org).

***About Petland Inc.™***

Since 1994, Petland stores have been participating in Safari Stan's Children's Charities. This involves local store operators in granting pet-related wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions through the Make-A-Wish Foundation®. For more information on Petland Inc. visit [www.petland.com](http://www.petland.com)

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