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Grumpy and Feline Mascot Friends Attend Exclusive Video Premiere Presented by Friskies®

A New Co-Branded BuzzFeed Video Featuring Grumpy Cat Premiered at the Iconic Tampa Theatre

ST.LOUIS (August 5, 2015) – Starring in a BuzzFeed video is a major life event, which calls for celebration with close friends. And when you're a cat, your closest friends are, well, other cats. So, it's merely standard practice that Grumpy Cat invited five of her feline mascot friends to join her last night for the premiere of the newest BuzzFeed video, 'Happiness Finds Grumpy Cat', starring the official Friskies® "spokescat" herself.

The lineup that joined Grumpy Cat is certainly unique. Attendees included **DJ Kitty** of the Tampa Bay Rays, **Sir Purr** of the Carolina Panthers, **Stanley C. Panther** of the Florida Panthers, **Kingston the Lion** of Orlando City Soccer Club and **Aubie the Tiger** of Auburn University.

The co-branded video follows a loveable dog named Happiness who recognizes Grumpy Cat in the aisles of a PetSmart. Happiness tries his best to meet Grumpy as she tries her best to avoid Happiness at all costs. The full video of this entertaining encounter can be found here or by visiting YouTube.com/BuzzFeed.

"It's a hilarious concept and we are definitely excited to partner with BuzzFeed to produce this latest installment of great online pet-content," said Jason Vita, Senior Manager Shopper Marketing for Nestlé Purina PetCare. "The interaction between Happiness and Grumpy is one that will not disappoint, so check it out!"

The video sheds light on what may be a lesser known fact among cat owners – cats are indeed welcomed inside PetSmart stores nationwide, just like dogs. The pet specialty retailer offers a full array of cat products, including the limited edition Friskies Variety Pack with exclusive Grumpy Cat packaging, sold in all PetSmart stores as well as online at PetSmart.com.

"You could tell Grumpy was very comfortable being inside PetSmart for the filming," said Tabatha Bundesen, Grumpy Cat's owner. "As soon as she saw her face on the Friskies Variety Pack with exclusive Grumpy Cat packaging, it's like she felt right at home. It helps that PetSmart is a pet friendly environment for both cats and dogs."

Follow the conversation online with #HappyFindsGrumpy.

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