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### **Paws join Claus for traditional photo op at North Grand Mall**

AMES, IA --- Back by popular demand, four-footed friends and their human companions are invited to Santa Pet Photo Nights at North Grand Mall.

The jolly old elf will be available to pose for keepsake holiday photos with pets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, Saturday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 17.

"Pet photographs with Santa have become a popular tradition at North Grand Mall," said Jack Fahler, North Grand Mall general manager, "We've had many dogs and cats visit Santa over the years, and even a rabbit and a chicken have posed for photos."

To help make pet photo nights a success, North Grand Mall and Santa do have a few requests. Owners and pets must enter and exit through the main entrance. Cats, dogs and other typical pets are invited. All animals must be kept on a leash or in carriers and are not allowed beyond the Santa set. Pet owners must clean up after pets. For specific pet requests please contact the mall office prior to event night.

North Grand Mall's nation-wide photography company will be set up to document this special visit with state-of-the-art digital photo equipment. Pet owners can view photos immediately. Various photo packages are available, starting at \$10.99.

North Grand Mall holiday hours begin Friday, Nov. 27 when the shopping center is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on pet photographs, extended holiday mall hours, Santa's hours and events, visit the mall website, [www.northgrandmall.com](http://www.northgrandmall.com) or call the mall office at (515) 232-3679.

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North Grand Mall, located at 2801 Grand Avenue, is home to JCPenney, North Grand 5 Theatre, Younkers and nearly 50 fine shops and services.

North Grand Mall supports the community with multiple programs throughout the year. Past activities include: Toys for Tots, Holiday Giving Tree and semi-annual Community Fairs.

North Grand Mall is owned and managed by GK Development, Inc.

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