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## Woods Humane Society Receives \$9,000 Grant from Petco Foundation to Support Veterinary Program

San Luis Obispo, CA (Aug. 2020) — Woods Humane Society (WHS) is proud to announce a \$9,000 grant from the Petco Foundation in support of the shelter's veterinary program. This generous investment will be allocated to support the veterinary needs of dogs and cats that enter the shelter's adoption program.

Woods Humane Society continues to serve companion animals by providing vital veterinary care for each dog and cat that enters the shelter. The Petco Foundation's investment makes a meaningful difference, helping over 39 animals receive high-quality care and veterinary treatment while they await adoption.

"Woods Humane Society is immensely grateful for the generous support and partnership of the Petco Foundation. Together, we continue to make a positive impact on the lives of companion animals in San Luis Obispo County," said Neil Trent, Woods Humane Society CEO. "Not only does this grant provide for the animals at Woods Humane Society, it decreases the number of dogs and cats at our partner shelters and rescues, making space for new arrivals, and saving healthy animals from euthanasia."

As Woods Humane Society phases re-opening programs over the coming months, the veterinary needs of the animals under the shelter's care are paramount. With fundraising events and activities delayed as a result of COVID-19, it is the partnerships between Woods and generous organizations like the Petco Foundation, along with the steadfast commitment of public donors, that make the care of San Luis Obispo County's homeless pets possible.

Visit http://www.woodshumane.org/donate to donate in support of the Woods Humane Society's ongoing lifesaving work.

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## **About Woods Humane Society**

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 65 years. Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization, based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. In 2019, Woods clinics spayed/neutered a total of 6,438 dogs and cats including 1,270 community cats. Although our public spay/neuter fees are deeply discounted, we have extremely limited funding to further assist low-income pet owners with the cost of their pets' surgery, or to help with surgery costs for feral cats that are trapped by local cat rescue groups. Visit woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.

## **About Petco Foundation**

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$280 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 6.5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved. Visit petcofoundation.org to donate and learn more.