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Petco Love and Woods Humane Society Aim to Stop the Spread of Deadly Preventable Diseases Through Free Pet Vaccinations

As Part of Petco Love's Initiative to Provide 1 Million Free Pet Vaccines, Woods Will Distribute Free Pet Vaccines to Owned San Luis Obispo County Pets This Fall

San Luis Obispo, CA (September 28, 2021) – [Woods Humane Society](#) is providing free vaccinations for San Luis Obispo County pets this fall. The free vaccines are made possible through [Petco Love](#)'s new national vaccination initiative to distribute [1 million free pet vaccines](#) to its existing animal welfare partners, including Woods Humane Society, for family pets in need.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs, and panleukopenia in cats, are some of the most prevalent deadly diseases impacting pets that are preventable with a simple vaccine. An estimated 30% of pet parents do not take their pet to a veterinarian annually for preventative care. To address this critical need, Woods Humane Society and Petco Love are partnering to make pet vaccines free and accessible in an effort to ensure the health and wellness of the community's beloved pets.

Woods Humane Society plans to vaccinate 500 pets through this joint effort, which will span from September through November 2021 at both its Woods-Cashin Surgery Center in San Luis Obispo and its Daphne Fahsing Spay & Neuter Clinic in Atascadero. The free vaccines will be offered to current clients as part of Woods Humane Society's spay and neuter package.

The free vaccines distributed through the Petco Love initiative include the DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines. During [spay and neuter appointments](#) for publicly owned pets, Woods regularly offers both of these vaccines at low cost, in addition to offering low-cost Rabies and Bordetella vaccines, FELV/FIV testing for cats, microchips, flea treatment, post-operation pain medication, and e-collars.

The Woods Medical Team performs nearly 4,000 spay and neuter surgeries each year. All Woods animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped prior to being placed for adoption, and the organization also provides spay and neuter services for San Luis Obispo County Animal Services, many other local nonprofit rescue groups, and owned animals in SLO county.



“Thanks to Petco Love’s generous donation, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to our current local clients and ensure the health and wellness of 500 more of our community’s owned pets,” said Alessandra Belloumini, Woods Veterinary Services Manager.

“It is heartbreaking when any pet suffers or dies from a disease that could have been prevented. It is further exacerbated when unvaccinated pets come into busy shelter kennels, where these deadly diseases can spread quickly, resulting in multiple deaths, skyrocketing expenses, and hindering saving pet lives,” said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. “By creating greater awareness and making this crucial preventative care more accessible to pets not currently receiving these lifesaving vaccines, we can prevent the dangerous spread of disease.”

For more information about Woods Humane Society’s spay/neuter clinic services, contact Woods North County at (805) 464-5034 or Woods SLO at (805) 543-9316 x12, or visit www.spayslocounty.org. To learn more about Petco Love’s lifesaving impact, visit PetcoLove.org.

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About Woods Humane Society

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization that annually places more than 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. All animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to being placed for adoption. Visit www.woodshumane.org to view available animals, donate or learn more. To make an adoption appointment, call Woods Humane Society SLO, located at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo, at (805) 543-9316, or Woods Humane Society North County, located at 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero, at (805) 466-5403.

About Petco Love

Petco Love is a nonprofit changing lives by making communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we’ve empowered animal welfare organizations by investing \$300 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We’ve helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide. Today, our love for pets drives us to lead with innovation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Is love calling you? Visit petcolove.org or follow at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we’re leading every day.