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## Woods Humane Society Partners with Petco Love to "Give Pets Their Best Shot" During March National Pet Vaccination Month

Woods to Host Two Free Vaccine Clinics, Powered by Petco Love, on March 12 and March 26 at its Daphne Fahsing Spay & Neuter Clinic in Atascadero

San Luis Obispo, CA (March 3, 2022) – <u>Woods Humane Society</u> is partnering with national nonprofit <u>Petco Love</u> to give pets their best shot for a healthy life by hosting two free pet vaccine clinics this month, on March 12 and March 26, 2022.

Petco Love established March as "National Pet Vaccination Month" to encourage pet parents to keep their pets up to date on vaccinations and will provide free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines to Woods Humane Society for family pets in need. As puppy and kitten season approaches, pet exposure to contagious and deadly diseases – parvovirus, distemper, and panleukopenia – increases, but their risk of contracting these diseases is preventable with a simple vaccine.

Woods Humane Society aims to vaccinate 400 pets through this effort. The free vaccine event will take place on Saturday, March 12 and Saturday March 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its North County clinic location (2300 Ramona Road, Atascadero). In order to participate, local pet owners must schedule a Wellness Appointment online in advance for one of the two available dates. Space is limited and subject to availability. The free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines will also be offered to owned pets scheduled for low-cost spay or neuter appointments at Woods clinics during the month of March.

"Thanks to Petco Love, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to pet owners," said Alessandra Belloumini, Woods Veterinary Services Manager. "We urge community members to take advantage of this free resource to help reduce the spread of disease and ensure the health and wellness of our community's pets."

The Give Pets Their Best Shot initiative makes crucial pet vaccines accessible to pet parents who may be experiencing financial challenges and assures that cost is not a barrier to protecting pets from preventable diseases.

"Treatment for these deadly diseases can be prohibitively expensive for many pet parents," said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. "By providing free vaccines to those in need, we can help these pets live a healthy life. Through this national effort and our other Petco Love Care initiatives, we continue our 22-year history of strategic investments and innovation to end unnecessary pet euthanasia."

National Pet Vaccination Month is a continuation of Petco Love's <u>1 million free pet vaccine campaign</u>, which has helped 400,000 pets to date. Fifty percent of participating pet parents surveyed reported their pets had never been vaccinated against these diseases. With Bissell Pet Foundation as an additional partner this month, Petco Love's goal is to increase awareness and accelerate the distribution of vaccines.

To book a Wellness Appointment for one of the free vaccine clinics, visit Woods' <u>online booking system</u>. For more information, please visit <u>www.SpaySLOCounty.com</u> or call <u>805-464-5034</u>. Learn more about Petco Love's national vaccine effort and lifesaving impact at <u>petcolove.org</u> or <u>freepetvaccines.org</u>.

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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 <a href="https://www.woodshumane.org">www.woodshumane.org</a> 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 <a href="petcolove.org">petcolove.org</a> or follow at <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a> to be part of the lifesaving work we're leading every day.