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**Petco Love™ and Woods Humane Society**  
**Vaccinate 1,000 Local Pets In 2022 to Prevent Deadly Diseases**  
*As Part of Petco Love's Initiative to Provide One Million Free Pet Vaccines,  
Woods Gave 1,000 Free Vaccines to Pet Families in SLO County this Year*

**San Luis Obispo, CA (December 19, 2022) –**

[Woods Humane Society](https://www.woods-humane.org/) provided more than 1,000 free vaccinations for San Luis Obispo County area pets this year. The no-cost vaccines were made possible through [Petco Love's](https://www.petcolove.org/) new national vaccination initiative, which is providing more than one million free pet vaccines for family pets in need to existing animal welfare partners, including Woods Humane Society.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs and panleukopenia in cats — the most prevalent deadly diseases affecting pets — 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 ensure the health and wellness of the SLO County community's beloved pets and to address this critical need, Woods Humane Society and Petco Love have partnered to make pet vaccines free and accessible.



Woods most recently vaccinated 164 pets through this effort since the end of October 2022 by offering the free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines from the Petco Love initiative to its public Spay/Neuter Clinic clients. It also held free vaccine clinics earlier this year. Additionally, Woods' clinic clients receive access to low-cost spay/neuter services and are also offered pain medication, e-collars, microchips, Rabies vaccines, and parasite medication at low cost.

"The DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines help protect pets from common, dangerous illnesses and also help us to slow the spread of these diseases among our local population of pets," said Woods CEO Neil Trent. "Thanks to Petco Love, we have been able to offer these important vaccines at no cost to more than 1,040 pet owners--and counting--this year to make our local pets safer and healthier."

"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, visit [WoodsHumane.org](https://www.woods-humane.org/) or call (805) 543-9316. **For media inquiries or high-resolution images, please contact [Media@woodshumane.org](mailto:Media@woodshumane.org).** Learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact at [PetcoLove.org](https://www.petcolove.org/).

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Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization that annually places up to 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](http://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 life-changing nonprofit organization that makes 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 \$330 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.

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? Join us. Visit [petcolove.org](http://petcolove.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.