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**Woods Humane Society Partners with Petco Love™ for Free Clinic during National Pet Vaccination Month** *Free Vaccine Event on March 18, 2023, is Part of Petco Love's Initiative to Provide Another One Million Free Pet Vaccines* 

**San Luis Obispo, CA (March 7, 2023)** – In celebration of National Pet Vaccination Month in March, <u>Woods Humane Society</u> will provide free vaccinations for San Luis Obispo County pets on March 18, 2023. The free vaccines are made possible through Petco Love's national vaccination initiative, which is providing another one million free pet vaccines to existing animal welfare partners, including Woods Humane Society, for family pets in need.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs and panleukopenia in cats — the most prevalent deadly diseases affecting pets — are preventable with the simple DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines that will be offered for free at the clinic. Woods is partnering with Petco Love to make vaccines accessible and affordable for the estimated 30% of pet parents who do not take their pet to a veterinarian annually for preventative care.

The appointment-based <u>Pet Vaccine Clinic</u> for publicly owned pets will be

held at Woods Humane Society's North County campus at 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero, California on **Saturday**, **March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** In addition to the Petco Love free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines, Woods will also offer other vaccines and services at low cost.

"We are thrilled to again be able to offer the community a free pet vaccine clinic during March's National Pet Vaccination Month thanks to the ongoing support of Petco Love," says Woods Interim CEO Emily L'Heureux. "These lifesaving vaccines are crucial to ensuring the health of local pets. We encourage SLO County pet owners to take advantage of this no-cost resource and make an appointment before openings fill up."

"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 vaccine distribution, contact <u>Woods Humane Society</u> by calling (805) 543-9316, or visiting 875 Oklahoma Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 or 2300 Ramona Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422. Woods is open to the public daily from 12-5 p.m., with adoption hours from 12-4 p.m. Learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact at <u>PetcoLove.org</u>.







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 <u>www.woodshumane.org</u> 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 <u>petcolove.org</u> or follow on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u> to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.