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Woods Humane Society and Petco Love Help Protect Local Pets with Free Pet Vaccine Clinic on August 25th



San Luis Obispo, CA (August 16, 2023) – <u>Woods Humane Society</u> will hold its second free pet vaccine clinic this month for San Luis Obispo County dogs and cats on August 25, 2023. The free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines, which help prevent parvovirus and distemper in dogs and panleukopenia in cats, are made possible through <u>Petco Love's</u> national vaccination initiative to provide another one million free pet vaccines to family pets in need.

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 **Friday, August 25th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.** In addition to the free DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines, Woods will also offer other vaccines and services at low cost.

"Thanks to our ongoing partnership with Petco Love, we are excited to offer the community the opportunity to protect their pets from deadly diseases for free," says Woods CEO Emily L'Heureux. She explains that the free vaccines help reduce the risk of pets contracting

common, deadly viral infections that are highly contagious and easily preventable with a vaccine.

Dr. Amanda Hefner, DVM, Director of Veterinary Services at Woods says, "In June, we took in a litter of kittens that turned out to have the dangerous panleukopenia virus, and because they were unvaccinated, they became ill. Thankfully, our dedicated medical team was able to quickly quarantine the kittens, perform life-saving emergency treatments, and nurse them back to health. They are now vaccinated, altered, and living healthy lives with their adopters."

Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President, notes that when these preventable diseases enter busy shelters, they not only endanger one pet's life, but can spread quickly, cause multiple deaths, and lead to higher expenses and reduced adoptions in that shelter. "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."

To make an appointment for the vaccine clinic, visit www.SpaySLOCounty.com. For more information, contact www.SpaySLOCounty.com. For more information, contact www.SpaySLOCounty.com. For more information, contact www.SpaySLOCounty.com. For wisiting 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 lifestaving impact at learn more about Petco Lo

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Photo Caption: Kitten Rizzi was one of five kittens treated for panleukopenia at Woods Humane Society in June 2023. Fortunately, he and his littermates survived thanks to the diligent care of the Woods medical team. He was adopted July 1, 2023.

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 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 \$350 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.7 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.