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Woods Humane Society's Adoption Program Receives a \$10,000 Sponsorship from the Petco Foundation

(San Luis Obispo, CA – June 2016) Woods Humane Society is the recipient of a generous \$10,000 grant from the Petco Foundation that will go toward supporting the organization's rapidly growing adoption program. Woods has experienced a 62% increase in adoptions over the last year and is incurring more expenses caring for homeless animals than ever before. The Petco Foundation's grant makes a meaningful difference, helping over 100 animals receive high quality care and veterinary treatment while they await permanent adoption. Not only does this grant provide for the animals entrusted to the care of Woods Humane Society, it reduces the number of dogs and cats at our partner shelters and rescues, making space for new arrivals, and saving healthy animals from euthanasia.

Thanks to the partnership we share with the Petco Foundation, Woods Humane Society has an opportunity to increase the number of animals the shelter can prepare and place for adoption and facilitate more animal transportation and intakes from neighboring shelters. The overall goal of our partnership is to provide heightened adoption opportunities for our current dogs and cats while increasing our ability to intake and prepare more animals for adoption.

"Woods Humane Society is honored to receive this generous grant and we celebrate the direct impact that Petco Foundation's commitment will have on our ability to serve the homeless dogs and cats on the central coast," states Jill Tucker, Executive Director.

Visit Woods Humane Society's website at <http://www.woodshumane.org/adopt> to view all of the currently available dogs and cats that are patiently waiting for new forever homes. Woods Humane Society's Adoption Center is located at 875 Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo and is open noon to 6:00 p.m. daily.

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About Woods Humane Society

Founded in 1955, Woods Humane Society has proudly served the homeless animals of San Luis Obispo County for 61 years. Woods Humane Society is an animal sheltering and welfare organization based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 1,500 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit www.woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.

The Mission of Woods is:

- To serve, protect, and shelter homeless companion animals;
- To place animals in humane environments;
- To promote responsible pet ownership, provide humane education, and reduce pet overpopulation;
- To celebrate the human/animal bond.

About Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$125 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 8,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 4.2 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.