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Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Woods Humane Society. Grant of \$5,000 will provide much needed veterinary care for animals at Woods Humane Society

(SLO, CA, 2/1/18) Woods Humane Society has received a generous grant of \$5,000 from the Petco Foundation to support the shelter's growing adoption program. This grant supplies much needed financial support to offset the costs of preparing displaced dogs and cats for adoption, such as spay/neuter surgeries, veterinary care, and microchipping.

Woods Humane Society has been experiencing a surge in adoptions over the past few years. The shelter placed nearly 1,800 dogs and cats into loving homes in 2016 and nearly 1,900 dogs and cats were adopted last year. The Petco Foundation investment allows Woods Humane Society to maintain a high adoption rate while supporting the shelter's veterinary health programs so that more animals can find forever homes.

"We are deeply grateful to the Petco Foundation for so generously supporting our efforts to save more lives. The Petco Foundation's commitment to reducing companion animal overpopulation on the central coast produces measurable results," said Jill Tucker, Woods Executive Director.

The Petco Foundation has generously supported the lifesaving work at Woods Humane Society, granting a cumulative \$45,000 since 2003. For more information about Woods Humane Society or the Petco Foundation, visit www.woodshumane.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the

conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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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 63 years. Woods Humane Society is a privately funded, non-profit, animal sheltering and welfare organization, based in San Luis Obispo that annually places over 3,000 dogs and cats into loving homes. Visit woodshumane.org to donate or learn more.

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 \$200 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 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 5.5 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.