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Petco Foundation Invests in Ventura County Animal Services

Grant of \$65,000 awarded to Ventura County Animal Services

CAMARILLO, CA: The Petco Foundation has awarded a \$65,000 grant to Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS), California's largest No Kill, open admission municipal animal shelter. VCAS is using the majority of this grant investment to help fund a support vehicle to comfortably deliver pets to out-of-area animal rescues and to local adoption locations.

"For the past few years, the Petco Foundation has supported the dedication and commitment of Ventura County Animal Services to saving lives. Their accomplishment of making Ventura County a lifesaving community is truly amazing. We are proud to financially invest in their work and to help adopt animals in our Petco stores." said Susanne Kogut, Executive Director of the Petco Foundation. "We are simply honored to partner with Animal services and be a part of the lifesaving effort of the Ventura community."

"This support vehicle will serve as a constant reminder, to the citizens that we serve, that we are a reliable animal resource center, not just a shelter." said Tara Diller, Director of Ventura County Animal Services.

VCAS has received \$265,000 in grants from the Petco Foundation over the past few years. Past grants have included funds for Sound Barriers in their Camarillo Shelter kennels and, most recently, their Pet Retention Program, which is designed to help keep pets with their families.

For more information about Ventura County Animal Services or the Petco Foundation, visit www.vcas.us or www.petcofoundation.org.

About Ventura County Animal Services

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) operates two shelters within the county. The large main shelter in Camarillo houses over 400 pets and the administrative offices. Our smaller facility in Simi Valley houses nearly 40 pets at a time.

Each year, Ventura County Animal Services cares for more than 10,000 animals. Our goal is to reunite lost pets with their owners and find life-long homes for as many animals as possible, while providing proper care during their stay.

Ventura County Animal Services provides contract services for eight cities within our community: Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley and Ventura. VCAS enforces local ordinances and state laws within our service areas, including animal cruelty/neglect investigations, leash law compliance, rabies suppression efforts and providing medical care for sick and injured animals.

About the Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$175 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 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.