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### \$150,000 Petco Foundation Grant for Pet Retention

[Camarillo, Calif.] A \$150,000 grant from the Petco Foundation will be awarded to Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS), on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm, at Petco in Port Hueneme at 545 W. Channel Islands Blvd. VCAS is California's largest No-Kill, open-admission, municipal animal shelter. The grant money will help fund a key element of the No-Kill equation, having a strong Pet Retention program. The purpose of this new innovative program is to help people keep their pets.

Tara Diller, Director of Ventura County Animal Services, says that "Surrendering pets to an animal shelter is the last resort, not the first, when other avenues of assistance are exhausted. We will try to help people keep their pets or re-home them if appropriate. Shelters should always be a last resort for the sake of your pet." Pet Retention information is free and available to the public at [www.vcas.us/PetRetention](http://www.vcas.us/PetRetention).

VCAS will also have FEE-WAIVED pet adoptions that day at the PetCo in Port Hueneme.

This grant investment is approved in advance by the Petco Foundation.

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