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Petco Foundation Invests in Lifesaving Work of Paws Humane Society

Grant of \$20,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Columbus, GA

COLUMBUS - August 19th, 2019 – Paws Humane Society of Columbus, Ga., announced today it has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its Community Cat Project.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to save the lives of more community cats in Columbus, Ga through spay/neuter services and will help reduce pet overpopulation.

"I believe I can speak for everyone at Paws when I say we are thrilled to be supported by and partnering with the Petco Foundation," said Bobbi Yeo, CEO of Paws Humane Society. "Without this generous grant, we would not be able to accomplish our mission to save more lives, and to ultimately get Columbus, Ga., to a no-kill city."

Paws is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to be a resource to the community through low-cost vet clinic services, adoption services, volunteer opportunities, humane education and community outreach serving Columbus, Ga. Since 2009, Paws has performed more than 55,000 spay/neuter surgeries, adopted more than 13,500 companion animals into loving homes, and helped more than 3,750 families and children through humane education and community outreach.

For more information about Paws, visit <u>www.pawshuamne.org.</u> For more on the Petco Foundation, visit <u>www.petcofoundation.org</u> and join the conversation on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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About Paws Humane Society

Paws Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of both animals and people as a solution-based community resource for animal welfare by providing high-volume and high quality spay/neuter, rescue and adoption services, volunteer opportunities, outreach, and education. Paws vision is to be the regional leader for animal welfare in adoption, spay/neuter, outreach and education to ultimately create a *No-Kill* Community. Paws is supported by private contributions from the citizens of our community.

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 \$250 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 6 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.