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Petco Foundation Invests in Lifesaving Work of Paws Humane Society

Grant of \$15,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in the Chattahoochee Valley

Columbus, Ga. (July 8, 2020) – Paws Humane Society of Columbus, Ga., announced it has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its Community Cat Program.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to reduce the population of stray or feral cats in Columbus. The Paws Humane Community Cat Program effectively reduces shelter intake by spaying/neutering and vaccinating cats through a process called TNR – trap, neuter, return. Since launching the program in late 2017, Paws Humane has saved more than 3,500 cats through the Community Cat Program.

“The Community Cat Program has been a part of Columbus, Ga., for many years now and is just one of the lifesaving programs offered at Paws Humane,” said Tricia Montgomery, Paws Humane CEO.

“Without the generous support of the Petco Foundation, we would not be able to continue our efforts in preventing cat overpopulation in our community.”

This grant investment is part of the Petco Foundation’s recent distribution of more than \$13M to animal welfare organizations nationwide. In addition, the Petco Foundation distributed \$1M in emergency product and cash donations to partner organizations facing the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis and put out a national call to mobilize animal lovers to take action and [Pledge to Save Pet Lives](#).

Paws Humane is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to help both people and pets through affordable veterinary services, animal adoption, Pets for Life outreach, community cat TNR, pet fostering and more serving the Chattahoochee Valley. Since opening in 2009, Paws Humane has spayed/neutered more than 60,000 animals, adopted more than 18,000 animals into homes and started a robust outreach program aimed at keeping pets in loving homes by offering free and low-cost vet care. In addition, Paws Humane has also expanded its foster program placing an average of 175 animals into temporary homes monthly and continued to operate a lifesaving community cat program that has steadily kept a 100% live release rate for healthy and treatable cats entering Columbus Animal Care and Control.

For more information about Paws Humane, visit pawshumane.org. For more on the Petco Foundation, visit petcofoundation.org and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) 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. For more information about Paws Humane, visit pawshumane.org.

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 \$280 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 6.5 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.