



Animal Sheltering & Adoptions

Santa Barbara County Animal Services

G-2407-57315 - Animal Welfare Organization

Amount Granted: \$25,000.00

Status

Granted

Organization Information

Organization:	Santa Barbara County Animal Services
Primary Contact:	Sarah Aguilar
Primary Signatory:	Sarah Aguilar

Thank you for all you do to save pet lives and welcome to Petco Love's Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) application. We know you're doing great work, and want you to have the best chance to receive lifesaving grant investments. Before you begin, we encourage you to read the [AWO Grant Application Instructions](#). Silly mistakes happen to great organizations, and sadly may result in a denied application. Don't let that happen to your organization – read the instructions carefully.

IMPORTANT: THIS IS A TWO-PART APPLICATION

This application requires that your organization has completed a current [Annual Data Report](#) with the previous year's animal data. This report must be submitted by July 31 for your grant investment application to be considered. Information about completing the Annual Data Report can be found on the Organization's tab on the main dashboard of this site. You will find the Organization section on the left-hand menu.

Annual Data Reports are due annually by March 31. Complete your Annual Data Report on time each year to be eligible for all partner benefits including Adoption Rewards, fast-track disaster relief, and other partner perks!

Information Verification

Please navigate to the "Organization Info" section of the Fluxx Grants Portal and verify that the following information is correct: organization type, executive officer, and mailing address. *Note: Descriptions of organization types may be found on our Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) Grant Application Instructions linked above.*

Do you need to update your organization type, executive officer, or mailing address? No

Has your organization submitted your previous year Annual Data Report? YES

Is your organization currently integrated in Petco Love Lost? Yes

Is the primary contact listed above the correct contact for Petco Love Lost communication? : Yes

Did your organization have a yearly intake of 250 or more pets in the previous year? Yes

Animal Welfare Organization Request Details

Petco Love uses the information provided in your application and Annual Data Report to evaluate your organization's effectiveness and efficiency against your peers.

Beginning of 2022 we are no longer asking you to submit a requested amount. Instead, please use the description box below to share the purpose of your investment request, including how the investment will increase lifesaving in your community. Petco Love provides virtually un-restricted funding. If awarded an investment, your organization may utilize funds for any purpose that increases in your lifesaving results, or other significant positive lifesaving impact for pets in your community.

Please describe the purpose of your investment request, including its lifesaving impact.

Use of Investment:

An investment from Petco Love will significantly enhance our ability to staff and expand Project PetSafe, a community program dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of pets through spay/neuter services, microchipping, ID/licensing, and vaccinations. With the grant, we aim to hire dedicated personnel to manage and execute these initiatives, thereby increasing our capacity to deliver lifesaving services to more pets in our community. The free vaccines provided by Petco Love will continue to be administered to pet owners through organized community events, increasing vaccination rates and preventing disease outbreaks. By focusing on proactive measures such as spay/neuter and microchipping, we will decrease the number of stray and unclaimed animals, ultimately reducing intake at our shelters. This targeted approach not only saves lives but also ensures that pets are returned to their owners more efficiently, aligning with our Return to Owner (RTO) goals. This investment will enable us to amplify our lifesaving efforts beyond maintaining the status quo, directly contributing to increased adoptions, reduced intake, and overall enhanced care for community-owned animals in need.

Please provide other important information that may be relevant or important to our consideration of your request. Attachments may be added in the Attachments and Certifications section.

Additional Information:

Goals include:

- Conduct 2 neighborhood/block level outreach events a month to increase vaccinations, spay/neuter, microchips, licensing, and access to information about resources
- Increase spay/neuter access by resuming coordination of multiple agencies and events such as Dollar Spay Day, Beat the Heat, and Mighty Dog May.
- Facilitate training on Petco Love Lost in the multitude of lost/found Facebook groups, Nextdoor, etc. to streamline reunification across the County
- Design a new Project Petsafe brochure (the last version from 2018 is attached)

Do any of these unique circumstances apply to your request? :

Lost & Found

Does your organization have a Return to Owner (RTO) goal? Yes

How often do you review/evaluate your progress towards that goal? Monthly

Does your organization have a program or process to waive reclaim fees for RTO? : Yes

Does every adopted and/or reclaimed pet leave your care with information about Petco Love Lost? : Yes

On average, what percentage of pets in care on a given day are visible in your Petco Love Lost feed? Over 75%

Are you using Petco Love Lost as your primary lost and found reporting tool? Yes

Do you promote Petco Love Lost on your website? Yes

Please paste the URL/link to your org's lost/found resources page, including Petco Love Lost: <https://www.countyofsb.org/1420/Lost-Found>

Does your organization utilize the Petco Love Lost toolkit? : Yes

Partnership & Recognition

Recognition:

Your recognition of Petco Love to your supporters and within your community encourages Petco customers to feel confident in making a donation to Petco Love at the register when they shop. This fundraising in small amounts (averaging around \$2 per transaction) helps support Petco Love's grant investments program in a way that does not diminish your own fundraising efforts. It's incredible that simply by collecting these small contributions we are able to provide approximately \$30 million annually to shelters like yours each year!

Are you willing to work with Petco Love, Petco, and any other corporate partner or organization designated by Petco Love to recognize and promote this award?

Agree to recognize investment: Yes

Describe your relationship with Petco Love and/or Petco stores, if applicable.

Relationship:

We currently administer Petco Love vaccinations through Project Petsafe clinics (a couple flyers attached).

We use Petco Love Lost for all our lost/found services (mentioned elsewhere in this applicaiton)

We host adoption events the first Saturday of every month at Petco in Santa Maria, CA.

Documents & attachments

To submit your request you must upload the following documents in this section. Click the headings below for instructions. Please read the instructions carefully as failure to upload required documents will result in your application being denied.

Other required documents uploading instructions

Other required documents:

- **IRS Form 990 or other financial document** - All nonprofit organizations are required to submit their most recent IRS Form 990, excluding schedules. If your organization does not file a Form 990, please attach audited financial statements, if available, or otherwise un-audited financial statements. Municipal agencies should attach their animal control budget document.

Optional documents:

Other documents commonly associated with requests may include capital campaign materials, sponsorship information, photos or other items. Please limit other documents to those critical to your request.

Documents

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Pet Safe Brochure 2018.pdf

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Certification

- I certify that the leader of the organization (CEO/Executive Director/President or similar title) has reviewed and approved this application and the accompanying Annual Data Report.
- I certify that I am an officer or authorized representative of the organization submitting this application and that all information on this grant application is true and correct in all material respects.
- I agree that any funds granted will be used specifically to accomplish lifesaving objectives.
- I agree on behalf of the organization that as a partner of Petco Love any public messaging that includes information about Petco Love shall promote a positive message about helping pets and saving lives.
- I agree on behalf of the organization that its representatives shall not disparage or speak negatively or take any action intended, or which would reasonably be expected, to harm Petco Love or its reputation or which would reasonably be expected to lead to unwanted or unfavorable publicity to Petco Love.
- I certify and agree that any and all information submitted is not considered confidential, will become the property of Petco Love, and that Petco Love may use such information as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.
- *If you cannot agree to these conditions, you may not submit this grant application.*

Select "yes" to agree:

Yes

Are you submitting this application on behalf of a governmental or municipal agency, department or division?

Select "yes" or "no"

Yes

I hereby certify that any grant funds awarded will be utilized and become an additive part of the funding on the animal control sheltering department, shall not supplant or diminish government allocated funds, and shall not be appropriated to the general funds of the municipality.

If you cannot agree to this condition, you may not submit this grant application.

Select "yes" to agree:

Yes

IMPORTANT: The "Submit" button will appear after you select "Save and Close". After you save your form for the last time it is not submitted until you click the "Submit" button at the bottom of this page. You may verify that your request has been submitted by checking the menu to assure your request has moved from "Pending Requests" to "Submitted Requests".



June 18, 2025

Dear Petco Love partner,

On behalf of everyone at Petco Love, we are pleased to provide you with the enclosed grant award in response to your application for our 2024 Animal Welfare Organizations (AWO) grant cycle.

These funds may be used for any lifesaving purpose. Please see your grant approval email for instructions on how to properly acknowledge Petco Love as well as the link to the digital toolkit to help you celebrate your award. The Lifesaving Grant Investment toolkit is also now available on our website www.petcolove.org, so that you may easily download the website badge to display it on your organization's website and find social media graphics and captions.

We're honored to partner with your organization and invest in your lifesaving efforts. We celebrate your commitment to animals and thank you for all that you do on behalf of pets and the people who love and need them.

All of us at Petco Love thank you for your lifesaving work that makes a difference everyday for animals in need.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susanne Kogut'.

Susanne Kogut
President
Petco Love

P.S. Petco Love desires that all funds and efforts be prioritized for lifesaving, and seeks to reduce our environmental footprint. Therefore, we respectfully request that no items are mailed to Petco Love and that any thank you letters be sent by email only to partners@petcolove.org. We welcome and appreciate recognition on social media, on your website, or in other print and digital communications. We ask that this recognition thank Petco Love, Petco and/or our Petco store partners collectively rather than individual employees of Petco or Petco Love.

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