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**Newly Named Petco Love Invests in Lifesaving Work of SpokAnimal**  
Grant of \$35,000 will help save more pet lives in Spokane

**Spokane, WA (April 21, 2021)** – SpokAnimal announced today a \$35,000 grant investment from the newly named, Petco Love, to support their lifesaving work for animals in Spokane.

Petco Love is a nonprofit leading change for pets nationally by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since their founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, they've empowered organizations with nearly \$300 million invested to date in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And, they've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations, like ours, nationwide.

"Today Petco Love announces an investment in SpokAnimal and hundreds of other organizations as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessary euthanized," said Susanne Kogut, President of Petco Love. "Our local investments are only one component. This month, we will also launch the first of our national tools to empower all animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us."

SpokAnimal executive director, Dori Peck, stated, "We're thrilled by this support from Petco Love and to be able to share the celebration of this success with our Petco store partner. Thanks to Petco general manager, Lea Hayden, and her team, over 100 adoptions happened from the South Hill store last year."

According to Peck, the grant funds will allow the shelter to reconfigure and expand its feline cages to better support the group's emphasis on helping homeless cats.

Funding also secures Petco Love as the platinum event sponsor for SpokAnimal's inaugural Woofs and Whiskers virtual fundraiser. The free-enrollment event kicks off May 28 with an 8-day silent auction, and culminates on June 4 with live-auction bidding on larger ticket times.

Based on pet adoptions, SpokAnimal is the largest humane society in Eastern Washington. Last year it found homes for 3,018 animals. It strives to make pets more accessible for adoptions by partnering with five retail stores, including Petco. In 2020, its low-income veterinary clinic performed over 3,500 spay/neuter surgeries, micro-chipped over 2,200 pets, and dispensed over 5,100 vaccines.

For more information about SpokAnimal, visit [www.spokanimal.org](http://www.spokanimal.org), and [click here](#) to learn more about Petco Love.

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### **About SpokAnimal**

SpokAnimal was founded in 1983 and received our 501(c)(3) status in 1984. Originally, we provided animal control services for the City of Spokane. In 2013, that service was transitioned to Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services (SCRAPS), allowing us to focus on saving animals through adoptions and animal welfare services. Today, in addition to facilitating adoptions and providing vet clinic services, our vibrant organization offers a variety of programs such as an emergency pet food bank, Farm Livin' placement for feral cats, Guardian Angel temporary boarding for owned pets, and the Crusin' Critters transport effort to save pets from overcrowded shelters.

### **About Petco Love (Formerly Petco Foundation)**

Petco Love is a nonprofit changing lives by making communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we've empowered animal welfare organizations by investing nearly \$300 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide. Today, our love for pets drives us to lead with innovation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Is love calling you? Join us. Visit [petcolove.org](http://petcolove.org) to be part of the lifesaving work we're leading every day.