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SpokAnimal Partners with Petco Love to “Give Pets Their Best Shot” During March National Pet Vaccination Month

SpokAnimal To Host Free Vaccine Event, Powered by Petco Love, on March 19, 2022

Spokane, WA (March 14, 2022) – SpokAnimal is partnering with national nonprofit [Petco Love](#), the BISSELL Pet Foundation and animal-loving donors, to give pets their best shot for a healthy life by hosting a free pet vaccine event at the SpokAnimal vet clinic located at 715 N. Crestline Street on Saturday, March 19 from 9am to 1pm.

Petco Love established March as “National Pet Vaccination Month” to encourage pet parents to keep their pets up to date on vaccinations. Together with BISSELL Pet Foundation, the organizations are providing free dog and cat distemper vaccines to SpokAnimal for family pets in need. As puppy and kitten season approaches, pet exposure to contagious and deadly diseases such as parvovirus, distemper, and panleukopenia increases, but is preventable with a simple vaccine. Rabies vaccines will also be dispensed for free thanks to sponsorships from sponsors that wish to remain anonymous.

“We urge community members to take advantage of this event initiated by Petco Love,” said SpokAnimal’s executive director, Dori Peck. “These important vaccines help reduce the spread of disease and ensure the health and wellness of our community’s pets. We also want to thank Dr. Denise Pilgram from the Veterinary Clinic at DHH, and Man’s Best Friends Club from Gonzaga University, who are joining us for the day in order to maximize the number of pets we’re able to help during the event.”

Peck states that SpokAnimal expects to serve 100 pets, and encourages those interested in obtaining pet vaccines to come early and be prepared for a long wait. Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier to receive vaccines, since pet owners will remain in their vehicles while SpokAnimal staff process pets through the clinic. The queue for vaccines will be closed at 12:45pm or when vaccine supplies run out.

She notes that for those unable to make the event, the canine and feline distemper vaccines will continue to be free thru the end of March during SpokAnimal’s regular vaccines clinics, though fees will apply for wellness check and rabies vaccines.

The Give Pets Their Best Shot initiative makes crucial pet vaccines accessible to pet parents who may be experiencing financial challenges and assures that cost is not a barrier to protecting pets from preventable diseases.

“Treatment for these deadly diseases can be prohibitively expensive for many pet parents,” said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. “By providing free vaccines to those in need, we can help these pets live a healthy life. Through this national effort and our other Petco Love Care initiatives, we continue our 22-year history of strategic investments and innovation to end unnecessary pet euthanasia.”

National Pet Vaccination Month is a continuation of Petco Love’s [1 million free pet vaccine campaign](#), which has helped 400,000 pets to date. Fifty percent of participating pet parents surveyed reported their pets had never been vaccinated against these diseases. With Bissell Pet Foundation as an additional partner this month, Petco Love’s goal is to increase awareness and accelerate the distribution of vaccines.

Learn more about Petco Love’s national vaccine effort and lifesaving impact at petcolove.org or freepetvaccines.org.

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Photo caption: SpokAnimal and the Veterinary Clinic at DHH will partner to provide free vaccines to area pets.

About SpokAnimal

SpokAnimal is Spokane County’s largest humane society for animal adoptions. Last year, 3,478 animals found homes through its efforts. Its low-cost vet clinic supports shelter and public pets with vaccines, microchips, spay/neuter surgeries and high-quality dental care. This work is made possible through public donations and grants.

About Petco Love

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 \$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? Visit petcolove.org or follow at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we’re leading every day.