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**Petco Love Invests \$50,000 in SpokAnimal To
Save and Improve the Lives of Pets in the Inland Northwest**

Spokane, Washington (July 1, 2022) – SpokAnimal has received a \$50,000 grant investment from Petco Love during a special celebration at the Petco located at 2805 E 29th Avenue. The funding awarded by Petco Love is raised through public donations made during transactions at Petco stores across the nation. Then, through grants, Petco Love invests in the lifesaving work being done by selected animal welfare groups.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations — like SpokAnimal — across North America, with 6.5 million pets adopted and counting.

“Our investment in SpokAnimal is part of more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. “Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We recently celebrated the one-year launch anniversary of [Petco Love Lost](#), a national lost and found database that uses pet facial recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets.”

“Petco Love’s support means we’re now able to replace our dog-tired kennels. This year alone our kennels have housed over 500 dogs. Over the previous five years they’ve sheltered over 5,600 animals, and since they’ve been in service for almost two decades, they’ve seen a whole lot of wear and tear. The new kennels will provide the latest advancements in kennel materials, giving us more durable enclosures that are easier to clean. They are also designed to lower kennel stress.” said Dori Peck, SpokAnimal’s executive director.

SpokAnimal is the largest humane society in Eastern Washington for pet adoptions. Last year, 3,478 animals found homes through the nonprofit organization. This year it has already processed 1,700 adoptions, and canine adoptions are up almost 300% compared to 2021.

For more information about SpokAnimal, visit www.spokanimal.org. Learn more about Petco Love here: petcolove.org.

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About SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.

SpokAnimal is a privately funded nonprofit humane society dedicated to the placement, protection and health of animals through programs for pets and their people. In addition to its shelter operations, SpokAnimal's low-income vet clinic provides spay/neuter services and dental care for both shelter and public animals. The nonprofit has earned national attention for its work to expand pet-friendly housing through a joint project with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington. Most recently, the humane society launched the Hearts and Paws program, which enables seniors living in skilled nursing residences to time-share the fostering of a dog. Its pet food bank already has distributed over 10,000 pounds of food to aid public-owned pets this year.

About Petco Love

Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization that makes 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 \$330 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.

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. Join us. Visit petcolove.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.