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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PETCO FOUNDATION AWARDS SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES' \$25,000 LIFESAVING INVESTMENT GRANT**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – Santa Barbara County Animal Services is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to improve the care of shelter animals and help support the human animal bond in our communities.

Santa Barbara County Animal Services is a municipal organization that operates three open access community shelters; in Lompoc, Goleta, and Santa Maria. In addition to field response, lost and found, and adoptions, Santa Barbara County Animal Services strives to provide animals entering the shelter with the highest quality of care by meeting their medical, mental, and physical needs. This care has led to one of the highest live release rates in the country at 93% countywide.

The Petco Foundation investment will help provide in house diagnostic testing for animals. This will allow us to better treat the medical needs of animals in our care. It will also enable us to provide solutions for keeping pets and owners together, such as microchipping. In addition this investment has inspired new and innovative programs that will help our shelter animals thrive, such as our high school running program.

“We are focused on increasing the quality of care our shelter animals receive and exploring ways we can prevent animals from entering into our shelters; the Petco Foundation’s support will allow us to continue the hard work we have started and explore new ways we can help homeless animals,” said Jan Glick, Director.

For more information about Santa Barbara County Animal Services or the Petco Foundation, visit [www.sbcanimalservices.org](http://www.sbcanimalservices.org) or [www.petcofoundation.org](http://www.petcofoundation.org). Lifesaving is a community effort so please consider volunteering, adopting, fostering, or donating to help us continue the progress.

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### **About Santa Barbara County Animal Services**

Our mission is to establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment between humans and animals in Santa Barbara County. We operate three municipal, open admission animal shelters to care for the homeless and unwanted animals of Santa Barbara County. Our organization is driven by dedicated staff members that assist the community with compliance of all local animal laws, reuniting lost pets, and adoptions. We have thriving volunteer programs, foster programs, and a dedicated group of community partners that allow us to provide the high quality of care to the people and animals we serve.

### **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 \$185 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 5.3 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](http://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.