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## **San Diego Humane Society Receives Lifesaving Grant of \$250,000 from Petco Foundation**

**San Diego** – Petco Foundation has committed to helping pets in need in San Diego thanks to a \$250,000 grant to support the programs and services of San Diego Humane Society.

The grant, to be funded over three years, will strengthen San Diego Humane Society’s ability to perform lifesaving work and go above and beyond for the 50,000 animals they care for each year.

“Petco Foundation is an incredible partner to us in so many ways. They are generous supporters,” said San Diego Humane Society President and CEO Dr. Gary Weitzman. “We are both organizations who are deeply committed to the wellbeing of animals, and I couldn’t be more proud of our partnership.”



The \$250,000 grant investment was delivered in person by the Petco Foundation team on Valentine’s Day week in a surprise celebration of thanks and love to the organization’s staff and volunteers, along with a special gift of BOBS from Skechers shoes for hardworking staff. [Watch the celebration video.](#)

“We are so happy we got to deliver love to San Diego Humane Society staff, show our appreciation for their daily efforts to save lives and be a partner in their lifesaving efforts,” said Petco Foundation President Susanne Kogut.

The current grant follows the culmination of a previous 5-year funding commitment made in 2015.

**B-roll and photos are available here:** <http://bit.ly/3a5Vybv>.

**Suggested Tweet:** @sdhumane received a grant of \$250,000 from @PetcoFoundation, which will help SDHS perform lifesaving work for 50,000 animals this year.

### **About San Diego Humane Society**

San Diego Humane Society’s scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. For more information; please visit [sdhumane.org](http://sdhumane.org).

### **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 \$260 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 6 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.

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