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National Nonprofit Petco Love Invests in Lee County Domestic Animal Services to Save and Improve the Lives of Pets in Lee County

A \$10,000 grant will be celebrated 2 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Petco location at 13742 S.

Tamiami Trail

Fort Myers, FL June, 17, 2022– Lee County Domestic Animal Services is set to receive a \$10,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love during a special celebration at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at Petco, 13742 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers in support of their lifesaving work for animals in Lee County.

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 ours — across North America, with 6.5 million pets adopted and counting.

"Our investment in LCDAS 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 has become a vital part of our lifesaving efforts at Lee County Domestic Animal Services," said Pablo Adorno, Director. "Through our partnership with Petco Love, we're excited to continue our positive momentum to help save more lives year-round."

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is a nonprofit organization that assists over 10,000 stray animals in Lee County each year. LCDAS is the only stray facility for Lee Counties 750,000 residents, while also

providing education on responsible pet ownership, reuniting lost and missing pets with their rightful owners, and adoption of unwanted pets.

For more information about Lee County Domestic Animal Services visit <u>www.leelostpets.com</u>. Learn more about Petco Love here: <u>petcolove.org</u>.

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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 <u>petcolove.org</u> or follow on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u> to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.