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National Nonprofit Petco Love Invests in the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition to Help Increase Access to Veterinary Care for Cats in Bexar County

San Antonio, Texas (February 13, 2025) – San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition (SAFCC) received a \$15,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of their life saving work for cats in Bexar 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 nearly \$410 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 nearly 7 million pets adopted and counting.

The investment in the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition is part of \$1.5M in grants recently announced by Petco Love for more than 170 spay/neuter clinics and other low-cost veterinary care providers to help increase access to veterinary care for pets in their communities. The lifesaving investments are also being granted to reduce economic euthanasia, and the surrender of pets to shelters when families are not able to afford needed veterinary treatment.

"Petco Love knows pets are family and we strive to take care of them the best we can, though the reality is not everyone has equal access to veterinary care as many pet parents face difficult financial times," said Susanne Kogut, President of Petco Love. "That's why we are proud to support our partner animal welfare organizations in providing helpful services in their communities, so we can keep pets and their families together."

"We are very grateful for Petco Love's partnership and investment that will allow us to do more spay/neuter surgeries on outside cats, and to help those who are suffering with necessary vet care. SAFCC is the only organization in the San Antonio area that provides services and programs that are specific to community cats." said Sherry Derdak, President.

As part of Petco Love's mission to make pet families healthier and increase access to veterinary care, through its *Vaccinated and Loved* campaign, Petco Love reached its goal of distributing three million free pet vaccines for family pets in November 2024! The campaign was launched in August 2021, encouraging Petco Love animal welfare partners to host free vaccine clinics.

For more information about the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition, visit <u>sanantonioferalcats.org</u>. Learn more about Petco Love here: <u>petcolove.org</u>.

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About San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition

San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to humanely reducing the feral and stray cat population through rescue and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) in Bexar County. Since 2005, SAFCC has trained over 14,000 people to do TNR, has rescued and found homes for almost 10,000 cats and kittens, and has subsidized the spay/neuter of over 52,000 cats! Our programs and services include: Trap-Neuter-Return training, free trap loans, a Helpline for

advice & resources, subsidized low cost spay/neuter for the public, a home-based Foster / Adoption Program, a Trapper Team to help elderly and disabled, a spay/neuter clinic for our Trapper Team and foster cats, a winter shelter program, and a fund to help pay for urgent medical/surgical care. We are a volunteer organization and welcome your help and support. Visit SanAntonioFeralCats.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to join our team in making a difference in the lives of outdoor cats.

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, we've empowered animal welfare organizations by investing nearly \$410 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for nearly 7 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. Is love calling you? Join us. Visit PetcoLove.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, Threads, and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.