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Petco Foundation Invests in Lifesaving Work of Memphis Animal Services

*Grant of \$22,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives
in Memphis and Shelby County*

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 26, 2020 – Memphis Animal Services has been awarded a \$22,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its lifesaving work.

The Petco Foundation investment will support above-and-beyond programming that wouldn't exist without individual donors and grants, such as heartworm treatment and owner surrender prevention.

"We're so thankful to the Petco Foundation for its commitment to support Memphis in our efforts to be a more humane city for pets," said Alexis Pugh, Memphis Animal Services Director. "When you shop at Petco stores and make a donation at the register, know that you're helping support lifesaving right here in your very own community."

This grant investment is part of the Petco Foundation's recent distribution of more than \$13M to animal welfare organizations nationwide. In addition, the Petco Foundation distributed \$1M in emergency product and cash donations to partner organizations facing the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis and put out a national call to mobilize animal lovers to take action and [Pledge to Save Pet Lives](#).

For more information about MAS, visit www.memphisanimalservices.com. For more on the Petco Foundation, visit www.petcofoundation.org and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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About Memphis Animal Services

Memphis Animal Services is the only open-intake animal shelter in the city of Memphis. MAS works to help keep people and pets safe by enforcing animal care and control laws, caring for homeless pets, and achieving positive outcomes for the pets in their care. The shelter has not had to euthanize a healthy, adoptable cat, small dog, or puppy in three years. Having saved 89.6 percent of the 11,000 pets in its care in 2019, MAS envisions a day when no healthy, adoptable pet dies in Memphis due to lack of space, every owned pet is well loved and cared for, and no citizen's safety is put at risk by irresponsible pet ownership. For more information, visit www.memphisanimalservices.com, call 901-636-1416, or visit the facility at 2350 Appling City Cove. To become a fan of Memphis Animal Services on Facebook go to: <https://www.facebook.com/memphisanimalservices/>. Follow Memphis Animal Services on Twitter & Instagram @AdoptMAS.

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 \$280 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. We also partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 6.5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

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