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Petco Love and the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) Aim to Stop the Spread of Deadly Preventable Diseases Through Free Pet Vaccinations

As Part of Petco Love's Initiative to Provide 1 Million Free Pet Vaccines, HSNT Will Distribute Free Pet Vaccines in Its Clinic Beginning September 7th -- Appointments Are Required

Fort Worth, Texas (September 7, 2021) – The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) will provide free canine DAPPv (distemper/parvovirus) and feline HCP (panleukopenia) vaccines through Petco Love's new national vaccination initiative, which is providing <u>1 million free pet vaccines</u> to its existing animal welfare partners.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs, and panleukopenia in cats, are some of the most prevalent deadly diseases impacting pets that are preventable with a simple vaccine. An estimated 30% of pet parents do not take their pet to a veterinarian annually for preventative care. To address this critical need, HSNT and Petco Love are partnering to make pet vaccines free and accessible in an effort to ensure the health and wellness of our beloved pets.

HSNT aims to vaccinate 2,000 pets through this effort beginning September 7th – while free vaccine supplies last. Vaccine appointments are available on Tuesdays for pets of senior citizens through the Rae of Hope Program. HSNT's Vaccine Clinic is available on Thursdays for all other members of the community. Free vaccines can be included with appointments for low-cost spay/neuter surgeries available on Monday, Wednesday or Friday during the week. Please call 817-332-4768 x112, email clinic@hsnt.org, or visit our website to schedule your appointment.

Vaccines distributed through the Petco Love initiative will be the DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines. Additional services are available through HSNT's Clinic at normal low-cost pricing such as rabies vaccines, microchipping, heartworm testing, flea and tick preventative, and spay/neuter services.

"Thanks to Petco Love, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to pet owners," said Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications. "We urge community members to take advantage of this free vaccine resource to ensure the health and wellness of our community's pets."

"It is heartbreaking when any pet suffers or dies from a disease that could have been prevented. It is further exacerbated when unvaccinated pets come into busy shelter kennels, where these deadly diseases can spread quickly, resulting in multiple deaths, skyrocketing expenses, and hindering saving pet lives," said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. "By creating greater awareness and making this

crucial preventative care more accessible to pets not currently receiving these lifesaving vaccines, we can prevent the dangerous spread of disease."

For more information about vaccine distribution, contact the Humane Society of North Texas at 817-332-4768. To learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact, visit PetcoLove.org.

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About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has worked to eliminate animal cruelty, promote humane values and end animal homelessness in North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit hsnt.org/donate or Facebook. To learn more about HSNT and our lifesaving efforts, visit hsnt.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok.

About Petco Love

Petco Love is a nonprofit changing lives by making 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 \$300 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. Today, 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? Visit petcolove.org or follow at Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we're leading every day.