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Petco Love and Alley Cat Advocates Aim to Stop the Spread of Deadly Preventable Diseases

As Part of Petco Love's Initiative to Provide One Million Free Pet Vaccines, Alley Cat Advocates Will Distribute Donated Cat Vaccines as Part of Trap-Neuter-Return in the Louisville Area

Louisville, KY (September 15, 2023) – Alley Cat Advocates will continue to provide donated vaccinations for Louisville area community cats. The no-cost vaccines are made possible through Petco Love's national vaccination initiative, which is providing one million free pet vaccines for family pets in need to existing animal welfare partners, including Alley Cat Advocates.

Parvovirus and distemper in dogs and panleukopenia in cats — the most prevalent deadly diseases affecting pets — are preventable with a simple vaccine. To address this critical need, Alley Cat Advocates and Petco Love have partnered to provide vaccines to ensure our beloved cats' health and wellness.

Alley Cat Advocates aims to vaccinate 1,000 community cats through this effort. Alley Cat Advocates will offer these donated vaccines as part of our trap-neuter-return services throughout the next month(s).

"Thanks to Petco Love, we offer these Important vaccines at no cost to community cat caretakers," said Karen Little, Executive Director. "We urge community members to take advantage of our no-cost or low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services to ensure the health and wellness of our community cats."

"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 Alley Cat Advocates at 502-634-8777. Learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact at PetcoLove.org.

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About Alley Cat Advocates

Alley Cat Advocates is a 501©3 organization that relies on grant funding and donations to offer spay/neuter services for cat caretakers in the community. The organization's mission is to provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats by directing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in the safest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way possible. Alley Cat Advocates schedules 250 spay/neuter appointments each week and will spay/neuter well over 6,000 community cats this year. The organization has altered over 60,000 stray cats in the region since beginning its work in 1999. For more information or to schedule a spay/neuter surgery for a community cat, call 502-634-8777 or visit alleycatadvocates.org.

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. Is love calling you? Join us. Visit petcolove.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.