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***Petco Foundation Awards Grant to Rancho Coastal Humane Society to Help Save More Lives  
in the San Diego County Community***

**Encinitas, CA (June 12, 2020)** – Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) announced it has been awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its foster program.

The Petco Foundation investment will especially help RCHS during the COVID-19 crisis. RCHS relies on its foster volunteers to help care for more animals than shelter space allows. Typically, about a dozen RCHS animals are in foster homes at any one time, but since the shelter closure in March, that number has since tripled.

“Foster volunteers receive all the pet food and supplies needed to care for their foster dog or cat and, in some cases, litters of puppies or kittens. There is never any cost to the foster. This is why support from the Petco Foundation is so important. This grant allows us to equip our foster volunteers with everything they need,” said Judi Sanzo, President and CEO of Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

This year, RCHS is marking 60 years of service. “Only through our loyal donors and supporters, like the Petco Foundation, can RCHS continue to save the lives of homeless animals and support pet parents in crisis,” said Sanzo.

For more information about RCHS, visit [sdpets.org](http://sdpets.org) or follow RCHS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) using the hashtag #RanchoCoastal. To learn more about the Petco Foundation, visit [petcofoundation.org](http://petcofoundation.org) and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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**About Rancho Coastal Humane Society**

Rancho Coastal Humane Society has been dedicated to the San Diego community since 1960. To learn more about RCHS, visit [sdpets.org](http://sdpets.org)

**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. Through our Think Adoption First program, we 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](https://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.