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### **Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Lincoln County Animal Services**

Grant of \$175,000 will extend efforts to save more lives in Lincoln County, N.C.

**Lincolnton, N.C. (March 15th, 2018)** – Lincoln County Animal Services of Lincoln County, North Carolina, today announced it has been awarded a \$175,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its Community Cat Program, and cat lifesaving efforts.

Lincoln County Animal Services is a county shelter serving Lincoln County, that is committed to becoming a No Kill facility and maintaining a live release rate of 90% and above for all animals. Since 2013, Lincoln County Animal Services has been working hard to increase their live release rate of shelter animals from 42.76% in 2013, to 89.37% in 2017.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to provide free spay and neuter for community cats in Lincoln County, reducing the stray cat population, and resulting in a decrease in shelter intakes and a significant additional increase in life saving.

“We cannot even begin to describe how much this grant will do to help the animals of Lincoln County. The support we have received from the Petco Foundation in our mission to save as many lives as possible is absolutely unbelievable and unprecedented here in Lincoln County. We cannot wait to get to work saving more lives with their help!” said Hannah Beaver, Director of Animal Services.

For more information about Lincoln County Animal Services or the Petco Foundation, visit <http://www.lincolncounty.org/animalservices> or [www.petcofoundation.org](http://www.petcofoundation.org). Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

#### **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 \$200 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 5.5 million pets find their new loving families, and we’re just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](http://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.