



Animal Sheltering & Adoptions

Tulare County Animal Services

R-2407-57754 - Animal Welfare Organization
Amount Requested:

Status

Submitted

Organization Information

Organization:	Tulare County Animal Services
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Thank you for all you do to save pet lives and welcome to Petco Love's Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) application. We know you're doing great work, and want you to have the best chance to receive lifesaving grant investments. Before you begin, we encourage you to read the [AWO Grant Application Instructions](#). Silly mistakes happen to great organizations, and sadly may result in a denied application. Don't let that happen to your organization – read the instructions carefully.

IMPORTANT: THIS IS A TWO-PART APPLICATION

This application requires that your organization has completed a current **Annual Data Report** with the previous year's animal data. This report must be submitted by **July 31** for your grant investment application to be considered. Information about completing the Annual Data Report can be found on the Organization's tab on the main dashboard of this site. You will find the Organization section on the left-hand menu.

Annual Data Reports are due annually by March 31. Complete your Annual Data Report on time each year to be eligible for all partner benefits including Adoption Rewards, fast-track disaster relief, and other partner perks!

Information Verification

Please navigate to the "Organization Info" section of the Fluxx Grants Portal and verify that the following information is correct: organization type, executive officer, and mailing address. *Note: Descriptions of organization types may be found on our Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) Grant Application Instructions linked above.*

Do you need to update your organization type, executive officer, or mailing address? No

Has your organization submitted the 2023 Annual Data Report? YES

Is your organization currently integrated in Petco Love Lost? Yes

Is the primary contact listed above the correct contact for Petco Love Lost communication? : Yes

Did your organization have a yearly intake of 250 or more pets in the previous year? Yes

Animal Welfare Organization Request Details

Petco Love uses the information provided in your application and Annual Data Report to evaluate your organization's effectiveness and efficiency against your peers.

Beginning of 2022 we are no longer asking you to submit a requested amount. Instead, please use the description box below to share the purpose of your investment request, including how the investment will increase lifesaving in your community. Petco Love provides virtually un-restricted funding. If awarded an investment, your organization may utilize funds for any purpose that increases in your lifesaving results, or other significant positive lifesaving impact for pets in your community.

Please describe the purpose of your investment request, including its lifesaving impact.

Use of Investment:

Tulare County Animal Services would like to help our community with their pet needs. Our main goals to increase lifesaving are two-fold: increasing Pet Retention by providing resources (i.e., low-cost spay/neuter and vaccines) for owners to keep pets in their homes and increasing Live Outcomes for animals already in the shelter through adoption specials and other incentives. We want to be able to continue to increase our live outcomes, which means being able to lower adoption costs using strategic adoption specials. Due to the nature of being a municipal agency, we must subsidize the entirety of the approved adoption fee and cannot simply waive costs to reduce that fee for the specials. The only way we can do this is with partnerships with organizations such as Petco Love and donations from the public. This funding would be utilized to promote positive outcomes for the pets in our community and our shelter. Adoption specials are a positive way for our community to add a pet to their household and for a stray animal to find a forever home. There are so many stray animals in our community, and our goal is to increase our live outcomes through adoptions, returning animals to their owners, fixing community cats and our many wonderful rescue partners who pull animals from our shelter. For those who have community or feral cats in their neighborhoods that keep having more kittens, we would like to be able to spay and neuter these cats and then return them back to their homes.

We would also like to increase our spay/neuter capacity in our clinic for dogs. Currently, our dog surgeries are limited to the number of cages and space we have in our clinic. This can be accomplished by purchasing additional cages for our clinic and for housing animals at our shelter along with additional dog houses or crates that can be used in our dog cages to allow the dogs to have a bed to relax in while they are being housed at our shelter.

Any funding we receive will help our shelter and clinic achieve these goals. Animals are important in our community, and their welfare is our highest concern. The number of animals we receive at our shelter keeps increasing, and to keep up with all the dogs and cats coming in daily, we need additional ways to find them homes. We have significantly increased our dog adoptions through adoption specials, and the only way we can continue these adoption specials is with grant funding and donations.

Please provide other important information that may be relevant or important to our consideration of your request. Attachments may be added in the Attachments and Certifications section.

Additional Information:

Since we have been doing reduced-fee adoptions for dogs, our dog and puppy adoptions have increased dramatically. In 2021 we had only 78 dogs adopted. Then, in 2022, we had 320 dog adoptions. In 2023 that number increased to 588 dog adoptions, and in the first 6 months of 2024, we have already had 373 dog adoptions. Without grant funding, these dog adoptions would not have been possible. Grant funding has allowed us to save more lives and we would love to continue these adoption specials. We sometimes do cat adoption specials, but cats are easier to adopt out than dogs, and we have limited kennel space for dogs and puppies. We would love to be able to adopt all of our dogs, and we are asking for grant funding to help our shelter adoption numbers continue to increase each year.

Do any of these unique circumstances apply to your request? :

Lost & Found

Does your organization have a Return to Owner (RTO) goal?	Yes
How often do you review/evaluate your progress towards that goal?	Annually
Does your organization have a program or process to waive reclaim fees for RTO? :	Yes
Does every adopted and/or reclaimed pet leave your care with information about Petco Love Lost? :	Yes
On average, what percentage of pets in care on a given day are visible in your Petco Love Lost feed?	Over 75%
Are you using Petco Love Lost as your primary lost and found reporting tool?	Yes
Do you promote Petco Love Lost on your website?	Yes
Please paste the URL/link to your org's lost/found resources page, including Petco Love Lost:	https://tcanimalservices.org/animalservices/available-pets/petco-love-lost/
Does your organization utilize the Petco Love Lost toolkit? :	Yes

Partnership & Recognition

Recognition:

Your recognition of Petco Love to your supporters and within your community encourages Petco customers to feel confident in making a donation to Petco Love at the register when they shop. This fundraising in small amounts (averaging around \$2 per transaction) helps support Petco Love's grant investments program in a way that does not diminish your own fundraising efforts. It's incredible that simply by collecting these small contributions we are able to provide approximately \$30 million annually to shelters like yours each year!

Are you willing to work with Petco Love, Petco, and any other corporate partner or organization designated by Petco Love to recognize and promote this award?

Agree to recognize investment: Yes

Describe your relationship with Petco Love and/or Petco stores, if applicable.

Relationship:

We promote Petco Love both at our shelter and on our website. This is a fantastic tool to help reunite lost pets and share educational information. We are grateful for the partnership we have with Petco Love and would like to do in-store adoptions now that we have our new Animal Services Coordinator.

Documents & attachments

To submit your request you must upload the following documents in this section. Click the headings below for instructions. Please read the instructions carefully as failure to upload required documents will result in your application being denied.

▼ Other required documents uploading instructions

To upload:

- Click the plus sign
- Click "add files"
- Select the correct files from your computer
- Use the drop-down menu to add the correct label to each file
- Click "start upload"

Other required documents:

- **IRS Form 990 or other financial document** - All nonprofit organizations are required to submit their most recent IRS Form 990, excluding schedules. If your organization does not file a Form 990, please attach audited financial statements, if available, or otherwise un-audited financial statements. Municipal agencies should attach their animal control budget document.

Optional documents:

Other documents commonly associated with requests may include capital campaign materials, sponsorship information, photos or other items. Please limit other documents to those critical to your request.

DOCUMENTS



1224 June 2024 Expense Preliminary.pdf



Adoption Center Operating Agreement

Added by Mary Jungwirth at 1:38 PM on July 19, 2024



1224 June 2024 Revenue Preliminary.pdf



Financial Documents

Added by Mary Jungwirth at 5:15 PM on July 17, 2024

Certification

- I certify that the leader of the organization (CEO/Executive Director/President or similar title) has reviewed and approved this application and the accompanying Annual Data Report.
- I certify that I am an officer or authorized representative of the organization submitting this application and that all information on this grant application is true and correct in all material respects.
- I agree that any funds granted will be used specifically to accomplish lifesaving objectives.
- I agree on behalf of the organization that as a partner of Petco Love any public messaging that includes information about Petco Love shall promote a positive message about helping pets and saving lives.

- I agree on behalf of the organization that its representatives shall not disparage or speak negatively or take any action intended, or which would reasonably be expected, to harm Petco Love or its reputation or which would reasonably be expected to lead to unwanted or unfavorable publicity to Petco Love.
- I certify and agree that any and all information submitted is not considered confidential, will become the property of Petco Love, and that Petco Love may use such information as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.
- *If you cannot agree to these conditions, you may not submit this grant application.*

Select "yes" to agree:

Yes

Are you submitting this application on behalf of a governmental or municipal agency, department or division?

Select "yes" or "no"

Yes

I hereby certify that any grant funds awarded will be utilized and become an additive part of the funding on the animal control sheltering department, shall not supplant or diminish government allocated funds, and shall not be appropriated to the general funds of the municipality.

If you cannot agree to this condition, you may not submit this grant application.

Select "yes" to agree:

Yes

IMPORTANT: The "**Submit**" button will appear after you select "**Save and Close**". After you save your form for the last time it is not submitted until you click the "**Submit**" button at the bottom of this page. You may verify that your request has been submitted by checking the menu to assure your request has moved from "Pending Requests" to "Submitted Requests".