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**Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Camden County Animal Shelter**  
Grant of \$30K will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Camden County

**Camden County, NJ** – Camden County Animal Shelter (CCAS), today announced it has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its efforts to provide spay/neuter surgeries for personally owned cats as well as community cats within Camden County. Camden County Animal Shelter has been progressively working to reduce the overwhelming stray and unwanted animal population in Camden County through low-cost spay/neuter services.

Camden County Animal Shelter is a nonprofit organization that depends on community support to provide shelter, care and find loving homes for over 4,000 homeless animals. Since 1997, Camden County Animal Shelter has altered and found homes for more than 80,000 pets through adoption and low cost spay/neuter services. In 2015, the new \$1.5 million adoption center expansion, sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders, was completed, which increased capacity and provides more living and recreational space for cats and dogs.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners and community cat caregivers in Camden County. Free spay/neuter services for owned and community cats will be used for the purposes of controlling, aiding, and providing medical treatment to an overabundance of cats in the City of Camden. Furthermore, the grant will support Camden County Animal Shelter through adoption preparation for cats and kittens received at the shelter; this would include spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, flea and medical treatment, and testing; all of which costs the shelter approximately \$150 per cat.

“Our goal is to continue to reduce the rate of euthanasia among community cat populations and achieve no-kill status. Thanks to, the Petco Foundation, we can target free spay/neuter resources to the City of Camden and expand low-cost services to Camden County cat owners. Our lifesaving programs will reduce our cat population and save more animal lives”, says Vicki Rowland, Executive Director of Camden County Animal Shelter.

For more information about Camden County Animal Shelter or the Petco Foundation, visit [www.ccasnj.org](http://www.ccasnj.org) or [www.petcofoundation.org](http://www.petcofoundation.org). Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation.

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**About Camden County Animal Shelter**

Founded by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1997, CCAS is an open admissions shelter and takes in over 4,000 companion animals from 18 municipalities in Camden County every year. CCAS services are to provide shelter for stray/unwanted animals, find those animals loving homes, and offer low-cost spay/neuter services. Camden County Animal Shelter’s mission is to end companion animal homelessness in Camden County through community awareness and responsible ownership.

**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 \$170 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 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.