



Animal Sheltering & Adoptions

Washoe County Regional Animal Services

G-2406-56926 - Animal Welfare Organization
Amount Granted: \$10,000.00

Status

Granted

Organization Information

Organization:	Washoe County Regional Animal Services
Primary Contact:	Quinn Sweet
Primary Signatory:	Shyanne Schull

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 your previous year 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:

WCRAS is seeking funding for equipment to stand up a fully operational veterinary clinic in our existing underutilized clinic and surgery suite.

WCRAS has recently taken an exciting step forward by hiring our first, full-time Veterinarian to work within the shelter. Previously, we relied on a contract Veterinarian who visited the facility for limited hours each weekday, or we transported pets to emergency pet hospitals for assessment and treatment. Despite having a clinic and surgery space in our building, the lack of equipment and staffing prevented us from fully utilizing these essential areas. In 2022, WCRAS spent over \$200,000 on outsourced veterinary care, and this expense increased by more than \$40,000 in 2023 due to rising costs and fewer discounts from partnering veterinarians. With proper equipment, we estimate that at least 75% of these services could be handled in-house.

With our new Veterinarian on board, along with a dedicated Veterinary Assistant and our existing Veterinary Technician, we're poised to transform our clinic space into a hub of efficient and high-quality pet care. By equipping the clinic with the proper tools and harnessing our internal resources, we aim to provide faster and more comprehensive care for the animals that come through our doors. By utilizing our in-house resources, we anticipate being able to provide these essential services, while ensuring that every pet receives the care they need to thrive, while also maximizing the impact of our shelter resources.

We estimate that this equipment will help approximately 19,875 pets over the next 5 years.

The equipment we are requesting will serve a range of needs. It will provide quality in-house care for lost and neglected pets in our shelter, enable spaying/neutering and vaccinations for unclaimed pets before they are transferred to rescue agencies, and offer essential medical services to pets owned by low-income or homeless individuals in the community. This equipment will be particularly crucial for cruelty case animals, allowing us to closely monitor, document, and treat their conditions. Utilizing in-house veterinary services will enhance our ability to gather and document evidence, which may be vital in court for securing convictions.

Our planned services will encompass a range of vital procedures aimed at improving the welfare of animals in need. These include:

Spay/Neuters for TNR: We will prioritize Trap-Neuter-Return initiatives to manage feral cat populations humanely, reducing overpopulation and promoting community health.

Spay/Neuters for Animals Transferred to Adoption Partners: Ensuring that animals transferred to adoption partners are spayed/neutered not only increases their adoptability but also contributes to population control efforts.

Spay/Neuters for Public Animals, with a Focus on Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Low-Income Households: We plan to provide spay/neuter services to publicly owned animals, particularly those belonging to individuals experiencing homelessness or living in low-income households. This ensures access to essential veterinary care and helps prevent unintended litters, promoting responsible pet ownership.

Basic Veterinary Analysis Services: Our facility would offer basic veterinary analysis services, including radiographs and bloodwork, to evaluate shelter animals brought in by the public or our field staff, for medical issues and injuries. This diagnostic capability enables us to provide timely and accurate assessments, guiding treatment plans with continuity of care, for optimal outcomes.

Simple Sedated Treatment Procedures: As deemed necessary, we would perform simple sedated treatment procedures to address medical conditions and injuries for animals under our care. This includes sedated grooming to maintain hygiene and comfort, as well as simple amputations and enucleations when medically indicated.

Our shelter features a clinic and surgical suite that currently sees limited use. Primarily, the suite serves as a valuable training ground for students enrolled in the Veterinary Technician program at Truckee Meadows Community College. Under the supervision of our Training Veterinarian and licensed Veterinary Technician, students gain hands-on experience by examining and treating animals in our care. The suite is outfitted with three prep tables, two surgery tables, and a separate laundry room to ensure efficient workflow and cleanliness.

In the past, our clinic was utilized for conducting low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for the public. Unfortunately, due to staffing challenges with contract Veterinarians, this service had to be discontinued. However, with the recent hiring of our first full-time Veterinarian, we are optimistic about the potential to revive and expand these essential services to better meet the needs of our community.

Any funds received from this request will be used to update old equipment and purchase new items to enhance our services for shelter pets and owned pets in our community. We plan to acquire an x-ray table, new surgery lights and tables, in-house lab machines, updates to our anesthesia machine, oxygen concentrators, warming blankets, a pulse oximeter, a centrifuge, table prep mats, a large, controlled substance safe, and other essential items. These investments are critical to ensuring our clinic can effectively provide care for shelter animals and expand vital services to the community. Initial quotes estimate the total cost of necessary equipment at approximately \$80,000. The annual cost savings from providing in-house services will cover future equipment maintenance and upkeep costs.

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:

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? Monthly

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? : No

On average, what percentage of pets in care on a given day are visible in your Petco Love Lost feed? 50-75%

If less than 75%, why? :

About 30% of pets in our care are from cruelty cases or bite quarantines and are not lost pets as such we do not allow those pets to be posted on lost and found sites. Of the lost pets that are in our care 100% will be visible on the Petco Love Lost Feed although some may not have an image due to injuries that are deemed too graphic for public display.

Are you using Petco Love Lost as your primary lost and found reporting tool? No

Petco Love Lost is most effective when both you and your community use it as your primary lost and found tool. In fact, in a pilot program we conducted in Los Angeles that included community outreach, reunions increased by over 300%! Email lost@petcolove.org to find out more!

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://www.washoecounty.gov/animal/lost_and_found/Lost_a_Pet.php

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:

WCRAS has received previous grants from Petco Love to support our lifesaving mission and improve our ability to reunite lost pets. Since we are a lost and found pet agency and do not provide adoption services we have not partnered with Petco Stores on adoption events.

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



Regional Animal Services Year End_FY24.xlsx



Financial Documents

Added by Quinn Sweet at 2:31 PM on June 25, 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".