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Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Bark Avenue Foundation Grant of \$15,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles (September 25, 2017) – Bark Avenue Foundation (BAF) of Los Angeles Metro Area, today announced it has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its spay/neuter programs for pets of low-income families in Los Angeles County, specifically the communities served by Downey Animal Care Center shelter.

Bark Avenue Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of animals through prevention programs such as spay/neuter and humane education. BAF serves the Los Angeles metro region with a focus on west LA County. Since 2004, Bark Avenue Foundation has helped thousands of pets receive spay/neuter, microchips, and medical care along with helping pet owners with resources such as food, collars, and pet ID tags.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to fund our ongoing spay/neuter efforts in LA County, which are helping to reduce the intake and euthanasia of pets in the Downey Animal Care Center. This program has been operating since 2013 and has provided care to more than 3,000 animals in need.

“This grant is vital to be able to continue our prevention efforts reducing the number of pets entering, and being euthanized, in LA shelters. Thanks to Petco Foundation’s generous financial support we will be able to offer more spay and neuter mobile clinics going directly into under-served communities where there are very limited resources.” said Christy Schilling, Bark Avenue Foundation’s Executive Director.

For more information about Bark Avenue Foundation or the Petco Foundation, visit www.barkavenuefoundation.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation.

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About Bark Avenue Foundation

Bark Avenue Foundation (BAF) is a Los Angeles nonprofit organization dedicated to animal welfare. BAF is addressing the pet overpopulation crisis through spay/neuter, supporting pet owners in underserved communities, and promoting responsible pet ownership and compassion for animals through its K-5 humane education program. For more information, please visit us at: www.barkavenuefoundation.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 \$175 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 to learn more about how you can get involved.