



Animal Sheltering &amp; Adoptions

## Fort Bend County Animal Services

R-2107-27966 - Animal Welfare Organization

Amount Requested: \$ 50,000.00

Status

Draft

### Organization Information

**Organization:** Fort Bend County Animal Services  
**Primary Contact:** Barbara Vass  
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**We prefer to make investments rather than denying them! To ensure your organization is considered for support we urge you to read the Grant Application Instructions prior to completing this application.**

### Welcome to our Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) application.

New this year – organizations who utilize one of the seven (7) animal tracking software listed below MUST enroll in Petco Love Lost in order to qualify for grant funding:

PetPoint, Chameleon, Shelter Buddy, ShelterLuv, Animal Shelter Manager, Rescuegroups.org, and Petestablished

Sign up here

*Please note that if your annual intake is 800+ and you do not currently have sophisticated animal tracking software, you may qualify for our Data Saves Lives grant opportunity. Qualification information in this application.*

Organizations that qualify for this funding cycle also qualify for two other opportunities open NOW:

- **Unsung Heroes** – Now thru July 31st - Nominate a staff member OR volunteer doing extraordinary work every day on the front line. Five individuals will be recognized and featured in the video series and their organizations will receive a \$10,000 grant to continue their lifesaving work. One of the five will be recognized as the Petco Foundation's national Unsung Hero Award recipient and their organization will receive a \$25,000 grant. You can learn more here about Unsung Heroes: <https://petcolove.org/unsung-heroes/>
- **Love Stories** – Now thru Sept 20th - Encourage your adopters to submit their adoption "Love Stories" at <https://petcolove.org/lovestories/> - your organization could receive up to a \$100,000 Holiday Wishes grant!

Additional information may be found on the applications & forms section of our **Partner Portal**.

**IMPORTANT: THIS IS A TWO-PART APPLICATION**

This application requires that your organization has completed a 2020 **Annual Data Report**. This report must be submitted by August 31, 2021 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.

Completing your Annual Data Report by March 30th each year makes your organization eligible for all partner benefits including Adoption Rewards, fast-track disaster relief, and other perks!

## Information Verification

Please navigate to the "Organization Info" section of the Fluxx Grants Portal and verify that the following information is correct. *Note: Descriptions of organization types may be found on our Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) Grant Application Instructions available on our website and via the link below:*

### AWO Grant Application Instructions

**Please Select Your Organization Type:** Nonprofit or municipal agency that is responsible for animal control sheltering (legally or contractually obligated or to accept stray dogs or cats)

**Is your Executive Officer correctly listed?** YES

**Is your Mailing address correctly listed?** YES

**Has your organization submitted the 2020 Annual Partnership Report?** YES

**Are you currently enrolled in Petco Love Lost?** Yes

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

**Did your organization have a yearly intake of 300 or more animals in the previous year?** Yes

**Is your organization currently using:**

PetPoint, Chameleon, Shelter Buddy, ShelterLuv, Animal Shelter Manager, Rescuegroups.org, or Petestablished

**Is your organization currently utilizing one of the software systems listed above?** 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. Please provide a suggested grant investment amount in the box below. Keep in mind that your award, based on our evaluation of your organization, may differ from your suggested amount.

**NOTE:** Requests may be submitted for any purpose that is expected to result in an increase in your lifesaving results, or other significant positive lifesaving impact for the animals of your community.

▼ [Click here for information on requests \\$100,000 or above](#)

*Investments of \$100,000 or more are considered Lifesaving Impact Awards. Your organization must shelter a minimum of 2,500 animals in order to qualify for an award of this size. These types of investments are very limited and require an additional attachment detailing your lifesaving impact plan. You should not submit a lifesaving impact award request unless your organization has a detailed plan to increase the lifesaving rate in your community. Your plan should provide the history of your organization's efforts to save animals, the current state of animal welfare in your community, the purpose for our investment, and how this investment will increase your future lifesaving efforts, including your specific goals and strategies. Please note, investments at this level involve ongoing reporting to Petco Love, participation in ongoing Petco Love activations, and utilization of Petco Love marketing*

*toolkits. Upload your plan in the "attachment" section of this application.*

\$-150,000.00

Please describe how this investment will help your organization achieve its lifesaving goals and objectives.

**Use of Investment:**

One of our primary goals in 2022 is to increase the availability of basic vaccinations and microchips to our underserved communities. Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing and most diverse counties in the United States. While we appreciate that diversity, the income gap as well as the geographical challenges that we face for community pets is as large as the area we cover. If we can work on keeping pets in their homes and keeping them healthy, we feel that we would go a long way to reducing our intake for those families who cannot afford basic care. We feel very strongly that vaccine and microchip clinics are the next step in that journey.

The next gap is the availability of reduced cost spay/neuter services. We know that these communities love and care for their pets but cannot afford the alteration costs that veterinarian offices in the County charge. When faced with spaying their dog for \$400 or feeding their family for a month, it's simply not fair. Working with Cy-Fair veterinary hospital, we want to create a series of mobile clinics that would allow for the community to have their pets fixed for a reasonable price for them.

We are also looking for help with two of our "housekeeping issues". Our kennels are designed to be in and out with a guillotine door in between so half of our dog kennels are out in the Texas weather. Through a series of fundraisers and commitment from the County's Commissioners Court, we were able to have industrial garage doors installed so that the dogs are now protected from the elements. The County is also providing funding for cattle fans to combat the problem with the Texas heat for these outdoor kennels, but we need to find the funding for installing heaters for those cold Texas nights - currently the dogs wear sweaters and we increase the number of blankets that are in the outside kennels.

Finally, we have a fledgling transport program and we are looking for a part-time employee to help us expand that program so that we can work on moving more of our pets into new homes outside of the Houston/Texas area. Currently, we only have two employees who are focused on the Lifesaving Programs at the shelter, that includes adoptions, rescues, fosters, volunteers, dog and cat enrichment, transports, social media, marketing, fundraising, community events, education programs, public veterinary health programs and grant writing. One of the employees is now also assuming the role of Assistant Director for the shelter in addition to overseeing all of these programs so the need to have another person available to save lives is imperative. Unfortunately, the County does not have the funds to allow for another person in the Lifesaving Programs Center but if we can show the value of this part-time position funded through a grant over two years, we may be able to ask for the position in the 2023-2024 budget year.

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:**

**Transfer Partnerships**

**Provide the names of the top 3 organizations that you transferred animals to in the last calendar year (name of organization, city & state) and the approximate number of animals .**

Houston PetSet  
Houston, TX  
300 animals

Rescued Pets Movement (RPM)  
Houston, TX  
100 animals

Animal Rescue Kingdom  
Houston, TX  
100 animals

Did your organization transfer in animals from shelters OTHER THAN your local shelter in the last calendar year? : NO

## Lost & Found

In your opinion, what are the top tools your community utilizes to help lost pets find their way home? (choose up to three): Local animal control organization's Lost & Found page , Facebook local lost and found pages, Nextdoor

Do you believe we must do better in helping lost pets find their way back to their owners? Yes

Are existing tools sufficient to help owners find their lost pets or finders of lost pets find the pets owner? No

Do you believe that a national lost and found database to reunite pets with their owners, utilizing pet facial recognition technology together with a location search would serve to improve return to owner rates and/or decrease the number of stray pets entering the local animal control shelter? Yes

With the elimination by shelters of breed descriptions, do you believe a pet adopt on search utilizing photos to search pets similar would be helpful to shelters and/or adopters? 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 more than \$30 million in investment support 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

If granted, please describe how you will recognize this award from Petco Love:

### Describe recognition:

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

### Relationship:

If your organization is awarded funding, what Petco store would you like to hold a check celebration at? This could be the store you hold adoption events at, or closest to your organization. If a Petco store is over an hour drive or you do not wish to hold a check celebration, please state that below.

### Check Celebration Petco Store Location:

## Documents & attachments

Submission of your request requires the following documents be uploaded in this section. Click the headings below for uploading instructions. Please read the documents required information 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** - All organizations are required to submit their most recent 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.

### Optional documents:

If you are a qualified organization and applying for a **Lifesaving Impact Award**, please upload required document here. If not, 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

### Certification

- I certify that the leader of the organization (CEO/Executive Director/President or similar title) has reviewed this application and the accompanying Annual Data Report that is a part of this application.
- 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 utilized 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 animals 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:

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

Select "yes" or "no"

**IMPORTANT: 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. If you have not clicked the "Submit" button, your form is not submitted!**