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**Petco Foundation Invests in Lifesaving Work of C-SNIP**

Grant of \$13,500 will extend efforts to save animal lives in West Michigan

**Grand Rapids, MI (May 23, 2019)** – C-SNIP, a nonprofit spay/neuter clinic serving West Michigan, announced it has been awarded a \$13,500 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its efforts to reduce the pet overpopulation. The Petco Foundation grant will help ensure that no pet is turned away from C-SNIP’s spay/neuter services and basic wellness services because of his or her owner’s inability to pay.

In addition to serving as a Top Dog sponsor for the 2019 Wags & Whiskers event, the Petco Foundation investment will be used to help fund 450 spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for pets of owners facing financial challenges. The grant will also support community cat guardians working to stop the breeding cycle of free-roaming feral cats.

“At C-SNIP, we believe that pets are important to the fabric of family life and that every pet owner should have access to affordable veterinary care, especially spay and neuter surgery. Spay/neuter surgery prevents accidental litters, and can reduce certain cancers in our companion animals. Thanks to grant support from the Petco Foundation, C-SNIP can make that happen for many of our clientele,” said Sharon Caldwell-Newton, C-SNIP’s Executive Director.

Since 2001, C-SNIP spayed/neutered over 166,000 dogs and cats. In 2018, C-SNIP sterilized 11,390 at-risk dogs and cats, of which nearly 700 were feral cats.

For more information about C-SNIP, visit [www.csnip.org](http://www.csnip.org). For more on the Petco Foundation, visit [www.petcofoundation.org](http://www.petcofoundation.org) and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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**About C-SNIP**

C-SNIP is a non-profit veterinary clinic focused on spay/neuter surgery for dogs and cats. We offer spay/neuter surgeries to both individual pet owners and to local rescue organizations Monday–Thursday at our clinic in Kentwood. We perform 50–70 surgeries per day and charge \$85 for a dog spay/neuter and \$45 for a cat surgery. We also offer vaccines, microchips, and flea treatment both at the time of surgery and during outreach vaccine clinics. Our vaccine clinics are targeted to low-income pet owners.

Grants and charitable donations allow us to subsidize our reduced fees even further when an owner has a financial hardship.

### **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 \$250 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 six million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](https://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.