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**PETCO FOUNDATION INVESTS IN LIFESAVING WORK OF FURKIDS
Grant of \$500,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in metro Atlanta and Georgia**

Atlanta, Ga. (April 3, 2019) – Atlanta-based Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters announced it has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support Furkids ongoing lifesaving rescue and shelter and adoption of homeless animals.

The Petco Foundation investment will allow us to start constructing our medical building to consolidate our intake and treatment of animals coming into our program. With our medical staff able to work together on our most serious medical cases, we will be able to harness our resources to save the lives of more animals every day.

“Furkids is so deeply grateful to receive this lifesaving impact grant from the Petco Foundation. We just marked our 17th anniversary on Saturday, March 23, during which we celebrated having rescued and saved more than 30,000 innocent homeless animals. But it breaks our hearts that there are still so many animals that need to be saved throughout our great state,” said Furkids founder and CEO Samantha Shelton. “The Petco Foundation grant will allow us to consolidate our work, draw in more staff and volunteers, rescue more animals, educate pet owners and work toward the day when no animals are euthanized because they are homeless. Until that day comes, Furkids will be here, with the help of generous partners such as the Petco Foundation, whose members share our commitment to animals.”

Furkids, headquartered in Atlanta, is a nonprofit charitable organization that operates the largest cage-free, no-kill shelter in the Southeast for rescued cats and Sadie’s Place, a no-kill shelter for dogs.

For more information about our adoptable cats and dogs, programs, and operations, visit www.furkids.org and [Facebook](#). Furkids’ newest video is available [here](#).

For more on the Petco Foundation, visit www.petcofoundation.org and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

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ABOUT FURKIDS

Furkids, headquartered in Atlanta, GA, is a 501c3 nonprofit charitable organization that operates the largest cage-free, no-kill shelter in the Southeast for rescued cats and Sadie’s Place, a no-kill shelter for dogs. Furkids also operates one of the only facilities in the Southeast dedicated to the care of FIV positive cats. The Furkids mission is to rescue homeless animals, provide them with the best medical

care and nurturing environment while working to find them a forever home. Furkids heals the whole animal, physically and emotionally, restoring its health and its spirit. Furkids has rescued and altered more than 30,000 animals since its founding in 2002. Approximately 1,000 animals are in the Furkids program today, in the Furkids shelters, 13 Petco and other adoption centers, and more than 400 foster homes in the Atlanta area. Furkids is the only animal rescue organization in metro Atlanta that allows children of all ages to volunteer. Furkids volunteer programs are designed to restore the health and spirits of injured and homeless animals while providing healing opportunities for volunteers who are strengthened by the bond of love and care between humans and animals. Information about volunteering can be found at <https://furkids.org/volunteer/>.

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 to learn more about how you can get involved.