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Kokomo, Indiana – October 17, 2006 – The PETCO Foundation's annual Round Up/Spay Today fundraiser, which ended August 13, 2006, exceeded \$808,000 donations nationwide.

The four-week fundraiser concentrated on raising funds for spay/neuter focused organizations like Companion Animal Association in the communities PETCO shares. Customers visiting one of PETCO's more than 800 stores could round up their purchase with the donated difference going to support spay and neuter efforts to help solve the problems of pet overpopulation.

Each PETCO store selected one or more spay/neuter focused partners to be the recipient of its fundraising efforts. This year, the Companion Animal Association (CAA) partnered with the PETCO store at 2140 East Boulevard in Kokomo, Indiana.

"We are continually inspired and impressed by the passion and generosity of our customers, vendors and associates," said Paul Jolly, Foundation Director and Vice President. "We're deeply grateful to be able to organize and distribute this collection effort each year on behalf of all those animal who depend on us for their well being."

Local proceeds from Round Up/Spay Today 2006 will be used by the Companion Animal Association to help in its efforts to rescue and care for abandoned and abused animals. These efforts include providing medical needs of the animals including spaying and neutering. All animals cared for by CAA are spayed/neutered once they reach the appropriate age. If a "forever home" is found for the animal before they reach that age, the adopting family is encouraged to spay/neuter the animal with a rebate from CAA once proof of the spay/neuter procedure is provided.

"We are very appreciative of PETCO for their generous donation," said Scott Morris, CAA treasurer. "These funds will help us care for animals, provide needed medical care and help them find "forever homes" with loving families."

PETCO Animal Supplies, INC. is a leading specialty retailer of premium pet food, supplies and services with a commitment to quality animal care and education. PETCO's strategy is to offer its customers a complete assortment of pet-related products and services at competitive prices, with superior levels of customer service at convenient locations, by hiring pet lovers and training them to become counselors to our pet-loving customers. PETCO operates more than 800 neighborhood stores in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as a leading destination for on-line pet food and supplies at [www.PETCO.com](http://www.PETCO.com).

The PETCO Foundation, PETCO's non-profit organization, has raised over \$31 million since its inception in 1999. More than 3,800 non-profit grassroots animal welfare organizations from around the nation receive Foundation support. Through the PETCO Foundation, PETCO endeavors to be a community leader in promoting the welfare of companion animals and celebrating the human-animal bond.

The Companion Animal Association was started in 2005 with only four people and a great idea – to rescue and care for abandoned and abused animals while educating the community on responsible pet care. The number of volunteers has steadily grown and the organization is now able to provide more services to the communities of north-central Indiana and to the homeless pets in our area. To learn more about CAA or volunteer, please visit us on the web at [www.companionanimalassoc.org](http://www.companionanimalassoc.org).