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VCA Animal Hospitals in the Greater Sacramento Area Raised $11,000 for Pet Partners Therapy Animals

Bellevue, WA, (August 14, 2017) - Pet Partners, the nation’s leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions, is excited to announce total funds raised from the “Pennies For Pets” campaign through VCA Animal Hospitals came in at over $11,000.

As part of a national campaign that supports local companion animal nonprofits across the country, VCA Animal Hospitals in the greater Sacramento, California area have successfully raised thousands of dollars for their chosen animal nonprofit organization, Pet Partners. From April to June 2017, local participating VCA hospitals collected donations for the campaign by allowing customers to round up all their transaction amounts to the nearest dollar.

VCA Animal Hospitals also held additional community-based events throughout the three-month campaign to get creative and raise additional funds. Many local Pet Partners registered therapy animal teams attended the events to show support and increase awareness of the important work of therapy animals.

“Not only did this campaign raise money for our Therapy Animal Program, which we are so grateful for, but it also gave many of our volunteers the chance to get out and about in the community and talk to the public about their volunteer work,” said Annie Peters, CEO of Pet Partners. “We’re so thankful to VCA Animal Hospitals and all their friends, families and patients who supported them and us in this campaign.”
“We believe in the power of the human-animal bond and this fun campaign was a great way for us to engage our staff, clients and community members and rally them around a program we can all get behind: therapy animals,” said Amy Eldridge, Local Marketing Manager- Northwest Region VCA Animal Hospitals.

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**About Pet Partners**

*Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting animal-assisted therapy, activities and education. Nearly forty years since the organization’s inception, the science that proves these benefits has become indisputable. Today, Pet Partners is the nation’s largest and most prestigious nonprofit registering handlers of multiple species as volunteer teams providing animal-assisted interventions. For more information about Pet Partners, visit [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org)*

**About VCA Animal Hospitals**

[VCA Animal Hospitals operates more than 650 small animal veterinary hospitals in the U.S. and Canada. The hospitals are staffed by more than 4,500 fully qualified, dedicated and compassionate veterinarians to give pets the very best in medical care, of which over 500 are board-certified specialists who are experts in areas such as Oncology, Cardiology, Emergency & Critical Care, and Surgery for animals. VCA Animal Hospitals provides a full range of general practice services to keep pets well and specialized treatments when pets are ill. For more information, please visit [www.VCAhospitals.com](http://www.VCAhospitals.com) or follow on Twitter @vcapethealth.](http://www.VCAhospitals.com)