

**Petco Foundation Invests in The Animal Rights Alliance, Inc. Spay/Neuter Efforts**  
*Grant of \$20,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in the Hudson Valley*

**Hudson Valley, NY – September 2016** The Animal Rights Alliance, Inc., (T.A.R.A.) is a 501c3, non-profit organization that has been spaying and neutering in the Hudson Valley, New York, since 2002. We operate two low-cost, high-volume, high-quality, spay/neuter clinics. Our mobile spay/neuter clinic for cats serves several New York counties, including Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, and Rockland. We have performed over 100,000 surgeries in the past 14 years. Additionally, with the opening of our new stationary clinic located in Middletown, New York, since April 2014, we have spayed and neutered over 5,000 dogs and 1,300 cats at this location.

The Petco Foundation investment will help TARA maintain contracts with local townships who wish to offer spay and neuter services through reduced-cost voucher programs for their residents. Since inception, over 4,800 public cats have been spayed and neutered. Last year alone, we spayed and neutered 1,061 cats via this program, averaging 22 per week.

“I cannot stress enough how important it is to have received this grant. Shelters are full, and cats abound in colonies throughout Orange County. Like a pebble in the lake, having this grant from the Petco Foundation will help TARA ripple out its effects to encompass more and more animals being spayed and neutered. We are so grateful to the Petco Foundation for making this possible,” said T.A.R.A. President Rose Tardif.

For more information about T.A.R.A. or the Petco Foundation, visit [www.tara-spayneuter.org](http://www.tara-spayneuter.org) or [www.petcofoundation.org](http://www.petcofoundation.org). Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation.

**About the Petco Foundation**

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