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### **The Voorhees Animal Orphanage Will Save More Lives, Thanks to Maddie.**

**Voorhees, NJ (June 6, 2020)** – The Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO) of Voorhees, NJ announced it has been awarded a \$2,500 foster care stimulus grant from the Maddie’s Fund to help VAO support its foster care program.

Maddie’s Fund®, a national family foundation established by Dave and Cheryl Duffield to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals, established a \$1 million funding program to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding program is designed to help animal shelters and rescue organizations create, continue or expand pet foster care programs across the U.S.

Maddie’s Fund’s investment in the VAO will help ensure that the animals in the VAO’s foster program receive the critical care needed, which includes medical expenses, spay/neuter surgeries, and vaccinations. All necessary elements that are needed prior to placing an animal into their forever home.

“COVID 19 has impacted non-profit organization’s fundraising abilities significantly, and the VAO is no exception.” said David Gordon, President of VAO’s Board of Directors. “Thanks to Maddie, we will be able to fund spay/neuter surgeries and medical expenses for the 100+ animals that we have had in foster care since the pandemic struck in March.”

Voorhees Animal Orphanage is a nonprofit community animal shelter and adoption center dedicated to providing compassionate care to homeless cats and dogs until a permanent and loving home can be secured. Since its inception in 1988, the VAO has saved the lives of over 34,000 homeless cats and dogs – including over 1,800 in 2019.

For more information about the Voorhees Animal Orphanage, visit [vaonj.org](http://vaonj.org). For more on Maddie’s Fund, visit [www.maddiesfund.org](http://www.maddiesfund.org) and join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by using the hashtag [#ThanksToMaddie](https://www.instagram.com/ThanksToMaddie)

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#### **About the Voorhees Animal Orphanage**

Founded in 1988, the Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO) is a nonprofit community animal shelter and 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to providing shelter, food and medical care to stray and unwanted animals, until permanent and loving homes can be found. VAO does not receive any local, state or federal funding. We rely on grants and generous contributions of individuals and corporations. Currently, VAO serves 26 towns in southern New Jersey, 19 of which are in Camden County. VAO strives to meet a 90 percent live release rate (no-kill) and works with rescue partners across the country to rescue animals from overcrowded and high-kill shelters. To learn more about VAO and its “Building for a Pawsitive Future” Capital Campaign, visit <https://www.vaonj.org/>.

### **About Maddie's Fund**

Maddie's Fund<sup>®</sup> is a family foundation created in 1994 by [Workday<sup>®</sup>](#) co-founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl, who have endowed the Foundation with more than \$300 million. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than \$237.6 million in grants toward increased community lifesaving, shelter medicine education, and pet adoptions across the U.S. The Duffields named Maddie's Fund after their Miniature Schnauzer Maddie, who always made them laugh and gave them much joy. Maddie was with Dave and Cheryl from 1987 - 1997 and continues to inspire them today.

Maddie's Fund is the fulfillment of a [promise](#) to an inspirational dog, investing its resources to create a no-kill nation where every dog and cat is guaranteed a healthy home or habitat. #ThanksToMaddie