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**Bay Area Philanthropist, Beverly Wendel donates \$40,000 to
Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch in Memory of her Late Husband, Barry Wendel**

The holiday gift will fund spay/neuter surgeries for cats and dogs

CA – Well-known philanthropist, Beverly Wendel has donated **\$40,000** to [Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch](#) (JARR) for cat and dog spay/neuter surgeries in a matching gift campaign. The donation will match dollar-for-dollar all donations from supporters, doubling the impact of their contributions. The money raised will be used for two free community spay/neuter voucher, vaccination and microchip clinics in early 2019. The clinics will be named in the memory of Beverly's late husband, Barry Wendel who was an ardent animal lover.

"My late husband Barry and I have been donating to animal rescues for years, and when he passed away I wanted to do something in his memory," said Beverly Wendel, "So many people don't spay/neuter their pets it is a good place to start so there are fewer homeless pets. The more people contribute the more animals we can help, and I am more than happy to play a part. It's what keeps me going."

Animals have held a special place in Beverly's hearts after her, and her late husband, Barry rescued two stray kittens they spotted by the side of the road in Yountville. When Barry died from a long illness at the age of 72, Beverly turned to philanthropic work to honor him donating **\$2.1 million** to the Land Trust of Napa County and supporting other animal rescues. Born in Sonoma, Beverly has resided for 29 years in Napa where she met and married school psychologist, Barry Wendel. Both Beverly and Barry were from humble beginnings and worked multiple jobs, saved hard and invested in rental properties, with no children they accumulated the wealth Beverly is now dedicating to philanthropic efforts.

“This is the best holiday gift for the animals we could hope to have,” said Monica Stevens, Co-founder JARR, “Countless cats and dogs will now be spared from a life of suffering and early death. We are deeply grateful to Beverly for this generous gift.”

The average cost of a clinic for 150 dogs and cats is \$15,000, which includes spay/neuter, vaccinations and supplies. With Beverly Wendel’s matching gift and the communities help, JARR’s hope is to raise **\$80,000 to host at least five clinics in 2019** throughout the Bay Area including Napa and Lake Counties.

For the past four years, JARR has run free pet vaccination and spay/neuter voucher clinics in the Bay Area. In 2018, JARR was able to vaccinate **758 dogs and cats and financed over 1200 spay/neuter surgeries** for low-income families, seniors and people in need as part of its mission to help end the overpopulation of cats and dogs.

The numbers of homeless cats and dogs are staggering. Approximately **1.5 million animals** are euthanized in shelters every year because of pet overpopulation. According to the [ASPCA](#), one unsprayed female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens; one unsprayed female dog and her offspring can produce 97,000 puppies. Providing free spay/neuter services for people’s pets helps prevent the most significant cause of death and suffering in dogs and cats.

About Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch is a no-kill rescue and sanctuary in the Napa Valley for companion and farmed animals in need. The nonprofit provides transitional and permanent shelter, adoption and rescue services, humane education, animal advocacy, and is committed to ending animal hunger, cruelty, and overpopulation.

JARR also collaborates with and acts as a liaison for various local animal rescue groups.

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