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## **San Antonio Pets Alive! Receives Generous Grant from PetSmart Charities® to aid in Hurricane Harvey Recovery**

*San Antonio, TX-* San Antonio Pets Alive! continues to aid to the animals and shelters recovering from Hurricane Harvey. As of today, SAPA! has saved over 250 animals from areas affected by the storm and subsequent flooding. These rescue missions would not be possible if not for our valued community partners including [PetSmart Charities](#), the leading funder of animal welfare in North America.

PetSmart Charities extended generous support to San Antonio Pets Alive! by way of a \$25,000 grant to help with Hurricane Harvey recovery. Their support has allowed SAPA! the ability to help animals at risk of euthanasia due to the conditions on the Texas coast. Most of the animals rescued by SAPA! are in need of basic vetting, preventatives, spay/ neuter surgery, and vaccines. Many are in need of specialized medical care due to mange, ringworm, and upper respiratory infections. Development Director Krystal Mathis says, "The funding PetSmart Charities afforded us will assist in any medical care these traumatized animals may need. It will also benefit as we eventually help the animals find their forever homes. We are grateful to our community partner, PetSmart Charities, for this much-needed funding and all of the support they have extended to us and other organizations while we manage this crisis."

The support given to SAPA! is in conjunction with support offered by PetSmart Charities to animal welfare agencies responding to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. PetSmart Charities<sup>®</sup> has committed \$3 million in recovery efforts in the affected areas following these historic storms. SAPA! will continue their rescue efforts for an indeterminate amount of time while continuing to save animals at San Antonio's Animal Care Services.

Members of the community can get involved by donating to support SAPA!'s efforts. To make a donation please visit the San Antonio Pets Alive! website - [sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://sanantoniopetsalive.org) and click the big green donate button under the top banner.

PetSmart Charities' emergency relief grants provide assistance in the event of a natural or human-made crisis during all phases: rescue, relief and recovery. With the help of animal welfare partners, such as the SAPA!, PetSmart Charities emergency relief efforts have assisted more than 261,000 pets in the U.S. since 2007.

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### **About San Antonio Pets Alive!**

**San Antonio Pets Alive! is a life-saving nonprofit organization that solely rescues dogs and cats selected for euthanasia at the San Antonio City Shelter. We save these animals after all other options have been exhausted. Our vision is to make San Antonio a No-Kill Community. SAPA! is the last hope for animals kenneled at the city shelter awaiting euthanasia. SAPA!'s innovative programs include saving puppies with medical needs and/or the parvovirus and caring for neonatal kittens too young to survive without trained**

help. SAPA!'s transportation program, Headin' Home, selects at-risk dogs in San Antonio to make the trip to nonprofit animal sheltering organizations in other states without the pet overpopulation issues our community faces here. SAPA!'s robust volunteer and foster teams work hand-in-hand with staff to save thousands of animals who otherwise have no other options with these innovative programs. Since SAPA!'s inception in 2012, SAPA! has saved over 35,000 companion animals.

#### **About PetSmart Charities®**

**PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. In addition to finding homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities provides funding to non-profits aligned with its mission through four key areas of grant support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets; and Emergency Relief and Disaster Support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the pin pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses 90 cents of every dollar donated and has become the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, donating about \$300 million to date. PetSmart Charities, a 501(c)(3) organization, has received the Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 14 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization.**

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