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**San Antonio Pets Alive! Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts Aided by Generous Grant, Thanks to Maddie**

*San Antonio, TX- 9/22/17* San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) is proud to announce that they have received a generous grant of \$150,000 from Maddie's Fund® to support the rescue, care, treatment, and placement of animals impacted by Hurricane Harvey. San Antonio Pets Alive! is dedicated to assisting in Harvey-devastated areas for the coming months and has to-date rescued 238 animals from coastal shelters in need of relief.

Maddie's Fund, a national family foundation established by Dave and Cheryl Duffield to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals, has committed \$1 million to animal welfare organizations for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. These funds will support organizations that are helping animals directly affected by the catastrophic Hurricane Harvey. The hurricane, which has poured 20 trillion gallons of water on the Houston, TX, area alone, is predicted to have an aftermath worse than that of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"Our hearts are with Texas during this devastating time. The bond between humans and their animals is vital, and even more so in times of stress. Providing services to help reunite families as quickly as possible is paramount." said Amy Zeifang, of the Maddie's Fund Executive Leadership Team. "Thanks to Maddie, we're committed to supporting those who are providing lifesaving care for animals during this trying time."

Director of Development, Krystal Mathis said, "Thanks to Maddie, we're able to continue our recovery work in the coming months. This includes the rescue of additional animals, the medical treatment that each animal requires, and the placement of these animals into loving forever homes right here in San Antonio or in the northern communities to which we transport. We are thankful to Maddie's Fund for providing this generous grant to support rescue efforts in the hurricane-affected areas."

Members of our community can aid in SAPA!'s efforts in recovery from this natural disaster by visiting their website and making a donation-

<http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/be-their-guardian/#btn2>

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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 Maddie's Fund**

Maddie's Fund® is a family foundation created in 1994 by [Workday®](#) 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 \$208.9 million in grants toward increased community life saving, 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 great joy. Maddie was with Dave and Cheryl for ten years 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.