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Petco Foundation Invests in San Antonio Pets Alive to Assist with Harvey Recovery Efforts

Grant of \$25,000 will extend efforts to save more animal lives in hurricane-impacted areas

San Antonio, TX- San Antonio Pets Alive! Has received a \$25,000 emergency grant from the Petco Foundation to assist with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. San Antonio Pets Alive! continues to assist neighboring communities struggling to rebuild after the recent storm decimated much of the Texas coast. With the help of donors like the Petco Foundation, San Antonio Pets Alive! has rescued 238 cats and dogs from shelters needing help in Harvey-affected areas, and plans to rescue more as needed.

This grant to San Antonio Pets Alive! is part of the Petco Foundation's larger campaign to help the animals affected by Harvey. SAPA! is using the funds partly to treat the medical needs of the animals coming into their clinic, most of whom need routine medical treatment such as vaccines and spay/neuter surgery. The population of homeless animals from these areas also often need more specialized care for mange, ringworm, parasites, and other medical issues related to chronic neglect.

Director of Operations, Clare Callison says, "We are grateful to have the Petco Foundation as a partner to assist these devastated communities. We will save the maximum number of pets possible." San Antonio Pets Alive! will continue their efforts in storm-affected areas for an indeterminate amount of time. Explains Callison, "We expect to participate in recovery efforts for several months. With the help of our partners, we will be there for our neighbors and their pets for as long as they need us."

Members of the community who wish to support the rescue efforts of San Antonio Pets Alive! can assist by donating on their website - <http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/become-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 the Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$200 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 5.3 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.