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## Mark Your Calendars for September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

The Humane Society of North Texas is Partnering with Best Friends Animal Society for their upcoming National Adoption Weekend to Help Combat the Growing Shelter Crisis in America



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**September, 14, 2022 (FORT WORTH, TX)** – The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) and <u>Best Friends</u> <u>Animal Society</u>, a leading animal welfare organization working to save the lives of cats and dogs in America's shelters by 2025, are teaming up for another adoption campaign to encourage people to choose to adopt, not buy, their next pet.

The Humane Society of North Texas is excited to offer \$25 adoptions on all dogs over 30 pounds and six months of age at all participating locations during Best Friends National Adoption Weekend, with the

hopes they will find forever homes for homeless pets in need. You can learn more about participating adoption locations by visiting HSNT's <u>website</u>.

"Here at the Humane Society of North Texas, we are compelled to be a part of National Adoption Weekend as kitten and puppy season is still in full force, so connecting pets with their people is critical at the present time. Now is the time to adopt and bring home a furry friend," said Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications, Marketing, & Public Relations. "If you aren't ready to adopt, help us, help pets in need by participating in the solution; foster families save lives and it's a fabulous way to make a huge difference! You can learn more about becoming a Foster Hero here."

Recent <u>data</u> released by Best Friends showed that U.S. shelters were seeing an increase in animal intakes and a decrease in pet adoptions from shelters. This has steadily turned into a crisis in the animal welfare community, where many shelters are over capacity.

Anyone considering adding a new pet to their family can make a difference by choosing to adopt instead purchasing their pet.

"There is a growing shelter crisis across the country and the animal welfare community won't just sit by and let innocent pets die," said Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society. "In fact, it's quite the opposite. We're joining forces with our vast network of shelters and rescues across the country to host our third National Adoption Weekend since May to incentivize people to get out and adopt."

Due to recent problems such as staffing shortages, limited shelter hours, decreased volunteers, and reduced adoption events, the time is now to help save lives by adopting a pet.

"We have proof that national promotions like the first two adoption weekends we did in May and July work," said Castle. "Our July National Adoption Weekend saw close to 10,000 animals adopted in a three-day period."

## About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has worked to eliminate animal cruelty, promote humane values and end animal homelessness in North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit <u>hsnt.org/donate</u> or <u>Facebook</u>. To learn more about HSNT, visit <u>hsnt.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>TikTok</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. **Pets and People, Saving Each Other**®

## **About the Best Friends Network**

The Best Friends Network is comprised of thousands of public and private shelters, rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations and other animal welfare organizations in all 50 states. We are a coalition committed to saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs through collaboration, information-sharing and implementation of proven lifesaving strategies. Our partners support each other and inspire their own communities to increase lifesaving of dogs and cats across the country.