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## Humane Society of North Texas Receives \$75,000 Grant from Petco Love to Expand Foster Program

May 15, 2024 – Fort Worth, Texas: The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) is thrilled to announce the receipt of a \$75,000 grant from Petco Love. This generous grant will be instrumental in the expansion of HSNT's foster program, allowing the organization to save even more lives and provide loving temporary homes for pets in need.

Over the years, HSNT's foster program has played a critical role in the organization's mission to save, shelter, protect, and advocate for animals in need throughout North Texas. However, recognizing the increasing challenges faced by shelters nationwide, including waves of illness and overcrowding, HSNT has identified the need to expand its foster program to make an even greater impact.

The grant from Petco Love will enable HSNT to significantly enhance its foster program by broadening its scope to include healthy pets in addition to those with special medical needs or those too young to be adopted. By placing more pets in loving foster homes, HSNT aims to reduce shelter stress, minimize exposure to contagious illnesses, improve behavior and socialization, and ultimately increase each animal's chances of finding a forever home.

"With the support of Petco Love, we are confident that we can save thousands more lives in 2024," said Destiny Vandeput, Director of Communications at HSNT. "Expanding our foster program is crucial to addressing the challenges of overcrowding and illness in shelters, and this grant will help us make a significant difference in the lives of pets in our community."

In addition to expanding its foster network, HSNT plans to invest in staffing, foster supplies, appreciation, and incentives to support the growth and success of the program. This includes hiring additional staff to provide support to foster families, enhancing training materials, and offering incentives to encourage new fosters to come forward, particularly for larger dogs.

"We are grateful to Petco Love for their generous support and commitment to improving the lives of animals," said Vandeput. "Together, we will continue to work tirelessly to save lives and make a positive impact in our community."

For more information about the Humane Society of North Texas, visit hsnt.org. Learn more about Petco Love at petcolove.org.

## About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) is on a mission to save, shelter, protect, and advocate for all animals in need 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 hsnt.org/donate or Facebook. 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 Petco Love

Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization that makes communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we've empowered animal welfare organizations by investing \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide. Our love for pets drives us to lead with innovation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Join us. Visit petcolove.org or follow on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.