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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **13 *Lucky* Pigs – and More Than a Hundred HSNT Pets – Will Fly to Minnesota on St. Patrick’s Day!**

#### **Fort Worth, Texas, March 15, 2019:**

Over 150 pets – including 13 *lucky* pot-bellied pigs – will be transported from the [Humane Society of North Texas](#) (HSNT) on St. Patrick’s Day, Sunday, March 17, 2019, to Minneapolis, Minnesota. This flight is the latest in the lifesaving efforts by HSNT, the [ASPCA®](#) (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) Animal Relocation Team and Wings of Rescue to fly pets to their forever destination!

HSNT found it had 13 pot-bellied pigs at its shelters and decided to let them fly north to find their new homes. Thelma, a 150-pound pot-bellied pig, came to HSNT after she got “too big for her britches.” Thelma was a personal pet, living indoors but is now in need of a new home. Another pot-bellied pig named Gidget came to HSNT from the Wise County Sheriff’s Department. While in HSNT’s care, Gidget gave birth to six piglets. Last, but not least, Gladys and four other young pigs were surrendered to HSNT by their owners. Thelma, Gidget and her piglets, Gladys, and the four young pigs will all travel on to an animal rescue group in Iowa after landing in Minnesota.

“It’s not every day the Humane Society of North Texas can fly a 150-pound pot-bellied pig along with numerous others to their forever destination,” said Cassie Lackey, Director of Communications at HSNT. “Big and small, we help them all, including pigs! We’re thrilled to have an opportunity to save more than 100 cats, 13 pigs and several dogs on this flight.”

“When pigs fly, cats and dogs can accompany them!” said Ric Browde, President & CEO of Wings of Rescue. “Wings of Rescue is pleased to partner again with the fantastic, but overcrowded, Humane Society of North Texas and the ASPCA to fly dogs, cats and pot-bellied pigs to safety in Minnesota where there are not only empty kennels, but also lines of adopters waiting for them.”

#### **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 [hsnt.org/donate](https://hsnt.org/donate) or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, visit [hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### **About the ASPCA®**

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first animal welfare organization in North America and serves as the nation’s leading voice for animals. More than two million supporters strong, the ASPCA’s mission is to

provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. For more information, please visit [www.ASPCA.org](http://www.ASPCA.org), and be sure to follow the ASPCA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

### **About Wings of Rescue**

Wings of Rescue is a donation-based charity flying large scale transports of endangered pets from overcrowded shelters and disaster areas to shelters where there is empty kennel space and where no local shelter pets are displaced by the flights. Founded in 2012, Wings of Rescue has a squadron of volunteer pilots flying rescue missions in their own planes as well as a fleet of chartered cargo planes. Since inception, 35,000 shelter pets have flown to safety. All personnel at Wings of Rescue are unpaid volunteers and the organization relies entirely on donations to fly its lifesaving missions. To donate visit: [Wings of Rescue](#) and [Facebook](#).

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