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HSNT Receives \$60,000 in Grant Funding from the ASPCA® to Expand Equine Program

Fort Worth, Texas, April 11, 2019:

The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) is pleased to announce Heidi Garbe as its first Director of Equine & Livestock. Initial funding for the new position was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) to help grow and strengthen HSNT's equine program. HSNT adopted nearly 300 equines in 2018 and is dedicated to further improving its equine program with the support of the ASPCA and other stakeholders. In addition to this grant, HSNT has received two \$5,000 grants from the ASPCA, for a total of \$60,000 in grant funding to support its equine program.

HSNT was awarded a \$5,000 grant in 2018 as a runner-up in the ASPCA's **Help a HorseSM Day** contest when it found homes for 39 equines between April 26 and June 30, 2018. The grant funds were used to purchase two shelters at HSNT's ranch in Joshua to help protect equines from the unpredictable Texas weather.

HSNT is gearing up for the ASPCA's **Help a Horse HomeSM Challenge** which will run from April 26–June 30, 2019, and focus on “finding good homes for horses.” HSNT currently has 29 horses available for adoption. To find your perfect equine companion, visit hsnt.org/horses-and-livestock. With your help, HSNT could again receive grant funding from the ASPCA if it is a leader in adopting more equines during the 2019 Challenge.

HSNT is pleased to announce that it recently received a \$5,000 grant to establish a local version of the ASPCA's **Vet Direct Safety Net** program to provide assistance to horse owners whose horses need veterinary care. HSNT will partner with local veterinarians to assist horse owners who need help caring for their equines, including dental and medical issues, and euthanasia of equines in need of that service. HSNT receives numerous calls each month from owners who want to keep their equines but need some sort of practical veterinary assistance. The Vet Direct Safety Net program is designed to help keep equines in their homes when that is in the animal's best interest. To learn more about HSNT's participation in the Vet Direct Safety Net program, contact the Equine & Livestock Department at equine@hsnt.org.

“The Humane Society of North Texas is excited to welcome Heidi Garbe to lead our vital equine and livestock department,” said Ellen Rawlins, HSNT Senior Director of

Operations. “HSNT is extremely appreciative of the generous support provided by the ASPCA to save equines in Texas.”

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 or Facebook. To learn more about HSNT, visit 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, and be sure to follow the ASPCA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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