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The Humane Society of North Texas Adopts 125 Pets During BISSELL Pet Foundation's Record-Setting "Empty the Shelters"

The country's largest funded adoption event found homes for nearly 18,000 shelter pets

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – May 16th, 2023 — The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) announces 125 adoptions during its participation in BISSELL Pet Foundation's Spring National "Empty the Shelters" event. From May 1 - 15, a total of 17,792 pets were adopted from 364 shelters across the United States. The Foundation partnered with Dogtopia, the nation's largest and fastest-growing pet services franchise, to make this event possible in more shelters than ever before.

HSNT participated in Empty the Shelters from May 1 – 15, and offered \$25 pet adoptions for dogs and cats. The event took place at the Saxe-Forte Adoption Center in Fort Worth, Keller Regional Adoption Center, Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center, and Benbrook Waggin Tails Adoption Center, as well as offsite events at PetSmart, Petco, and Fort Worth Mayfest.

"Empty the Shelters" is BISSELL Pet Foundation's largest initiative and continues to grow each year to provide critical relief to overcrowded shelters. Since the event's inception in 2016, more than 140,000 pets have found loving homes through this lifesaving event. BISSELL Pet Foundation provides grants for each adoption - \$100 per dog and \$50 per cat - allowing shelters to reduce adoption fees to \$50 or less. Pets must be spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped before being adopted out, an additional cost savings for the family, making the choice to adopt even more affordable.

"We are truly grateful to every adopter who opened their heart and home to a pet during a time when shelters nationwide are experiencing unprecedented challenges," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Increased owner surrenders due to evictions and housing restrictions, lack of access to veterinary care and financial challenges brought on by inflation are contributing to increased length of stays for many highly adoptable pets. Our partnership with Dogtopia allowed us to host this event at more organizations than ever before, helping nearly 1,200 pets to be adopted daily at 364 organizations in 45 states—a new record for our 'Empty the Shelters' event! We are thrilled so many pets found loving homes thanks to this lifesaving partnership!"

Empty the Shelters was a great success for HSNT. There was community engagement across the Dallas-Fort-Worth metroplex, but most important of all, 125 HSNT pets found loving homes.

"The Humane Society of North Texas is proud to partner with BISSELL Pet Foundation this year during Empty the Shelters," said Destiny Vandeput, Director of Communications at HSNT. "Their generous support for each pet adopted during the event not only helped us find adopters, it impacted the lives of the shelter pets we are

currently caring for and those entering our shelters on a daily basis. We are grateful for BISSELL Pet Foundation and as we place pets with forever families, and we look forward continuing this partnership.”

For more information on adopting or donating to “Empty the Shelters,” visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters as well as hsnt.org.

About BISSELL Pet Foundation:

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501©(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping, and crisis and disaster response. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 5,800 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc where every purchase saves pets. To learn more and make a donation, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

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. To learn more about HSNT, visit hsnt.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#), and [Instagram](#).

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