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## For Immediate Release

### The Humane Society of North Texas Assists the City of Denton Authorities with the Seizure of 124 Pets Found in Devastating Conditions

#### **June 18, 2020: Fort Worth, Texas:**

The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) assisted the City of Denton authorities in the seizure of 124 living and 122 deceased animals in Denton, Texas on May 27th, 2020. On June 12th, 2020, the courts awarded final custody of the surviving pets to the Humane Society of North Texas.

In total, HSNT took in 97 guinea pigs, 9 chinchillas, 6 rabbits, 4 parakeets, 2 chickens, 2 degus, 2 hamsters, 1 cockatiel, and 1 cat. All of the pets were found in cages deep in fecal material and infested with cockroaches. Half of these pets had no water; the other half had only filthy, contaminated water and little to no food. Many of these pets had sores and severe flea infestation, were grossly underweight, and suffered from upper respiratory infections with sneezing and eye/nasal discharge. The toenails of most of the animals were embedded with feces, and their feet were irritated from lengthy exposure to excrement. **HSNT removed more than 600 pounds of waste from the cages found at the residence.**

“With your support, the Humane Society of North Texas can continue to assist local law enforcement when pets are found to be in dire and inhumane living conditions,” said Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications for HSNT. “This was the worst cockroach infestation we have ever seen on site. The cruelty these pets endured was unfathomable and inexcusable. We will continue to fight for those without a voice, and we thank the community for their continued financial support. These pets will be rehabilitated by our medical teams and ultimately become available for adoption to loving homes.”

HSNT is in immediate need of financial support for these neglected pets to cover the specialized bedding, guinea pig food, small animal chew toys and continued veterinary care the pets will need over the weeks of their recovery. To make a monetary donation to assist with the care of these and other animals in need, please visit [hsnt.org](http://hsnt.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](http://hsnt.org) or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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