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The Humane Society of North Texas is Assisting Denton Animal Services in a Negotiated Release of 80+ Cats

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The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) assisted authorities at Denton Animal Services on the negotiated release of 80+ cats from a hoarding situation on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The owners ultimately negotiated the release when it became clear the cats were in dire need of medical attention and basic necessities.

Upon arrival at the residence, the majority of the cats were living inside the home and the residents had moved into a makeshift garage. The cats had taken over the house, which reeked of ammonia, while the entire home was covered in a sticky film consisting of cat fur, urine, dust and debris. Massive piles of cat feces were found throughout the home.

Cats were found in the walls, ceiling, attic, cabinets, and any other place they could possibly hide. The cats only had rancid water to drink and no consistent food. HSNT and Denton Animal Services were able to catch 55 cats and kittens on Wednesday, with HSNT taking 39 animals and Denton Animal Services taking 16 cats back to their respective facilities. Several dozen cats still remain at the property in Denton where humane traps have been set up to catch the remaining cats.

“This case is a perfect example of why it is so crucial to spay and neuter your pets. This was

a situation where the residents were unable care for their pets, and the number of cats simply grew out of control. The Humane Society of North Texas is all about pets and people, so we're happy to help," said Cassie Lackey, HSNT Director of Communications. "HSNT will continue to support and partner with law officials in our community, and act as an advocate on behalf of all animals to ensure their well-being."

"Partnering with HSNT has been critical to address the immediate needs of the animals. This is a great example of collaboration between agencies to best help the people and animals in the situation. Our goal is to continue to remove all animals from the property as quickly as possible, assess their condition and help them find a new home," said Tiffany Thomson, Director of Customer Service with the City of Denton.

HSNT is in immediate need of financial support to cover the cost of food, bedding, and veterinary care for these terribly neglected cats. These cats are currently being treated for upper respiratory infections, severe intestinal parasites, ear mites and fleas as well as malnourishment. To make a monetary donation to assist with the care of these cats, and other animals in emergency situations, please visit: hsnt.org and donate to HSNT's [Animal Medical Fund](#).

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](#).