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The Humane Society of North Texas Uses an \$8,000 Grant from the ASPCA® to Expand Disaster Preparedness and Response Capabilities and Deploys Disaster Response Team to Help Pets Impacted by Hurricane Ida

September 1, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas: The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) was awarded an \$8,000 grant from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) to support disaster preparedness efforts, including essential resources to assist animals and pet owners impacted by disasters. The grant allowed HSNT to fund essential lifesaving services such as purchasing disaster response equipment used to rescue/transport/shelter animals as well as training responders to improve disaster response capabilities, which are crucial resources while recovering from disasters. After taking the training class and purchasing specialized equipment through the grant, HSNT deployed two members of the Disaster Response Team this week to Louisiana to assist with animal rescue efforts following the devastation from Hurricane Ida.

“When natural disasters like Hurricane Ida strike, the Humane Society of North Texas is ready to provide assistance for displaced animals, including emergency rescue and sheltering efforts for pets in crisis,” said Cassie Davidson, Director of Communications. “The grant funds from the ASPCA allowed HSNT to expand our disaster response program so we can help more animals in need.”

“Animal welfare organizations across the country are stepping up to provide much-needed assistance to animals impacted by Hurricane Ida, and the ASPCA is proud to see the Humane Society of North Texas utilize this lifesaving grant funding to support these disaster response efforts,” said **Tim Rickey, Vice President of the ASPCA National Field Response Team**. “During emergency situations like this, collaboration is essential, and as we continue our boots-on-the-ground efforts to assist animals endangered by Hurricane Ida, we’re grateful to work closely with local and national animal welfare partners so we can have an even greater impact.”

The Humane Society of North Texas deployed its Disaster Response Team to New Orleans, Louisiana after Hurricane Ida ravaged the Gulf Coast. The Disaster Response Team will assist the Louisiana SPCA with animal rescue operations.

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](#).

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