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The Humane Society of North Texas Receives a \$100,000 Grant to Improve the Lives of Horses in Texas

May 10, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas: The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) Horse Industry Escrow Account to provide resources that will assist equines in Texas. In 2019 the legislature enacted HB 2463 that created the Horse Industry Escrow Account (HIEA), which invests money being spent in Texas by the horse industry back into the horse and agriculture economy. Use of HIEA funds has resulted in a positive impact in all facets of the horse industry from racing and breeding to showing, eventing, rehoming, retraining and even in preservation of the heritage of the industry through support of 4-H programming. With reinvested dollars from HIEA, the Texas horse industry is experiencing growth and seeing greater investment that results in a stronger industry and increased revenue to the state's economy. The goal of this grant is to provide rehoming and transition assistance for equines, assist horses needing veterinary care, and help prepare for future disasters.

The grant will enable HSNT to fund essential lifesaving services such as a Regional Support Center in North Texas for equines whose current owners can no longer care for them. The Vet Direct Program funded by the grant provides financial assistance for equines needing veterinary care to stay with their owners, or humane euthanasia to relieve the suffering of ailing horses. The grant will also support resources to improve disaster response capabilities, and will allow for more assistance to animals impacted by disasters in the future. HSNT's goal is to remove barriers by providing essential care to equines in need and connect Texas horses to adopters.

HSNT is partnering with the SPCA of Texas in providing rehoming services through a Regional Support Center serving North Texas equines. If you, or someone you know, can no longer care for their equines, please contact HSNT by phone at 817-789-7733, email equineresources@hsnt.org, or visit www.hsnt.org/equine-resources to learn about resources available to assist equines.

"The three essential programs funded by the Texas Thoroughbred Association grant will improve the lives of equines across Texas," said Cassie Davidson, HSNT Director of Communications. "In addition to critical veterinary care and disaster relief support, the Humane Society of North Texas is committed to helping equines in Texas have a brighter future."

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](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).

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