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Texas Humane Heroes Assists ASPCA and Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services in Rescuing 20 Displaced Cats Affected by Hurricane Ida

Leander, Texas -- At the request of the <u>ASPCA</u>[®] (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals[®]), Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services and Tri-City Animal Shelter, Texas Humane Heroes (TXHH) helped rescue 20 homeless cats who were impacted by Hurricane Ida to our main adoption center in Leander, Texas. This major cat transport mission is an urgent request and desperately needed to make room for other displaced pets who were impacted by the hurricane. This 20 cat transport will allow local resources in Louisiana to continue to aid homeless animals and give these 20 cats a better chance of adoption at TXHH. All 20 rescued cats will be examined by TXHH Medical Team and will be prepared for adoption.

"Texas Humane Heroes is honored to continue to partner with the ASPCA and help rescue animals that are displaced by hurricanes and other natural disasters," said Laura Acton, TXHH Chief Operating Officer. "This collaboration plays an essential part in our mission to save animals and we are happy to help support our neighbors in Louisiana."

"Evacuating homeless animals from communities impacted by disasters is a lifesaving aspect of emergency response efforts because it gives those shelter animals a second chance while freeing up resources for displaced pets in affected communities," said Susan Anderson, director of ASPCA Disaster Response. "We commend Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services for recognizing the urgent need to relocate these unowned cats to make room locally for pets impacted by the storm, and we are grateful to Texas Humane Heroes for opening their doors to these animals in need."

Please see some images below of the 20 cats rescued and click <u>here</u> for additional photos and videos provided by ASPCA. They will soon be available for adoption at our Leander Adoption Center. To see adoptable pets visit our Adoption Centers in Killeen and Leander, Texas, or our website <u>here</u>.

Texas Humane Heroes Background Information

The mission of Texas Humane Heroes is to eliminate pet homelessness. 95% of the animals saved through Texas Humane Heroes come from municipal shelters all throughout Texas that are forced to euthanize for space, serving over 42 counties across Texas. Texas Humane Heroes operates two adoption centers in Central Texas, located in Leander and Killeen. Texas Humane Heroes is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is 100% funded by donations, private grants, and modest fees for services, receiving no government funding. The headquarters is located at 10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, in Leander, Texas. For more information, visit <u>HumaneHeroes.org</u>. Follow our current intake and adoption stories on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

About the ASPCA

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first animal welfare organization in North America and serves as the nation's leading voice for animals. More than two million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach, and animal health services. For more information, please visit www.ASPCA.org, and be sure to follow the ASPCA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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