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SAN ANTONIO FERAL CAT COALITION RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® TO HELP MORE HOMELESS PETS FIND HOMES IN SAN ANTONIO

This grant will allow us to get approximately 200 more kittens adoption ready via spay/neuter, combo testing, vaccinations, and microchipping. This means 200 more lives saved!

[SAN ANTONIO, TX] – The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition has received a \$20,000 grant from [PetSmart Charities](#) to help prepare more rescued cats and kittens for adoption and ensure they are ready to find loving homes. With the help of this grant, the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition will be able to save an additional 200 cats and kittens from the city streets.

San Antonio has a large abandonment problem, especially in apartment complexes. Many of the cats roaming those areas were once pets. When our organization is contacted about older kittens and adult cats, our trappers will assess the cats for adoptability. If the cat is friendly, a photo and known information about the cat is sent out to all fosters. Our fosters take the necessary steps to ensure the cat/kitten is healthy, friendly, and adoptable. When old enough, the cats are appropriately spayed/neutered, vaccinated, combo tested, microchipped, and placed up for adoption. We also have a number of fosters who specialize in caring for orphaned neonatal kittens.

Getting cats and kittens ready for adoption is an expensive undertaking. The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition loses money on every adoption. The cost to foster a cat or kitten, along with the vet bills to ensure they are healthy and fully vetted, is over \$100 per cat, but our adoption fees typically average approximately \$85.

“We are proud to support the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition in providing basic veterinary care to cats in shelter,” said Heidi Fulcher, associate relationship manager at PetSmart Charities. “Hundreds of cats will receive the best chance at finding loving homes – many who are getting a second chance at adoption.”

Since 1994, through its partnership with nearly 4,000 humane societies, SPCAs and pet rescues across North America, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 9.5 million pets to find loving homes via its in-store adoption program in over 1,650 PetSmart® stores. The leading funder of animal welfare has also donated nearly \$430 million to positively impact communities, to help preserve families, to improve access to veterinary care and to connect people and pets through initiatives like this with the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition.

For more information about the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition, please email info@sanantonioferalcats.org.

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