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# Fluffs in Flight from the Humane Society of North Texas to Seattle, Washington

## Fort Worth, Texas, February 22, 2019:

Over 200 pets – primarily cats – will be transported from the <u>Humane Society of North Texas</u> (HSNT) on Saturday, February 23, 2019, to Seattle, Washington. HSNT has joined forces with the <u>ASPCA®</u> (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) Animal Relocation Team, Wings of Rescue and GreaterGood.org to fly these pets to their new forever homes!

This year HSNT has seen a 30% increase in cat intake over 2018. When HSNT saw there was extra space on the plane, it organized a collaborative effort with several North Texas shelters to save more lives – especially cats. With over 200 pets being flown to Washington, this will be the largest transport project that HSNT has initiated to-date.

"The Humane Society of North Texas strives to save as many lives as possible each year. We are grateful for the collaboration with the ASPCA®, Wings of Rescue and GreaterGood.org to organize these lifesaving flights. We were happy to reach out to local shelters for this flight to save even more precious feline lives," said Cassie Lackey, Director of Communications, HSNT.

"Right now there is a shortage of felines in the Pacific Northwest and Wings of Rescue, together with our partners the GreaterGood.org, the ASPCA and the fabulous folks at the Humane Society of North Texas are flying these lucky 200 cats from an uncertain future to Portland and Seattle where they will be welcomed and quickly adopted into new homes," said Ric Browde, President & CEO, Wings of Rescue.

HSNT began working with the ASPCA Animal Relocation Program one year ago. Since then, more than 1,200 pets have been transported to their new homes across the country – including the pets on Saturday's flight.

#### **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 <u>hsnt.org/donate</u> or Facebook. To learn more about HSNT, visit hsnt.org, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#### 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 <a href="www.ASPCA.org">www.ASPCA.org</a>, and be sure to follow the ASPCA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

### **About Wings of Rescue**

Wings of Rescue is a donation-based charity flying large numbers of at-risk pets long distances from high-intake shelters to our network of shelters throughout the United States and Canada that have plenty of space and adopters waiting. Founded in 2012, Wings of Rescue has a squadron of volunteer pilots flying rescue missions in their own planes as well as a fleet of chartered cargo planes. Since inception, more than 29,000 pets have flown to safety. All personnel at Wings of Rescue are unpaid volunteers and the organization relies entirely on donations to fly its lifesaving missions. To donate visit: Wings of Rescue and Facebook.

## About GreaterGood.org

<u>GreaterGood.org</u> is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that works to improve the health and well-being of people, pets, and the planet. Over the last 10 years, GreaterGood.org has given over \$175 million in cash and in-kind grants to over 5,000 charitable partners worldwide and created and operates several Signature Programs to help animals, including Rescue Rebuild and Rescue Bank. To learn more, visit GreaterGood.org or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Instagram</u>.

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