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## Hearts & Bones Rescue Receives Rachael Ray Save Them All Grant from Best Friends Animal Society to Help Save Homeless Dogs

[Dallas, TX and New York, NY] — Hearts & Bones Rescue is pleased to have received a Rachael Ray Save Them All grant from <u>Best Friends Animal Society</u> for its Transport Program to help save the lives of homeless dogs in Dallas and the surrounding area. The grant will support Hearts & Bones' efforts to rescue dogs in need from shelters throughout North Texas and transport them to New York City for adoption.

Last year, Hearts & Bones took over a former private dog boarding facility in Blue Ridge, TX and transformed it into the Hearts & Bones Rescue Ranch, a short-stay dog transport facility where newly rescued dogs get the chance to relax and receive care for 1-2 weeks before making the journey to New York. "This grant will help us improve and expand our new Rescue Ranch to rescue and lovingly care for even more dogs in need in 2021," said Whitney Fang, President. "Our goal will be to work with overburdened Texas shelters to rescue, transport and adopt out over 1,000 dogs to loving families this year. We appreciate the support of Best Friends Animal Society in making our expanded Transport Program possible."

Hearts & Bones is an active partner in Best Friends Network which offers help and support to animal rescue groups and shelters that save lives in their communities.

"When you choose to adopt your next pet you are becoming part of the solution right here in our community," said Fang.

The Rachael Ray Save Them All Grants is a grant program, administered by Best Friends and funded by The Rachael Ray Foundation™, that provides grants to shelters for euthanasia reduction initiatives. The Rachael Ray Foundation helps animals in need and is funded by a portion of proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish®.

## **About Hearts & Bones Rescue**

Hearts & Bones Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless dogs from the nation's most overburdened shelters and uniting them with loving families. At its rescue base in Dallas, TX, Hearts & Bones works directly with shelters at the forefront of the stray and unwanted dog crisis, in areas where euthanasia rates are among the highest in the country. Newly rescued dogs are placed into loving foster homes around Dallas, or stay at the new Hearts & Bones Rescue Ranch for 1-2 weeks. Hearts & Bones then runs bi-weekly transports of 30-50 dogs to their adoptions hub in New York City, where all dogs are met by their loving foster parents and stay with them until they're adopted. Since its founding in 2017, Hearts &

Bones has saved the lives of over 2,500 dogs thanks to the efforts of their more than 1,000 foster families and dedicated volunteers.

## **About Best Friends Animal Society**

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. In addition to running lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 3,100 animal welfare groups across the country, Best Friends has lifesaving centers in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Salt Lake City, and operates the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters nationwide from an estimated 17 million per year to around 625,000. That means there are still more than 1,700 dogs and cats killed every day in shelters, just because they don't have safe places to call home. Determined to bring the country to no-kill by the year 2025, Best Friends and its nationwide network of members and partners are working to Save Them All®. To check out the pet lifesaving dashboard and for more information, visit bestfriends.org.

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