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FORT BEND PETS ALIVE! REACHES A HISTORICAL MILESTONE ON SATURDAY MARCH 25TH, 2017 WITH THREE EVENTS AND EIGHT ADOPTIONS IN FOUR HOURS!

In the short two and a half years since its inception, Fort Bend Pets Alive! has experienced an exponential growth in terms of number of volunteers, community engagement, donations and media mentions and exposure. This past Saturday (March 25^{th} , 2017) was a wonderful example of the success we are experiencing.

The board of FBPA! has been active and diligent to raise awareness of important life-saving programs in our county. High-profile shelter adoption events, for example, rescue many of our companion animals from shelters. Targeted Trap-Neuter-Return is another effective and humane method that prevents cats from going into shelters in the first place and keeps them from being unnecessarily euthanized.

FBPA!'s volunteer base grew from three original people to a list of seventy volunteers and it is this free resource that enabled us to have two teams of volunteers leading and working two events. That teamwork allowed one of our board members to attend the all-day "Best Friends Regional Animal Welfare Summit" in North Houston this past Saturday to learn more about initiating collaborative efforts to form a coalition that saves lives.

At the Modern Dentistry and Orthodontics Sugar Land Free Adoption Event (all paid for by the dentist group), we had seven volunteers who set up, reached out to the public, engaged in educational dialogues to spread the message of compassion and cleaned up after the event.

We totaled eight adoptions in four hours. If our local shelters had provided more support to the event, there would have been a larger number of adoptions. Given the enormous potential, we will keep fostering public/private relationships with our local shelters.

At the Missouri City Little League Baseball Opening Day, three volunteers also put in a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to raise funds to help pay for community cats' spay and neuter surgery in City of Stafford. They also evoked compassion from hundreds of families, young athletes, and organizers to understand crucial life-saving solutions for community cats.

Fort Bend Pets Alive! has been able to achieve and progress our mission because of our dedicated volunteers, and the support from local businesses such as Fort Bend Kia and Modern Dentistry & Orthodontics Sugar Land. Each of our teammates and collaborators is passionate about No-Kill. Their kindness inspired a farreaching desire to correct a social injustice problem in Fort Bend County. They desire to see all homeless pets be placed in good homes.

A big round of applause to them for propelling the movement by simply caring for the most voiceless citizens! FBPA! strives to fill the void that was not filled for a long time. We are a compassionate community. Becoming part of the solution to save lives of our companion animals certainly attracts collaboration and results in making Fort Bend County a better and stronger community.

Join the No-Kill movement.

Save all the healthy and adoptable homeless companion animals who **CAN** and **WILL** make great family members.