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**Bastrop County Animal Services RECEIVES Twenty
Thousand dollars FROM PETSMArt CHARITIES® TO FUEL SPAY AND NEUTER
EFFORTS IN Bastrop County**
To Help Reduce the Flood of Puppies

Bastrop County, TX – March 9, 2018 – Bastrop County Animal Services today announced it received \$20,000.00 from [PetSmart Charities](#), the largest funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fuel its spay and neuter efforts in Bastrop County. With the help of this donation, the organization will offer affordable spay and neuter services.

As the year gets off to a busy start, 110 puppies (part of the nearly 640 animals to come in to the shelter in the first few months of the year) the need for spay and neuter services has never been greater. The grant money from PetSmart Charities will help to prevent unwanted litters from flooding the shelter in the future. A recent video featuring some of those puppies went viral with almost a half of a million views.

“Everyone loves puppies but when this many unwanted animals-many of them just 4 or 5 weeks old come in to the shelter this early in the year it begins to fill you with a sense of dread rather than joy. Even the other rescues we work with are having a hard time finding placement for them” according to Director, Ashley Hermans. “The only way to prevent these problems is through spaying and neutering.”

Residents are encouraged to call Bastrop County Animal Services at (512)549-5160 to learn more about available services.

PetSmart Charities aims to proactively prevent pet homelessness through increased spay and neuter efforts. With the help of animal welfare partners, such as Bastrop County Animal Services, PetSmart Charities has funded over 1.7 million spay and neuter surgeries in the U.S. since 2009.

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About Bastrop County Animal Services

Bastrop Animal Services encompasses both Animal Control and the Bastrop County Animal Shelter. We offer animal control services 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm as well as limited emergency after hour and holiday animal control response. The animal shelter is open to adoptions and owned animal surrenders during normal business hours (11am-4pm Wednesday-Sunday). The Bastrop County Animal Shelter is a Public Service organization and “Open Intake Facility”- meaning that all dogs and cats within

the County as well as those that are picked up by the City Animal Control Officers for Bastrop, Elgin and Smithville are housed here. We do our best to find adoptive homes and work with rescues to save as many animals as possible.

About PetSmart Charities®

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. In addition to finding homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, PetSmart Charities provides funding to non-profits aligned with its mission through four key areas of grant support: Preventing Pet Homelessness; Helping Shelter Pets Thrive; Supporting the Bond Between People and Pets; and Emergency Relief and Disaster Support. Each year, millions of generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities using the pin pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities efficiently uses 90 cents of every dollar donated and has become the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, donating about \$300 million to date. PetSmart Charities, a 501(c)(3) organization, has received the Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits, for the past 14 years in a row – placing it among the top one percent of charities rated by this organization. To learn more visit www.petsmartcharities.org.

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