



pasadena humane society & spca

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## **Pasadena Humane Society Receives Grant from the Pet Care Foundation, Spays and Neuters 51 Community Cats in a single day**

*Cats Were Trapped in a Joint Effort with Grassroots TNR Organization LUXE Paws*

(Pasadena, Calif – October 4, 2019) The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS), teamed up with grassroots Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) organization LUXE Paws and trapped fifty-one community cats in one evening on Friday, September 27, 2019. Thanks to a generous grant from the Pet Care Foundation, PHS spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped all of them. After recovering from surgery the following day, these community cats were returned to their colonies.

“Each year, thousands of kittens are brought in to shelters. The majority of these kittens are from unsterilized community cats (outdoor, unsocialized cats).” said Chris Ramon, Kitten Nursery Manager at PHS. “Grounded in science, TNR improves the lives of feral cats, improves their relationships with the people who live near them, and decreases the size of colonies over time.”

TNR means that community cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, and ear tipped (a painless procedure done under anesthesia that signals that a community cat has already been fixed). They are then returned to their colonies, no longer having babies, and reducing nuisance behaviors such as spraying and fighting.

“Leaders of major humane programs all over America agree that cats live healthier, more peaceful lives after TNR,” said Bill Crowe, Executive Director of the Pet Care Foundation, “We’re proud to sponsor these efforts to provide life-saving, effective solutions for these beautiful, independent cats.”

A conservative estimate is that, because two-thirds of these cats were female, and females can have two or sometimes three litters in a year, **1,000 fewer kittens will be born on the streets next year.**

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### ***About the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA***

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is a donor-supported, non-profit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassionate care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control contract cities, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles-area and beyond. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes.

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