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Emily Jourdan, President
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Dear Ms. Jourdan,

Thank you for your letter to our President, Edwin Sayres. He has asked me to respond. As Senior Director for Regional Services, I also cover the Southwest states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado and I am based in the mid-cities between Dallas and Fort Worth.


Although the ASPCA® does provide funding for community efforts in selected cities and small grants to shelters around the country, we do not provide funding for agency/community assessments nor do we do these types of assessments.

Our current focus in Austin is to assist local spay/neuter groups with their efforts to reduce the numbers of unwanted litters in the community. Our Imagine Humane team is working with PETsSMART Charities® to provide funding and expertise so that Austin spay/neuter groups can work together to develop a cohesive and effective approach to reducing dog and cat populations.

Knowing that it takes all of the stakeholders, working together, to make a difference for animals we have offered to provide a 2-day Summit for the Animals, similar to the one we did in NYC for the Mayor's Alliance, in the fall for the Austin area stakeholders.

This is a process enabling all interested parties to come together to build a plan for creating a Humane Community. I wish you well in your endeavors to work toward a No Kill Austin, something that Austin has been working toward for several years.

Sincerely,



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cc: Edwin Sayres, President