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VCA Charites, alongside the <u>Banfield Foundation(open in new tab)</u> and the <u>Pedigree</u> <u>Foundation,(open in new tab)</u> collectively funded the <u>Humane Society of Tulsa (open in new</u> <u>tab)</u>"HUB" Pet Transport Initiative. Support will provide comprehensive preventive care and the physical transport of 800 pets who are at risk of being euthanized, but are otherwise highly adoptable, out of at-capacity shelters.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the animal welfare community (shelters, rescues, veterinary teams) have had to find new ways of working in order to deliver on veterinary care for shelter and owned pets. For the first part of 2020, delivering preventive care and spay/neuter was delayed due to non-essential care restrictions in the U.S. The animal welfare community is in a serious deficit of time, money, access to care, and support as they address a devastating backlog of services and growing population of vulnerable pets. Despite reports that shelters do not have pets available for adoption or foster, there are a significant number of healthy, adoptable pets being euthanized in parts of the United States where animal welfare issues continue to be pervasive. Shelters are making daily calls to the Humane Society of Tulsa (a leader in animal transport) to help alleviate the burden of municipal shelters who are out of options and low on adoptions.

Thanks to support from VCA Animal Hospital clients donating at check-out and online, hundreds of pets are being transported to safety in shelters throughout Oregon, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, Wisconsin and Washington state, as well as other locations through the end of 2020. Join us in critical efforts to provide vulnerable pets access to care when they need it most by donating to <u>VCACharities.org(open in new tab)</u> today.

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